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# Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant Program (IGIG)

ABC's and  
123's of Illinois  
EPA's newest  
grant program

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# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

- “means any **stormwater** management technique or practice employed with the primary goal of preserving, restoring, mimicking, or enhancing natural hydrology. Green infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, methods of using soil and vegetation to promote soil percolation, evapotranspiration, and filtering or the harvesting and reuse of precipitation.”

# IGIG Key Component...

- Water quality improvements due to stormwater management



- Not flooding, but...

# IGIG proposal elements...

- Total program allocation: \$5 million
- 3 Project categories
- Eligible entities are those that can legally accept funds from the state of Illinois. Expected applicants, municipalities, sanitary districts and watershed groups (or other NFP groups)
  - Projects must be in a CSO community or MS4 community
- Application deadline: DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2010, in Illinois EPA Headquarters office by Close of Business (5:00pm), to be considered.



# IGIG proposal elements...



- Minimum Match requirement: 15-25% of the total project cost (not of the amount requested).
- Project length 6-36 months, project dependent

# Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) category

- Grant amounts: \$300,000 - \$3 million
  - Min. match required: 15% of total project
  - Project length: six – 36 months
  - Piping costs: five percent or less of project costs
  - Design costs: 25% or less of project costs
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- Priority given to applications that propose to remediate overflows, that are discharging to an impaired waterway **and** are implementing a Long Term Control Plan

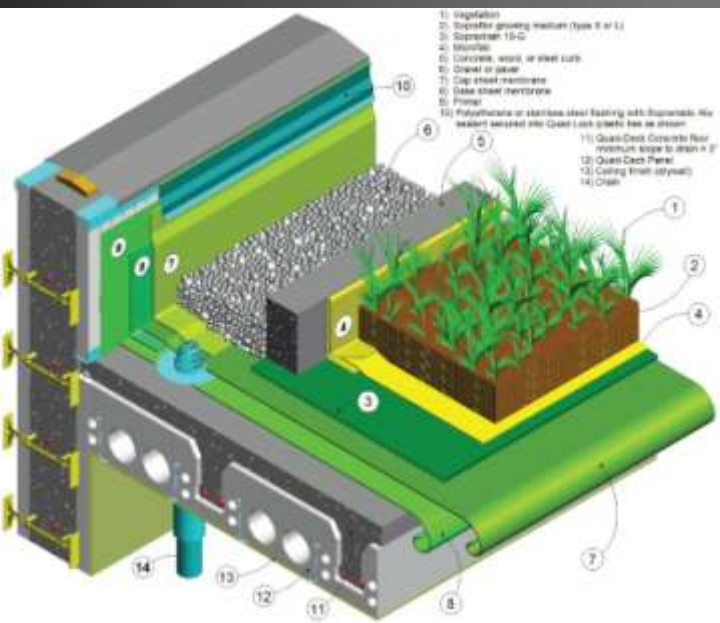


# Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) category

- Looking for projects that will implement multiple practices to improve water quality by reducing/eliminating CSO overflows.
  - by separating the sewers (not an eligible expense) or by reducing the flow to the combined sewer(s)

# Stormwater Retention & Infiltration category

- Grant amounts: \$100,000 - \$750,000
- Min. match required: 25% of total project
- Project length: six – 36 months
- Piping costs: five percent or less of the project costs
- Design costs: 20% or less of project costs



- Priority given to applications that propose a project that will improve water quality to an impaired waterway. These impairments will be linked to stormwater flows.



# Stormwater Retention & Infiltration category



Looking for projects that will have the biggest impact to improving water quality by limiting nonpoint source pollution from entering waterway.

Those waterways that are considered impaired by nonpoint source pollution (stormwater runoff) will be the highest priority.

\* This is a good category for “programs” (i.e, rain garden program)

# Green Infrastructure Small Project category

- Grant amounts: \$15,000 - \$75,000
- Min. match required: 25% of total project
- Project length: six – 24 months
- Piping costs: five percent or less of the project costs
- Design costs: 20% or less of project costs



- Priority given to applications that propose to improve water quality by managing stormwater in a highly visible, demonstration site.

# Green Infrastructure Small Project category



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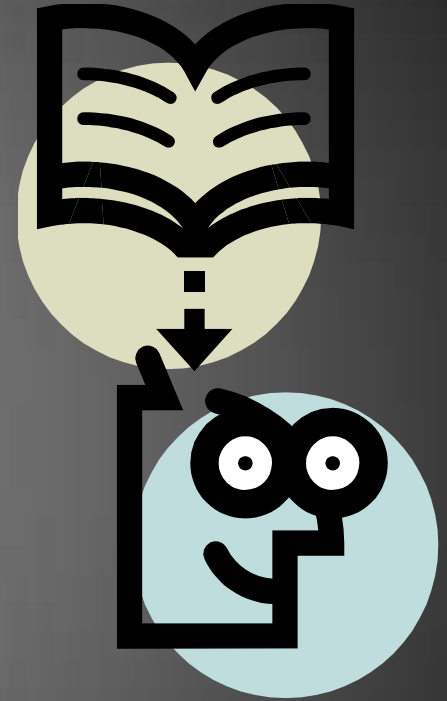
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Projects that have the highest visibility and public accessibility will receive the greatest priority

12 pages...not  
to exceed!

# Application Details...

- Proposal Narrative
- Abstract
- Project Narrative
- Financial Integrity/Budget
  - Project cost summary form
- Attachment 1
- Maps
- Organization Certification and Grant Conditions
- Taxpayer Identification Number Form



# Project Narrative

Here's the  
meat!

- Characterization of the CSO or MS4 area
  - Include significant/critical areas, environmental threats, local planning efforts
- Project need
  - How will your project improve **water quality**?
  - Water quality objectives
- Project plan
  - Detail tasks and schedules for implementing the project

**HINT:** link causes of impairment to the Best Management Practice(s) you are proposing

# Attachment 1

- Priority- Illinois EPA priorities for improving water quality
  - Water Quality
  - Implements and is consistent with regulations, permits and plans
  - Sustainability and other policy priorities
- Yes/no/not applicable

# Review Process

- Quality and completeness of application
  - Feasibility of the proposed project(s)
- Outputs and outcomes
  - What are you going to do and what will happen
- Environmental significance
  - Probability of improving water quality
- Financial integrity
- Capability
  - Did the applicant show they could implement the project as proposed?

# Additional Information...

- Late applications will NOT be reviewed
- All applicants will be notified whether their proposal was selected or not
- If selected the applicant will be required to enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement (contract) with the Agency
- Funds will be through a reimbursement process...you do the work, we reimburse



# Additional Information...

- If a project does not already have an Operations and Maintenance Plan (for 10 years) that will be a REQUIREMENT in the FAA
- Please do not hesitate to call with questions concerning the RFP (217/782-3362)
- Late applications will not be reviewed 😊
- Make sure to link water quality impairments to the practice(s) you plan to implement 😊

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