



BIL Workshop Series

Nature-Based Solutions for Stormwater Management



Join us for a seminar on sustainable stormwater practices.

Learn about innovative approaches to managing stormwater using nature-based solutions.

Friday, May 31, 2024

Promoting green infrastructure for a resilient future.

.Discover how nature can help solve stormwater challenges in Connecticut.

Registration is limited. Lunch will be provided. Please register by Friday, May 24.

10:30 am - 1 pm

Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Office
350 Church Street, Hartford, CT

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Moderator - Raju Vasamsetti, PE, CFM **Weston & Sampson**

Raju Vasamsetti is Regional Manager for Weston & Sampson with their office in Rocky Hill, CT. With over 20 years of experience he specializes in hydrology, hydraulics, stream bank restoration, bridges, dams, stormwater, resiliency, grants and MS4 permitting. He is also the Chair of Connecticut Association of Flood Managers.



Doris Jenkins, P.E., Certified Arborist **Weston & Sampson**

Doris Jenkins is a registered Professional Engineer and Certified Arborist in Massachusetts with Weston and Sampson's Water Resources Engineering Team. Doris specializes in flood resiliency assessments and urban forest resiliency planning. She helps communities to understand future climate projections, assess how their critical assets may be vulnerable, and create implementation plans to increase their resilience to climate change.



Alexis Simpson **Weston & Sampson**

Alexis Simpson is a Green Infrastructure and Climate Resiliency Engineer at Weston & Sampson. She holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and has over 9 years of experience designing Stormwater and Green Infrastructure across North America.





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Matt Hart

Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG)

Matt is Executive Director of CRCOG, representing 38 municipalities in the Greater Hartford region. Matt has a long history of public service and worked previously as the town manager for the communities of W. Hartford and Mansfield, CT. He is a veteran of the US Army and is an adjunct faculty member with the UConn School of Public Policy. Matt also serves on the CT Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and other regional boards and commissions. He earned his Juris Doctor (JD) and Master's in Public Administration (MPA) from UConn, and his bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Potsdam.



Heidi Samokar

CRCOG

Heidi joined CRCOG in 2023 as a Principal Planner, where she is working on long-term planning as CRCOG updates its regional plan. Prior to joining CRCOG, Heidi has worked at the municipal level as a planning director, where among other tasks, she assisted the town with addressing MS4 stormwater requirements. She has also helped communities with open space acquisition and natural resource planning initiatives as both a public sector employee and as a planning consultant. Heidi will be managing CRCOG's upcoming regional stormwater authority feasibility study.



Elizabeth Sanderson, AICP RLA MPA

CRCOG

Elizabeth is Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Coordinator and Principal Program Manager at CRCOG. As an American Institute Certified Planner, Connecticut Professional Landscape Architect, and Certified Zoning Enforcement Official, Elizabeth possesses the knowledge and experience to create and implement regional plans to bring meaningful, sustainable, and equitable change to the Capitol Region.





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AGENDA

10:30 am - Welcome and Introductions

10:40 am - Presentation by Weston & Sampson

- Refresher on Water Quality Manual, MS4 requirements and updates
- Stormwater Management Best Practices
- Case Studies and Lessons Learned

11:40 am - Funding Opportunities

11:50 am - Overview of CTDEEP's Climate Resilience Fund Program

11:55 am - Regional Stormwater Utilities

12:15 pm - Lunch and Q&A with speakers

12:30 pm - Round Table Discussion

- What are your community's biggest stormwater challenges?
- What are some lessons learned in your community?

12:55 pm - Closing - Thank you!

