

# Green Infrastructure Maintenance - Case Studies in Program Development and Implementation April 5th, 2017 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET



### Today's Moderator



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### **Today's Presentations**

PWD's Green Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Program Meg Malloy Barbara Cushing

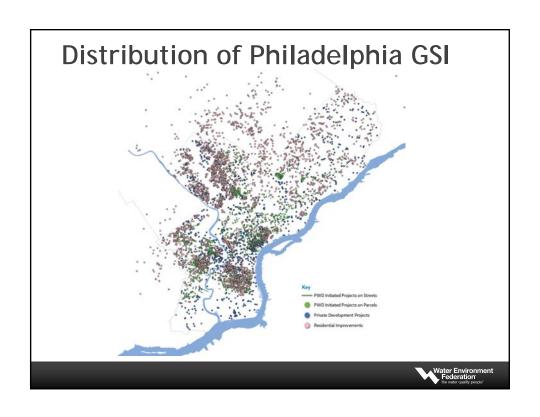
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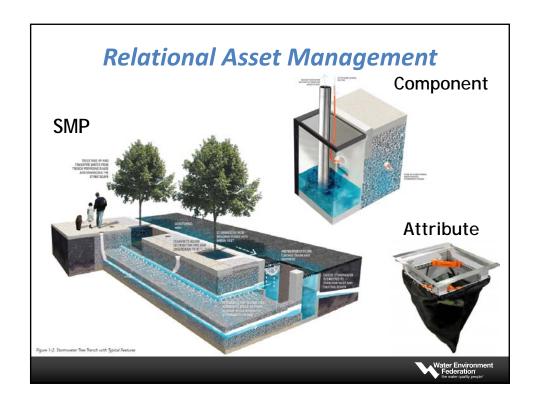
Introduction to the National GI Certification Program (NGICP) Stacy J. Passaro, P.E., BCEE

