

Regional Water Quality & Green Infrastructure Conference

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What is it?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in conjunction with the City of Dallas, City of Arlington, City of Denton, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Texas AgriLife Extension, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) present the **Regional Water Quality and Green Infrastructure Conference** to be held on May 13-14, 2010 in Dallas, Texas at the Dallas Convention Center. Conference registration is a budget-friendly \$35.00 for both days. The conference provides an opportunity to learn about using green infrastructure (GI) to address multiple water quality issues.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone interested in improving their quality of life! Employees, managers and supervisors of organizations interested in learning about new opportunities and initiatives to “green” their communities. This includes, but is not limited to, those who work in:

- City, County and Regional Governments:
 - Environmental or Sustainability Departments
 - Energy offices
 - Departments of Public Works, Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation
 - Water Departments
- Mayor's Offices and Planning Departments
- Tribal Governments
- DOD Base Planning and Military Installation Administrators
- School Districts
- College and Universities
- Hospital Districts
- Airports, Passenger Rail and Port Terminals
- Places of Worship
- Engineering and Architectural Firms
- Landscape Design
- Real Estate Development
- Construction
- Vehicle Fleet Maintenance and Operations
- Energy Service Companies
- Renewable Energy Technology
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) working with local cities
- Homeowners' Associations

What is it about?

This conference will offer discussions about:

1. **Green Infrastructure (GI):** Description of EPA's program and support for GI, use of GI for wet weather management, Total Maximum Daily Loads, and nonpoint source issues including regulatory related issues.
2. **Retrofit Opportunities:** Transportation rights-of-way (roads, curbs, sidewalks) and parking lots are often “low hanging fruit”; a discussion of relevant policy issues and summaries of what other communities have done.
3. **Operation & Maintenance:** Important elements of green O&M; approaches taken by communities with developed/developing GI controls, including policies, guides, etc.
4. **Local Codes & Ordinances:** Evaluating codes & ordinances and eliminating local policies that pose barriers to “green” and facilitating “green” in codes & ordinances.
5. **Local Incentives and Funding Options:** Summaries of local incentives that communities have used to encourage the use of GI approaches. An overview of how communities have funded green infrastructure.

In addition, participants will leave the conference with knowledge of tools and practices needed to effectively implement GI and different approaches to linking GI to prevent/mitigate water quality impacts. The conference will close with an optional field trip to the Trinity River Audubon Center and other local facilities that demonstrate examples of various types of green infrastructure.

This meeting will be highly informative and will benefit all participants. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) may be available.

[Please encourage participation among your colleagues. Click this link to register.](#)

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May 13, 2010

8:00-9:00 Registration/Visit Exhibitors

9:00-9:15 Conference Welcome
TBA

9:15-10:00 Process for TMDLs/Implementation Plan Development
Ron Stein, TCEQ TMDL Program Manager

10:00-10:45 NPS 319 Grant Program/Watershed Protection Plans
Kerry Niemann, TCEQ Non Point Source Program Manager

10:45-11:30 Managing Water Quality with Green Infrastructure
Dan Christian, Tetra Tech

