

2019 Green Infrastructure Training Opportunity

Introduction

Purpose

NRPA is partnering with the Water Environment Federation (WEF) to adapt and deliver the [National Green Infrastructure Certification Program](#) (NGICP) curriculum to professionals responsible for the land management and maintenance and operations of municipal parks throughout the country. Initiated under the leadership of DC Water and WEF, the NGICP is a national-level certification program aimed at creating a pool of credentialed field workers that possess the foundational knowledge to properly build, inspect and maintain green infrastructure stormwater practices across the United States.



In May 2019 (May 13 - 16) NRPA will host a 2.5-day NGICP training for park and/or affiliated professionals in Philadelphia, PA, in partnership with Philadelphia Parks and Recreation. The training opportunity will include a combination of online learning, classroom presentations, practice quizzes and field experiences and will focus on green stormwater infrastructure construction, inspection and maintenance and will touch upon building successful green stormwater infrastructure projects in parks that provide multiple benefits to communities through community engagement and partnerships. **NRPA will award 25 applicants with scholarships to attend the training and sit for the certification exam. NRPA will provide breakfast and lunch and cover lodging for the training and each selected applicant will receive a \$350 stipend for airfare and travel incidentals.**

This training opportunity is an offering of NRPA's [Great Urban Parks Campaign](#) (GUPC). NRPA launched the GUPC in 2015 with the primary purpose of improving environmental and social outcomes in underserved communities through promoting and advancing green stormwater infrastructure projects within parks and developing resources and training for park, planning, and other professionals to improve equity through green infrastructure.

Eligibility/Guidelines

- The applicant must be a current employee of a park and recreation agency, municipal agency or nonprofit responsible for the maintenance and management of parks.
- The applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent (and be prepared to show proof, if requested).
- The applicant must commit to attend a 2.5 day in-person training and complete an additional 16 hours of online training ahead of the in-person portion (applicants will

receive access to the training materials in March 2019).

- The applicant must provide at least one letter of support from a direct supervisor and preferably an additional letter from their park and recreation agency director (or equivalent).
- The applicant must have direct involvement with (either performing or supervising employees who perform) green stormwater management, natural resource management, park maintenance, or equivalent land management tasks.

Preference will be given to:

- Municipal and park and recreation department employees.
- Applicants who supervise and train other park agency or municipal staff responsible for the maintenance and long-term care of parks and public green space.
- Applicants who are active in the development of green infrastructure programs/projects in parks, and/or those who demonstrate interest in taking on such tasks after receiving this training.

Successful Applicants will:

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to working in parks.
- Clearly articulate their personal and professional interest in the green infrastructure training opportunity.
- Describe how the training will contribute to current or future projects within their agency.
- Provide a letter of support from their direct supervisor.

Timeline and Important Dates

November 1, 2018 ----- Application opens

December 17, 2018 ----- Application closes

January 16, 2019 ----- Applicants selected and notified

March 2019 ----- Selected applicants receive access to online materials

April 2019 ----- Virtual information session

May 13 - May 16, 2019 - In-person training and exam

Applications are due by 11:59 pm EST Monday, **December 17, 2018**. Applicants will be notified whether or not they were selected for a grant by **January 16, 2019**.

Saving your Application

Please ensure responses are recorded accurately. You can save your progress and continue at a later time by clicking the "Save and continue later" link at the top of the page. Note: Only completed pages are saved - please enter a draft answer for each question on the page if you plan to save and return to your work later.

The application is available in PDF format to assist in the preparation of responses, but the application MUST be submitted through this online form. For a PDF copy, please click [HERE](#).

For questions, please email GUPC@nrpa.org.

Applicant Contact Information

1. Contact Information *

(Who to contact in regards to this grant application.)

First Name

Last Name

Title

Agency/Organization Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Eligibility

2. Are you a current employee of a park and recreation agency, municipal agency or nonprofit responsible for the maintenance and management of parks? *

- Yes, a park and recreation agency
- Yes, a municipal agency
- Yes, a nonprofit
- No

3. Do you have a high school diploma or equivalent? *

- Yes
- No

4. To take part in this training opportunity, you must commit to taking at least 3 days off from work to attend the in-person training in Philadelphia and commit to completing the online modules prior to the in-person training.

- Yes, I commit and I have approval from my supervisor to attend the training
- I cannot commit to this at this time

Application Questions

5. Briefly describe your current job role. (Max word count=150) *

6. Do you supervise/train other park agency or municipal staff, interns or volunteers responsible for the maintenance and long-term care of parks and public green space? *

Yes

No

7. Please describe. (Max word count=100)

8. In your current role, are you involved in green infrastructure projects (implementation, management, inspection, maintenance, planning), natural resource management, park maintenance, or equivalent land management tasks? *

Yes

No

9. Please describe. (Max word count=100)

10. Please describe your personal and professional interest in the green infrastructure training and certification opportunity and how it relates to your career goals. (Max word count=200) *

11. Describe how your participation in the training will contribute to current or future projects within your agency including your agency's capacity to scale and properly maintain green stormwater infrastructure projects. (Max word count=200) *

12. Please upload a letter of support from your direct supervisor approving your participation in this training program and describing how this certification will advance green infrastructure stormwater management within parks. (required) *

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13. Please upload a letter of support from the local park and recreation director (or equivalent) outlining how your participation in this program will benefit the advancement of the agency/organization. (optional but recommended)

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Thank You!

Thank you for applying for the 2019 green infrastructure training opportunity.

You will receive an email confirmation with your answers attached. If you do not see it within a few hours of completion, check your spam folder.