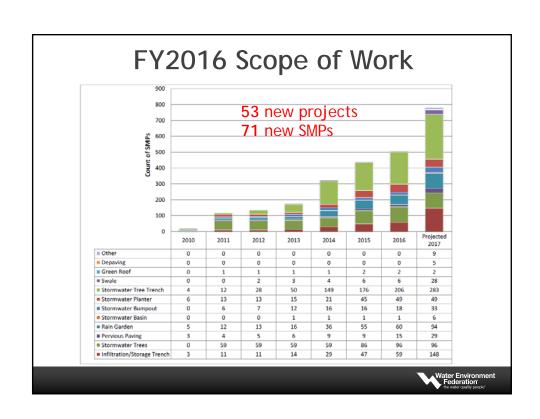


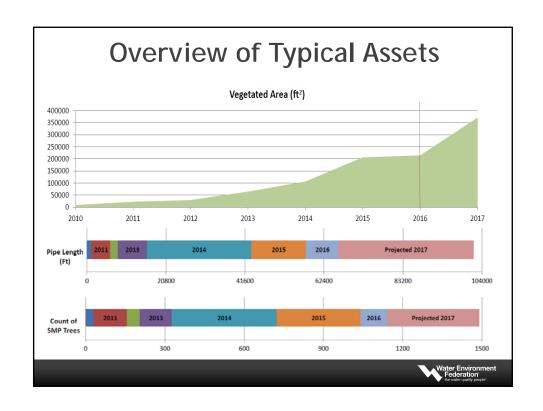










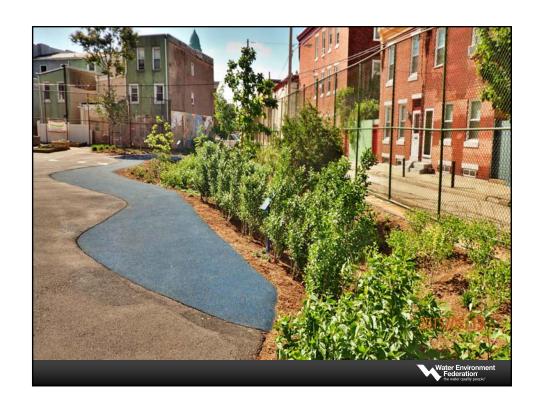




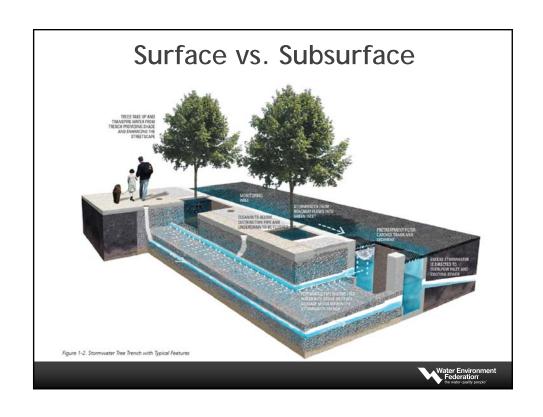


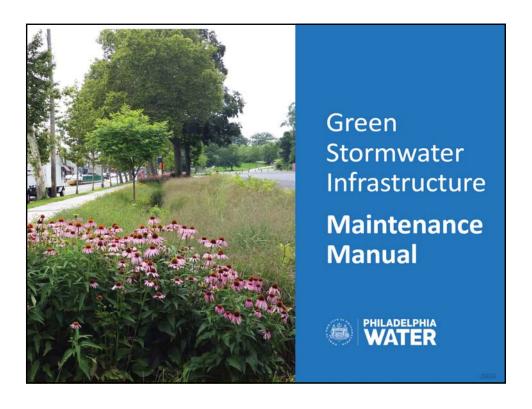


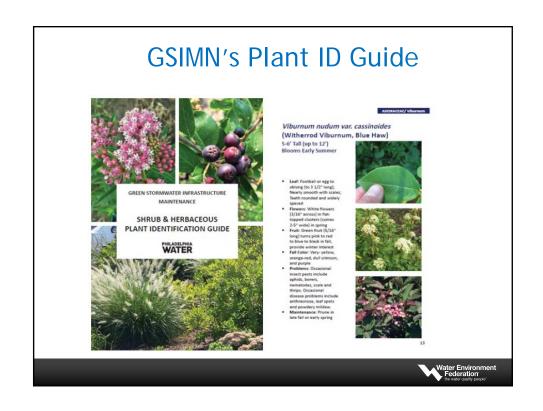




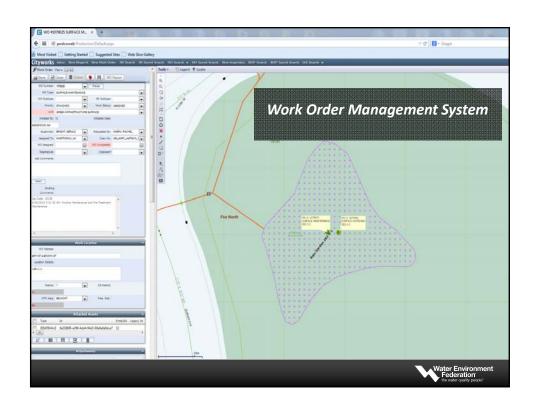


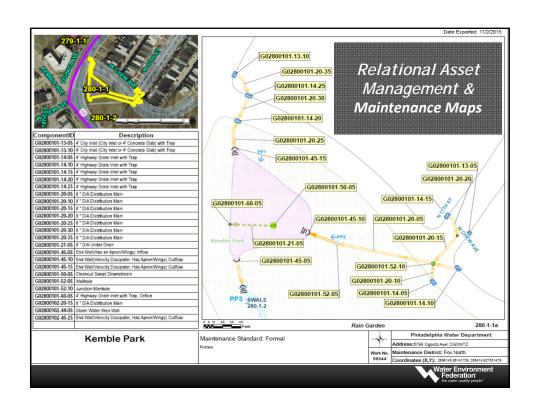


































### Landscape Public Works Contract



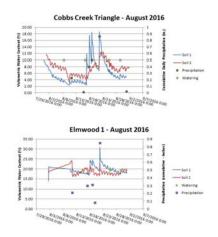
- Landscaping Public Works Contract (50153) started in March 2016
- Planting, seeding, mulching, and fencing for all capitol projects
- GSIMN completed site inspections
- GSI Unit to assist in FY 2018



### Photopoints?



# Soil Moisture Sensor Study

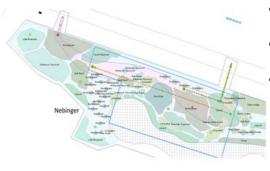


- Watering is a large annual cost
- Improving predictions of watering needs can save costs
- 9 moisture monitoring units at 4 GSI sites
- Results: Moisture is highly variable, depending on soil type and sensor location
- Recommend to continue in FY 2017-18 season



