Workshop Benefits

- Need to know upcoming NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements related to zoning and planning?
- Want to implement green infrastructure, but have challenges in your review process and codes?

This one-day, “202-level” workshop will offer practical strategies and case studies for amending zoning language, development standards, and review processes to improve MS4 stormwater permit compliance and encourage site-level stormwater techniques. The agenda includes hands-on exercises, “stormwater story problems,” and an interactive clinic for professional and peer input on challenging code, ordinance, and process issues.

What We’ll Cover

- Latest developments in the NPDES MS4 regulations and permit program relevant to Minnesota communities
- Group exercises to design, review and permit “green” stormwater retrofits and review processes, using local sites and codes as examples
- Zoning and Codes Clinic providing direct feedback and support for current stormwater-related code and process issues under Minnesota law

What You’ll Take Away

- Technical information relevant to planners on the MS4 permit and cold-climate stormwater management
- Relevant examples and strategies for zoning, standards and manuals, review procedures to support green infrastructure implementation
- Practical strategies for making green infrastructure the “default setting” in your codes and review process

Who Should Attend

Anyone who develops or administers planning regulations, codes, and ordinances, including:
- Local staff responsible for development aspects of MS4 permit compliance
- Local, county, and consulting planners and engineering staff
- Public works officials, public safety staff, and bike/ped/transit coordinators
- Park, recreation, and urban forestry/arborist staff
- Stormwater, environmental planning, and watershed program staff
- Planning Commissioners and elected officials