

INTRODUCING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COASTAL RESILIENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

FREE TRAINING

November 2, 8:30-4:00pm

Festival Park Community Center, Hobart IN



Would you like to:

- Understand the economic, ecological and societal benefits of green infrastructure?
- Explore ways to protect your community with green infrastructure concepts that contribute to resilience?
- Learn about the wide variety of contexts and scales of green infrastructure approaches?
- Identify existing planning processes suitable for integrating green infrastructure and experts with additional information?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then keep reading!

“Green Infrastructure” incorporates the natural environment and constructed systems that mimic natural processes in an integrated network that benefits nature and people. A green infrastructure approach to community planning helps diverse community members come together to balance environmental and economic goals.

This interactive one-day training course will introduce participants to the fundamental green infrastructure concepts and practices that can play a critical role in making coastal communities more resilient to natural hazards. Through presentations featuring green infrastructure projects from Indiana, group discussions, and activities, participants will learn what they can do to support green infrastructure implementation in their communities.

Six hours of certification maintenance credits for this course have been approved by the American Institute of Certified Planners. Five core continuing education credits have been approved for certified floodplain managers.

Course modules are taught by NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management training staff and local partners. See attached agenda for session modules and topics, and register at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/wbgply>

Target audience

Local officials • Land use planners • Public works staff • Floodplain managers • Hazard mitigation planners • Tribal governments and staff • Civic associations • Conservation Organizations • Environmental organizations

Course Agenda

Morning

- 8:30 a.m.** Participant Check-In
9:00 Welcome and Workshop Goals and Objectives (Local Hosts and NOAA)
9:20 Section 1: Green Infrastructure Concepts and Principles (NOAA)
9:55 Section 2: The Practice of Green Infrastructure (NOAA)
- 10:25** **Break**
- 10:35** Local Landscape/Watershed Conservation (Ethan Brown, Alliance for the Great Lakes)
11:05 Local Community/Site Scale Green Infrastructure (Joe Exl, Communitree Program)
11:35 Section 2: The Practice of Green Infrastructure – *continued (activity)* (NOAA)
- 12:00** **Networking Lunch** (provided onsite)

Afternoon

- 1:00** Section 2: The Practice of Green Infrastructure – *continued (activity debrief)* (NOAA)
1:20 Local Shoreline Protection (Nate Thomas, Indiana Department of Natural Resources)
1:50 Section 3: Implementing Green Infrastructure (NOAA)
- 2:30** **Break**
- 2:40** Incorporating Green Infrastructure into Local Planning and Policy (Matt Lake, Merrillville Stormwater Utility)
3:10 Group Discussion on Challenges and Solutions (NOAA)
- 4:00** **Wrap-up**