# Surface Maintenance Cost Analysis (48) South in line 1 25 - 75%, Whiskers = (Q1-1.5\*IQR, Q3+1.5\*IQR, X's = outliers N = 18 N = 49 N = 98 SMP Type Costs per Area (as Vegetated Footprint) by SMP

## **Vegetation Study**



- Mapped 100 "soft" sites with species
- Identified 1,233 unique target species
- A range of 2-45 species per SMP



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### Incorporating Adaptive Management into Maintenance

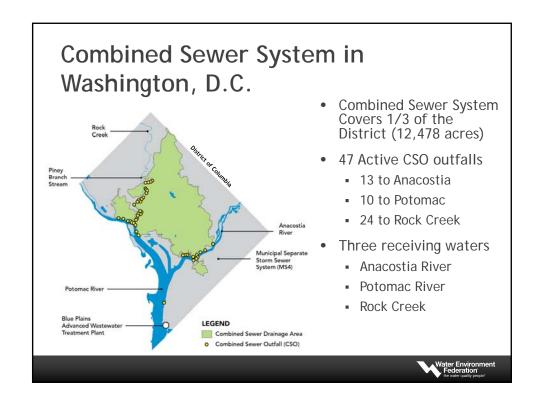
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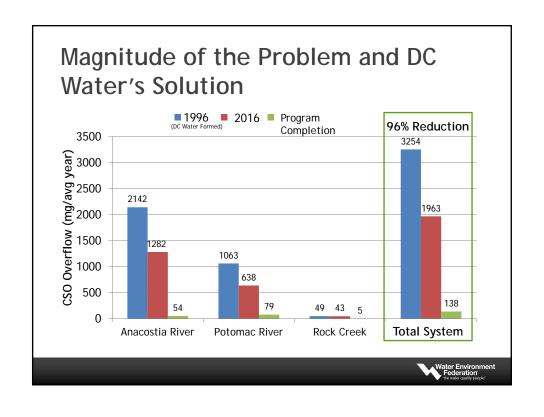


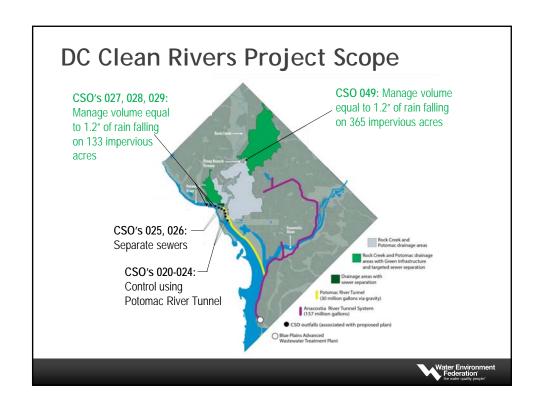
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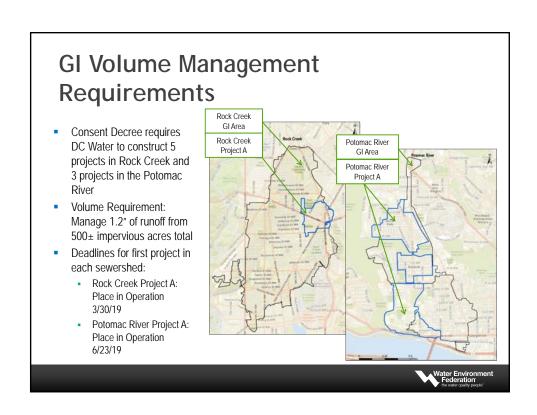
- Overview of DC Water's DC Clean Rivers Project (DCCR)
- DCCR's GI Asset Management and Maintenance Program
- Adaptive Management Examples
- Green Infrastructure, Green Jobs

