



**Stormwater Conversations: Lessons in Green Infrastructure**  
 RI Green Infrastructure Coalition and Providence Parks Department  
 September 27, 2018 from 9 AM – 1 PM  
 Roger Williams Park Casino



### Summary of Survey Results

Seventeen attendees returned a survey. Most respondents strongly agreed that they would be able to use what they learned in the workshop and that it was a good way to explore the content.

	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Neither Disagree or Agree 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Mean
1. I will be able to use what I learned in this workshop.	6.7%*	0%	0%	33.3%	<b>60%</b>	<b>4.40</b>
2. This workshop was a good way for me to explore this content.	6.7%*	0%	0%	33.3%	<b>60%</b>	<b>4.40</b>

\*Note that 6.7% indicates one response.

### 3. What was the best part of the workshop for you?

*The top answer involved .....All submitted answers are included below:*

- Information sharing with entities involved in stormwater BMP implementation and maintenance, including municipal staff and engineering community.
- Scott Wheeler was great and showed the pros and cons of already installed jobs.
- The presentations given by speakers.
- Lessons learned/ideas form others’ experiences.
- The breakout sessions.
- The whole thing was interesting. The variety of participants and breakouts were great.
- Roundtable discussion – but all was great.
- Sharing of ideas and thoughts from a variety of professionals. Fantastic.
- The variety of viewpoints, backgrounds, and approaches to stormwater management.
- Discussion with other stormwater professionals.

- The roundtable discussion.
- Very informative presenters – short but full of info. The breakout groups allowed you to hear from many different professionals, which was great.
- The speakers were all excellent, case studies were fascinating. Loved seeing what works and what doesn't. Break-out groups were helpful for discussion.
- Loved the two projects: Newport and Pawtucket.
- Having everyone together and all in on this conversation.
- Scott and Andrew were A+. Thanks for the honest perspective. Great idea to have breakouts. I liked the incorporation of jump? In the invites.
- Case study presentations, especially Scott Wheeler/Newport.

#### **4. What could we have done better?**

- The focus on lessons learned was most useful.
- Same faces in the room as any other conference. We need to spread this knowledge outside of our usual group.
- Provide agenda in advance for breakout sessions. Build in time for networking/break in program.
- Very hard to hear upstairs – too open and loud during breakout groups. No have podium in front of screen area – hard to see visuals. Have speakers more to side versus in front – back to ½ of crowd, hard to hear, harder to see through them.
- I think having some university researchers would have helped some questions about the science and tech; what's the future of stormwater research.
- Nothing.
- Maybe fill the screen with projected slides and/or get a bigger screen? A little hard to see... Maybe more concise report-outs so more time for open discussion and wrap-up?
- Can't think of anything.
- Breakout groups could have been led a bit better – a lot of people talking over each other.
- As a designer, it's always helpful to hear what funding is available or how costs compare so we can relay to clients when discussing green infrastructure. We talked in our breakout group about presenting case studies to clients to show them the benefits, value, and cost savings, be they short term or long term. Basically having a discussion that focuses on getting stakeholders on board would be helpful.
- More tours around RI for visual examples.
- 3 presentations max before break.

#### **5. Please let us know if you have stormwater case studies that would be worthwhile sharing at a future workshop.**

- Sabin Point stormwater infiltration plan; Stillhouse Cove stormwater infiltration plan; coastal stormwater BMPs; Also Warren case study mentioned @ 10/11 GIC meeting
- Great as always!
- Maybe... I'll reach out once I've gone back to 2-3 year old installations.
- We are working on design and implementation guidelines with Boston Park and Rec Department that includes many of the topic discussed and lesson learned from these workshops and the Park.
- As a company, we do and would be happy to share them.
- Capitals project in Hartford, CT installation and monitoring.
- We have been working on a bioretention design for the Blackstone Boulevard and Park Pond watershed.

- Yup! You know them all.
- Yes: HW would love to work with you on this!