



Triangle J Council of
Governments

Smart Growth/Water Resources Collaborative: Using Code & Ordinance Assessment Tools to Scale Up Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Thursday, June 10, 2021

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Microsoft Teams – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Agenda

2:00 - 2:15: Welcome & Introductions

TJ Cawley, Morrisville and Lori Bush, Cary - Water Resources Collaborative Co-Chairs

Wendy Jacobs, Durham and Steve Rao, Morrisville - Smart Growth Collaborative Co-Chairs

2:15 – 2:45: Tackling Barriers to Green Infrastructure One Code at a Time

Julia Noordyk, Water Quality & Coastal Communities Specialist, University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute

Since 2017, Wisconsin Sea Grant has been working with communities to audit, revise and prioritize codes that deter green infrastructure using the Tackling Barriers to Green Infrastructure: An Audit of Local Codes and Ordinances workbook. What makes this tool unique in comparison to similar audits? It recognizes the need for a community-oriented and “no judgement” approach in working with communities to audit their codes and ordinances. During this presentation you will learn why codes and ordinances are a major barrier to green infrastructure, common code challenges, and the impact code changes can have on stormwater runoff pollution and volume. You will also be introduced to the workbook which provides a detailed codes and ordinances auditing tool that can assist municipal staff and officials in identifying barriers and opportunities for promoting and advance green infrastructure practices in their communities.

2:45 – 3:15: Center for Watershed Protection Codes & Ordinances Worksheet Applied in Central NC

Cameron Colvin, Planner, Town of Kernersville, NC

The Code & Ordinance Worksheet developed by the Center for Watershed Protection can help communities evaluate their local development regulations with the goal of reducing impervious cover, conserving natural areas, and preventing stormwater pollution. Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about the tool, its application in High Point and Asheboro, North Carolina, and useful lessons learned.

3:15 – 3:20: Break

3:20 – 3:45: Open Discussion in Breakout Rooms – all

Each group facilitator should assign someone in their breakout room to note key points from discussion. This is a time for attendees to learn from one another and consider how to move ideas into action. Potential topics:

- Ideas for applying these tools in your jurisdictions
- How best to coordinate with transportation, land use, and other planners when using tools

3:45 – 3:50: Lightning share from breakout rooms

A member of each breakout room will share one action-oriented takeaway from their discussion

3:50 – 3:55: Input on Future Topics – all

What training topics would you benefit from that TJCOG could provide in the next year?

3:55 – 4:00: Closing

Co-Chairs

Speaker Biographies

Julia Noordyk

Julia Noordyk is the Water Quality Outreach Specialist with the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant where she works with coastal communities on a variety of topics including green infrastructure, clean marinas, flood resilience and First Nations Traditional Ecological Knowledge. A former NOAA Coastal Management Fellow, Julia came to Sea Grant from the Maine Coastal Program where she was a senior planner working on outreach programs in offshore wind energy, water quality and coastal public access. Julia has a M.S. degree in conservation biology and sustainable development from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a B.S. in zoology from Colorado State University.

Cameron Colvin

Cameron is a Planner with the Town of Kernersville and has over 4 years of experience in environmental planning. He obtained his Bachelor's in Sustainable Development from Appalachian State University and Master's in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University. Cameron previously served as a Water Resources Planner with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council, where he led a wide variety of projects to protect and enhance natural resources throughout central North Carolina.