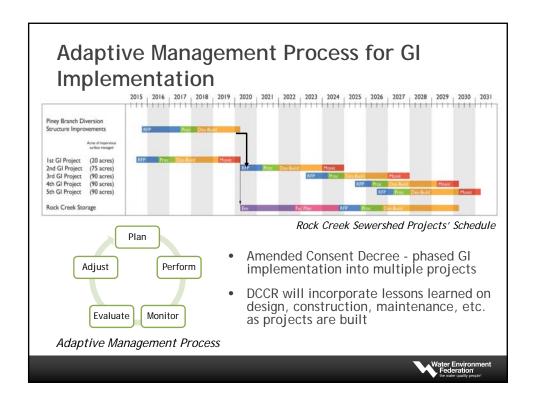






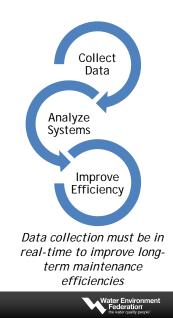






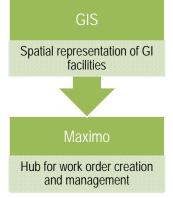
# Asset Management and Maintenance Goals

- GI maintenance will be required via NPDES permit.
- Long-term, DCCR must improve the cost-effectiveness of maintenance while ensuring GI's:
  - Function and performance
  - Safety to the public
  - Aesthetics



# DC Water's Enterprise-wide Asset Management

- DC Water currently operates and maintains water and sewer infrastructure, which includes:
  - 1,350 miles of water pipes and 1,900 miles of sewers,
  - 4 water and 9 wastewater pumping stations, and
  - A 384 MGD wastewater treatment.
- DC Water's Asset Management Program used across all departments uses a combination of GIS and Maximo



DC Water's Enterprise-wide Asset Management Software



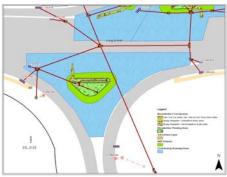
# Considerations to Achieve Asset Management Goals

- Defining the data to collect
- Determining the mechanism to collect data
- Enforcing the contractor's completion of data collection



### DCCR's Defined Data

- Representation within GIS
  - Inlets/energy dissipation
  - Surface layer(s)
  - Subsurface layers (if different than surface)
  - Cleanouts and observation wells
  - Underdrains
- Data to be input
  - General information, i.e. Contract number
  - Practice definition, i.e. planter bioretention
  - Warranty end date
  - Mixes and depths for permeable pavement and/or bioretention soil media



Example of Bioretention in GIS



### Mechanism for Data Collection

User-Friendliness

Software's Robustness

- DCCR is using mobile program because too much data is needed to be captured to allow paper forms or data input after maintenance to be effective
- Any mobile solution for DCCR must be:
  - Easy to pick up and use for expected contractors in the near-term
  - Be compatible with DC Water's software for the long-term
- DCCR's mobile application development to-date includes:
  - Gaining an understanding of DC Water's wider asset management program,
  - Defining the data to collect, and
  - Evaluating software and hardware available for use.

Existing System Understanding Software Evaluation Hardware Evaluation

Mobile Application Development Process



### **Evaluation of Mobile Software App**

DC Water's Options for a Mobile Asset Management Software

Native Program

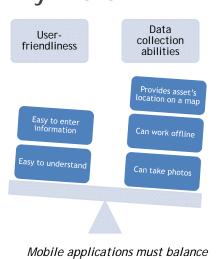
Everyplace Anywhere Datasplice

- DCCR initially chose Maximo Anywhere to pilot among other programs based on:
  - Cost (startup and operating)
  - User experience/training needs
  - Customization needs vs. 'outof-the-box' features
  - Coordination with IT to get up and running
  - Ability to work without internet
- Hardware needs
- Server needs
- Ability to take pictures
- Ability to be enterprise-wide solution



### **User Testing Maximo Anywhere**

- Maximo Anywhere determined to meet data collecting requirements.
- DCCR evaluated ways to improve the usability for a lessexperienced Maximo user, included:
  - The information presented/the order of the information
  - Size of buttons
  - The speed of clicking through features
  - The fields available for selection



Mobile applications must balance software's data collection abilities with user-friendliness



### **Evaluation of Hardware for Mobile App**



### Toughbooks

- IT-recommended
- · Little customization
- · Limited mobility
- Expensive (\$5,000)

### Tablets

- · Customization required
- · Greater mobility
- Moderate Cost



### **Smartphones**

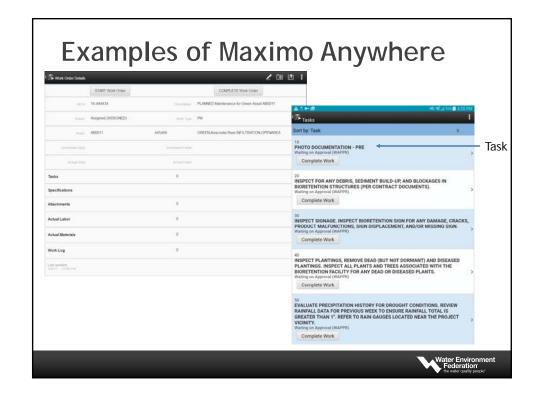
- Most customization
- Greatest mobility
- Small viewport
- · Least cost