11:30-1:00 Lunch/Visit Exhibitors
TBA

1:00-1:45 Benefits of GI
Chris Kloss, Low Impact Design Center

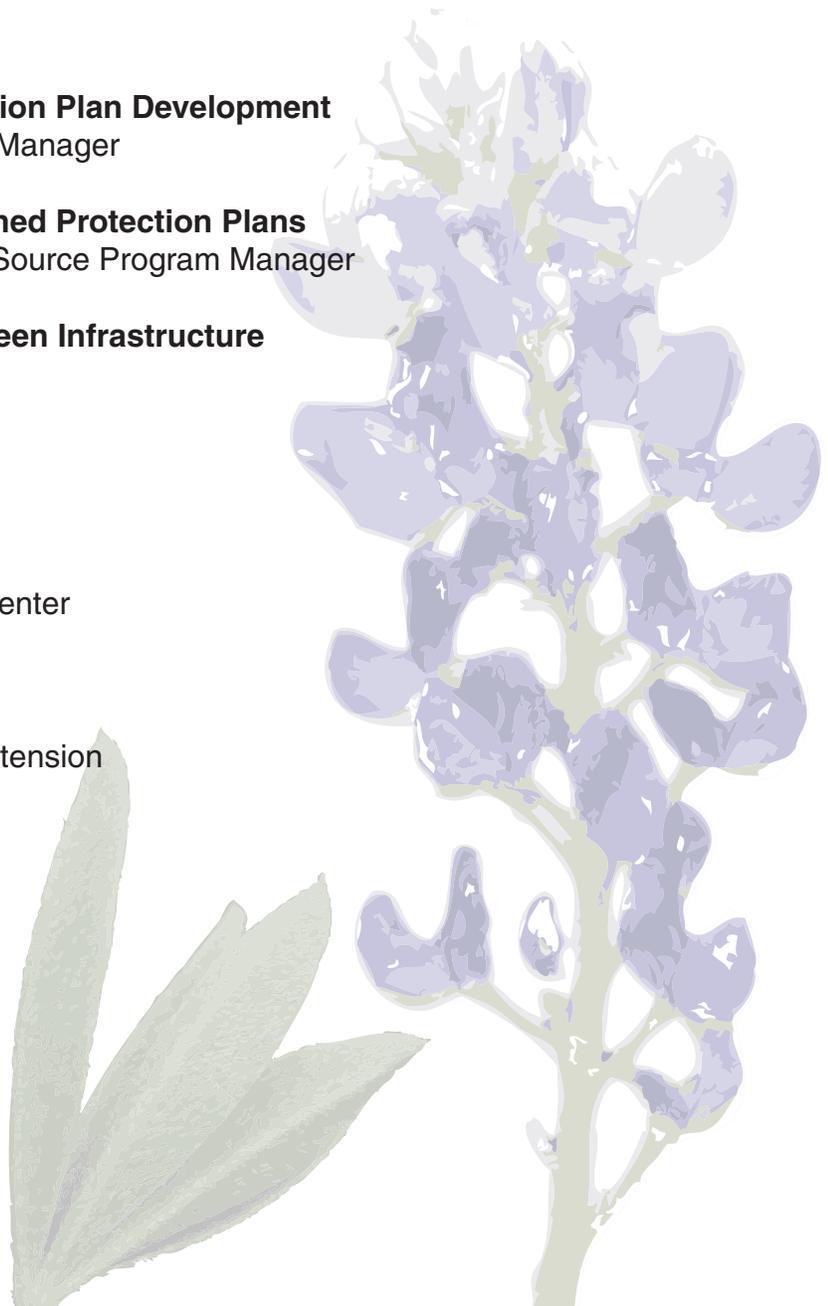
1:45-2:30 O&M of GI Practices
Dan Christian, Tetra Tech
Dr. Fouad Jaber, Texas AgriLife Extension

2:30-2:45 Break/Visit Exhibitors

2:45-3:30 Retrofit Opportunities
Chris Kloss, Tetra Tech

3:30-4:15 Local Codes and Ordinances
Dan Christian, Tetra Tech

4:15-5:00 NCTCOG iSWM Guidance
Audra Valamides, NCTCOG



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May 14, 2010

7:30-8:00 Exhibitors

8:00-8:40 City of Austin GI Code & Practices Implementation
Mike Kelly, City of Austin, Texas

8:40-9:20 Case Study: Heifer International Headquarters - Little Rock, Arkansas
Martin Smith, Environmental Design Group, Little Rock Arkansas

9:20-10:00 Modeling/Monitoring and Analysis
Andrew Parker, Tetra Tech

10:00-10:15 Break/Visit Exhibitors

10:15-11:00 Case Study: Low Impact Design Challenge - Houston, Texas
Robert Adair, Houston Land & Water Sustainability Forum

11:00-11:45 Effectiveness of GI with Respect to WQ Improvements
John Blount, Harris County Watershed Protection Group

11:45-12:30 City of Denton Monitoring and Modeling of Implemented Control Measures
David Hunter, City of Denton, Texas

12:30-5:00 Lunch/Field Trips
Trinity River Audubon Center, Texas AgriLife GI Installations

