

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Media Advisory

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Unique green infrastructure training opportunity to be held at Stickney Water Reclamation Plant

Water Environment Federation to host National Green Infrastructure Certification Program



Who:	Contractors, municipalities, public works officials and anyone interested in learning how to install or maintain green infrastructure projects
What:	Invitation to participate in a certification program
When:	April 22 – 25 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and April 26 from 8 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Where:	Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, (M&O Admin. Building, 2nd Floor), 6001 W. Pershing Rd., Cicero, IL

The Water Environment Federation and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago are hosting an immersive training for municipalities, public works departments, contractors and others who are interested in installing and maintaining green infrastructure elements to reduce stormwater from entering sewers.

Green Infrastructure (GI) has become a critical component of comprehensive stormwater management, and a skilled workforce available to perform the installation, inspection, and maintenance tasks is now in high demand.

Expert trainers from the Washington, D.C. area will lead the sessions which will culminate with professional GI certification through the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP).

NGICP represents the standard for national certification of

green infrastructure construction, inspection, and maintenance workers. This course will prepare participants to demonstrate their competency in the following areas:

- bioretention (rain gardens, bioretention cells, curb extensions/bulb-outs, bioswales, stormwater planters)
- rainwater harvesting (rain barrels and cisterns)
- permeable pavements (porous concrete, pervious asphalt and permeable pavers)
- green roofs and blue roofs
- dry wells
- stormwater wetlands

The fee for the training and final written exam is \$700 (\$500 covers the workshop and \$200 covers the exam). Exam results will be available within 45 days.

For additional information, visit <u>https://ngicp.org/about-ngicp/</u> or contact NGICP at <u>NGICP@wef.org</u>.

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