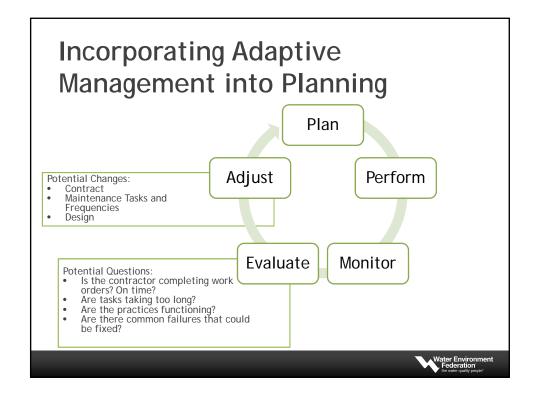
Other considerations:

- 1. OS Compatibility
- 2. OS-specific customization
- 3. Organization's IT security policies (i.e. contractor's cannot provide own devices)

Tablets selected due to balance between mobility and customization needs







# Examples of DCCR's Adaptive Management Changes

- Contract
  - Defined period to complete maintenance, i.e. "Between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> day of every month"
  - Payment contingent upon completed work order
- Maintenance Tasks and Frequencies
  - Multiple "as-needed" vacuum tasks to allow additional maintenance during fall, dependent on when leaves fall
- Design
  - Incorporation of a catch basin-type inlet into bioretention to centralize



### Green Infrastructure, Green Jobs

- Skilled workforce is critical to performance of GI
  - Knowledge across full lifecycle of GI - Construction, Inspection, Maintenance
- Green jobs is important component to realizing Triple Bottom Line benefits
- Strong focus in DC and other communities
- DC Water formalized commitment via DC Water/District 'Green Jobs MOA' (available at dcwater.com/green)





### **Need for GI Certification**

- Creating a National Certification establishes a long term pathway for living wage jobs across the United States
- No national certification program exists for GI construction and maintenance
- GI and stormwater controls are becoming more common and grow substantially
- GI maintenance is increasingly required in many NPDES permits
- There is a need to establish minimum standards and assure workers have skill sets required for GI to be effective over long term
- DC Water and WEF partnered to establish the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program







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Introduction to the National GI Certification Program (NGICP)



### What is NGICP?

 A national credential that is awarded after successful completion of an exam designed to verify that candidates possess the foundational knowledge and understanding to properly perform entry level field job tasks in constructing, inspecting and <u>maintaining</u> a variety of common GI practices





### **Objectives of NGICP**

 Ensure that a skilled labor pool is available to construct, inspect and maintain GI facilities



- Support sustainable performance of GI practices
- Create perennial GI jobs that will pay a living wage to unemployed or underemployed local residents



# **Eligibility Requirements**

### Candidates must have

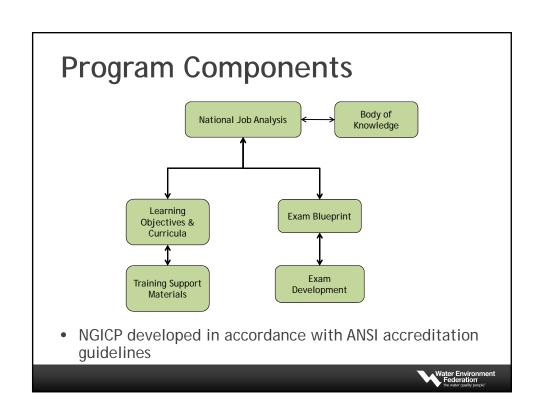
 A high school diploma/ GED

### and

 Recently participated in GI construction, inspection and maintenance training (minimum 35 hours combined classroom and field time)







### **Certification Council Members**

- Geoff Brosseau, Executive Director of the California Stormwater Quality Association
- Jeanette Brown, Assistant Professor, Manhattan College
- Bart Jones, Principal at Barton Jones, LLC
- Sandra Ralston, Principal at Consensus, LLC
- Marsha Slaughter, Utilities Director for the City of Oklahoma
- · Alan Vicory, Principal at Stantec
- Jennifer Wigal, Water Quality Program Manager at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Carlton Ray, Director, DC Water DC Clean Rivers Project, District of Columbia



