

Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District

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New Green Stormwater Control Ideas



Stormwater Management Workshop on 4/4/07 will feature AMERIPLEX Indianapolis' Business Park. One example of the vegetative innovation AMERIPLEX used was providing required wetland mitigation areas under an existing powerline, thus helping them control tree & shrub growth in the area, plus adding to the green "NatureScape" beauty of their business park site near the Indy Airport.

The 2007 Vegetative Options for Stormwater Management Workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 4th, 2007 at AMERIPLEX Indianapolis Holladay Properties near the Indianapolis Airport. Traditional participants at this annual workshop include members of the planning, landscape architect, developer, engineer, plan reviewer, and water quality educator professions. But anyone interested in learning more about innovative ways to use native vegetation with storm water management plans and designs is invited. This year's event hosted by AMERIPLEX Indianapolis, will allow attendees to see creative practices put in place to beautify the landscape, as well as provide needed stormwater control at the site. Pre-registrations are due by Saturday, March 31st to ensure space is available! The \$25.00 registration fee includes the program, refreshments, a box lunch, and tour.

Registration will be available from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. Vendors will display products before, after, and during workshop breaks. The workshop will begin at 9:00 with a welcome from sponsors. Theresa Heyer, Watershed Forester, U.S. Forest Service, will begin the session providing innovative ideas for "Understanding and Managing Landscape Change". Jill Hoffman, Empower Results, will follow with a discussion of the "Sciences Behind Stormwater Control Practices". Bob Barr, an Engineer with IUPUI's CEES will talk about "Research News You Can Use", and then Ted Blahnik, an Engineer with Williams Creek Consulting will explain "How to Crunch the Numbers" for stormwater management. After the noon time box lunch, Kevin Tungesvick, with Spence Restoration Nursery, will explain "Alternative Plant Selection for Best Management Practices (BMPs)". Then Todd

Stevenson, DOT, Bloomington will share his views on “MS4S: The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly”. Jill Hoffman and Ken Remenschneider, with Remenschneider & Associates will provide a “Hands-On-Exercise in Low Impact Development (LID) Design”. Time will be provided for visiting vendor booths. The AMERIPLEX site tour will follow with Mark Brehob, Heather Brehob, and Kevin Tungsveck commenting on “The Native Plant Communities, and Operations Management” of the AMERIPLEX site. The tour will be conducted rain or shine, so attendees are advised to come prepared. The workshop will adjourn at 4:00 pm.

Sponsors for this year’s event include the Hoosier Heartland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council, AMERIPLEX Indianapolis, Halladay Properties, Spence Restoration Nursery, Empower Results, USDA’s Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) & Forest Service (FS) and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in Hoosier Heartland RC&D (Boone, Brown, Hamilton, Hendricks, Hancock, Johnson, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, and Shelby County). Again registrations are encouraged by Tuesday, March 31st. A copy of the workshop brochure, including a registration form and directions to the Decatur Discovery Academy, Suite D, 5125 S. Decatur Blvd. Indianapolis, IN 46241 where the workshop will be held. Interested parties are encouraged to visit the Hoosier Heartland RC&D’s website at www.hhracd.org or the Hancock Co. SWCD’s website at www.hancockswcd.org to get a brochure. Another option is calling the Hoosier Heartland RC&D office at 317-290-3250 or the Hancock County District office at 317-462-2283 Ext 3 and asking for a brochure and more details.

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