

# Equitable Green Infrastructure Summit

Sponsored by University of Illinois Extension and the North Central Regional Water Network

**April 28, 2020**  
**9am-4pm**

**Online: Zoom link to come**

## Agenda

- 9:00 Welcome and project overview – Lisa Merrifield, Community and Economic Development Specialist, University of Illinois Extension
- 9:15 Equity and inclusion programs in other related organizations and industries – Carla Walker, Climate Advisor, City of Cincinnati, and Coordinator, Equity Advisory & Action Committee for Healing Our Waters Coalition
- 9:45 What we learned from community listening sessions – Tony Heath, PE, MUP, University of Illinois Extension
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Calumet Stormwater Collaborative workforce development study – Margaret Schneemann, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant; Kara Riggio, OAI; Lisa Krause, IDNR-Coastal Management Program
- 11:00 Peoria, Illinois Green Infrastructure Programs – Jane Gerdes, PE, City of Peoria Public Works
- 11:30 Gary, Indiana Green Infrastructure Programs – Brenda Scott-Henry, Director, City of Gary Department of Environmental and Green Urbanism
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 12:45 Green Infrastructure Champions Program, Great Lakes Commission – Ned Willig, Program Specialist, Great Lakes Commission
- 1:15 Small group break outs – Carla Walker facilitating
- We want your feedback. What things need to happen to help communities implement green infrastructure programs equitably and sustainably?
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 Report out from groups and next steps– Carla Walker
- 2:30 Wrap up and action items – Lisa Merrifield
- 3:00 Adjourn