### **Current NGICP Partners**

- DC Water, Washington, D.C.
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), Wisconsin
- Montgomery County, Maryland
- Kansas City Water Services Department, Missouri
- Fairfax County, Virginia
- City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, Maryland
- Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District, Kentucky
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, California
- Capital Region Water, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Illinois
- New Orleans Delegation, Louisiana
- Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Boston Water and Sewer Commission



### Partners' Roles

- Participate in the Strategic Advisory Group
  - Help WEF develop a flexible program that meets a variety of needs
- Provide technical expertise for:
  - Job task analysis survey
  - Curriculum/training support material development
  - Exam development
  - Organize/provide training





### **NGICP** Development

- NGICP development kicked off January 2016
- Job task survey conducted May 2016
- Exam blueprint approved early summer 2016
- Program policies and procedures developed in summer/fall 2016
- Exam developed summer/fall 2016
- Curriculum and training support materials developed summer/fall 2016





# NGICP Exam Blueprint



- 1. Watershed Fundamentals 6-10%
- 2. GI Practices 19-23%
- 3. GI Methods and Materials 50-54%
- 4. GI Functionality and Appearance 17-21%



### **Recommended Training Structure**

	<u>Actual or</u> Approximate Number of Slides	Estimated Classroom Time (hrs)	Estimated Hands On or Field Time (hrs)
Module 1 - Introduction to Stormwater Management & Green Infrastructure	64	2.0	1
Module 2 - Materials Used in GI	71	2.0	0.5
Module 3 - Vegetation Used in GI	68	2.0	0.5
Module 4 - Safety in GI	62	1.0	0.5
Module 5 - GI Site Management	64	1.0	0.5
Module 6 - Bioretention	114	4.0	1.5
Module 7 - Permeable/Porous Pavements	100	3.0	1.0
Module 8 - Rainwater Harvesting	80	2.0	1.0
Module 9 - Green Roofs/Blue Roofs	100	3.0	1.5
Module 10 - Dry Wells	60	2.0	0.5
Module 11 - Stormwater Wetlands	100	3.0	0.5
Module 12 - Managing GI for Long-Term Performance	50	1.0	0.5



### **Bioretention**



- Creates opportunities for:
  - Capture
  - Storage
  - Infiltration
  - Evapotranspiration



### **Permeable Pavements**

- Allows for:
  - Capture
  - Storage
  - Infiltration





## Rainwater Harvesting



- Cisterns and rain barrels achieve:
  - Capture
  - Storage
  - Potable water conservation





### Green Roofs / Blue Roofs

- Achieve:
  - Capture
  - Storage
  - Evapotranspiration (green roofs)





# **Dry Wells**



- Allows for:
  - Capture
  - Storage
  - Infiltration



### **Stormwater Wetlands**

- Creates opportunities for:
  - Capture
  - Storage
  - Infiltration
  - Treatment
  - Evaporation
  - Transpiration





### **Inaugural Group of Certificants**



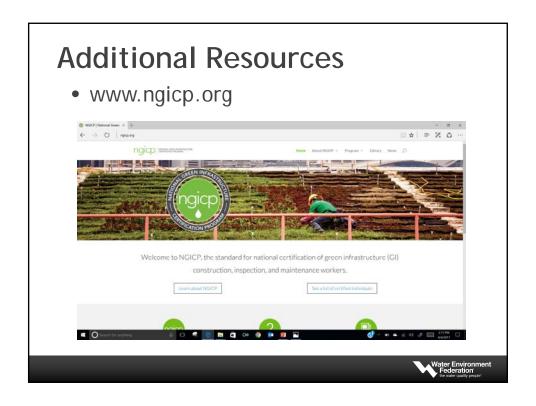
- First training conducted October/November 2016
- First exam administered December 13, 2016
- First round of NGICP Certifications awarded January 2017



### **Current Status**

- Pilot year with partners 2017
  - Spring training underway now
  - Exam on June 6, 2017
  - Fall training planned
  - Exam in early November 2017
- Business planning underway
- National rollout scheduled for early 2018





# Supporting GI Maintenance Programs

• DC Water example



