Multi-disciplinary, Holistic...And What Do All These Buzzwords Have To Do With Stormwater?

For years there have been arguments around who should be involved in the design, construction and maintenance of stormwater facilities. Mostly centered around how to get it out of a certain department and under the over-sight and budget of another department, any other department. Lately, there are also a number of discussions regarding how to actually include other stakeholders into the process, particularly where green infrastructure methods are proposed. For example, a recent LinkedIn discussion asked about how to start a discussion with non-engineers on Rain Gardens (Rain Garden Roundtable Discussion-Stormwater Professionals Group). Engineers are usually involved in the early stages to solve a problem by calculating capacities, pipe sizes, etc. Too often other departments are included late in the game or only "because we have to".

Our trainings will provide technical knowledge, but we also hope that they provide a forum for discussion between disciplines. Whether it is between a contractor and a city inspector at a BMP Inspection and Maintenance workshop or between a landscape architect and an MS4 manager at one of our upcoming Green Infrastructure workshops, we want to get people talking. If you are planning on attending a workshop, reach out to someone else who might benefit and bring them along.

Upcoming Trainings

- March 10-11 - Permanent Stormwater BMP Inspection and Maintenance Workshop - Greenwood Village
- March 20-21 - Permanent Stormwater BMP Inspection and Maintenance Workshop - Fort Collins
- May 14-15 - Permanent Stormwater BMP Inspection and Maintenance Workshop - Boulder (Sponsored by Keep It Clean Partnership. There is no cost for employees of City of Boulder, Boulder County, City of Longmont, Town of Erie, City of Louisville, City of Lafayette and Town of Superior. All others are invited to attend, but must pay the full workshop fee.)
- June TBD - Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development - we’ll be offering a two day course for engineers and designers with more technical content, and a one day course for administrators, planners, and managers on how to coordinate various departments, cut through red-tape and get things done.

Click here for full descriptions of these training courses!