

Green Infrastructure Potential in Tucson – A “One Water” Discussion

University of Arizona - ENR2 Room S215
 Friday, March 3, 2017 --- 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Overall Goals:

- Identify operational opportunities and obstacles to stimulate greater integration and coordination between agencies and departments.
- Recognize the resource potential of stormwater as part of a broader “One Water” approach to managing all water supply options for Tucson residents.
- Integrate the value and effectiveness of appropriate green stormwater infrastructure projects and strategies at neighborhood scale.
- Investigate and propose innovative funding streams to support Tucson’s green infrastructure and stormwater goals.

Goals for the day:

1. Establish common understanding of stormwater management in the Tucson context
2. Gain an understanding of how green infrastructure has been applied to stormwater management in other settings
3. Identify possible strategies to develop and fund green infrastructure projects, on both public and private properties
4. Identify pathways to successful cross-jurisdictional and cross-departmental collaboration

8:30am	Welcome and Introductions – <i>Jeff Odefey, American Rivers</i> Review goals and agenda for the day
Setting the Context (Plenary)	
9:00	1) Integrating Green Infrastructure into a One Water vision for Tucson – <i>Timothy Thomure, Tucson Water</i> 2) What could Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) look like in Tucson? <i>Evan Canfield, Pima County Regional Flood Control District and Tom Meixner, Univ. of Arizona</i>
10:15	BREAK (15 min)
10:30	3) Case Studies of Successful Green Infrastructure planning and implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Atlanta Green Infrastructure Strategic Action Plan: a cross-departmental collaboration success story - <i>Susan Rutherford, City of Atlanta</i> • Managing Stormwater and Reducing Flooding in a Multi-Permittee Environment – <i>John Tennert, Clark County Flood Control District (NV)</i> • Innovating Funding and Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management – <i>Matt Robertson, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment</i> Panel discussion (15 min) – <i>Larry Fisher, UA, moderator</i>
Discussion and Mapping (Small Groups)	
11:30	Small group discussions (4 groups, 4 questions, 3 rounds) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can we foster <i>collaboration</i> to achieve <i>multiple benefits</i>? 2. How can we <i>reduce barriers</i> and <i>pursue opportunities</i> to address multiple goals? 3. What are creative <i>funding</i> opportunities for GSI? 4. How can <i>public agencies and community organizations</i> support each other and a green infrastructure strategy?
12:30	LUNCH (45 min)
1:15	Synthesis of emerging themes by morning presenters – <i>Larry Fisher, UA moderator</i>
1:45	Mapping exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce PAG interactive data management tools – <i>Mead Mier and Josh Pope, PAG</i> • Small group mapping exercise
3:15	BREAK (15 min)
Synthesis and Moving Forward (Plenary)	
3:30	Synthesis and Next Steps Wrap up and evaluation of the day
4:30	Adjourn