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Free Technical Assistance for Green Infrastructure offered by National Municipal Stormwater Alliance

The National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) is offering free technical resources to a limited number of communities who are interested in utilizing the Community-Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3) program approach to implement large scale green infrastructure at a significant cost savings for reducing stormwater runoff, localized flooding, and making green economic improvements to their communities. To learn more, municipal staff should go

to: <http://nationalstormwateralliance.org/cbp3/techsupport/>

The deadline for applying for CBP3 assistance is February 10, 2021. All work will occur between that time and April 15, 2021. Those interested in applying should complete the information in [this electronic form](#) or [download the fillable form](#) and send to Seth Brown, NMSA Executive Director at seth.brown@nationalstormwateralliance.org.

Eligibility:

Only public sector/municipal staff can seek technical assistance. It is anticipated that between 3 and 5 communities will be selected with a variance in geography, size/scale of community, and overall community profile in terms of environmental, social, and economic challenges/needs.

Type of Assistance Offered:

Assistance will take the form of expertise and technical support and will include background research and remote engagement with key municipal department staff to gain knowledge on community issues such as stormwater management program needs, business development efforts, affordable housing, infrastructure funding/financing, economic development, and other environmental and/or infrastructure challenges and needs.

Background:

The CBP3 program approach was developed by the U.S. EPA to help communities accelerate environmental infrastructure investments – especially distributed infrastructure types such as green stormwater infrastructure – in a more efficient and

cost-effective manner through project bundling, fixed-fee infrastructure implementation, and efficient project delivery approaches.

To learn more, please view the [Press Release](#) or contact NMSA Executive Director, Dr. Seth Brown, at seth.brown@nationalstormwateralliance.org.

Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

Online and virtual training opportunities continue to be created and offered through community colleges, state industry associations, national industry associations, EPA, and other state industry partners. All operators should continue to monitor their emails and the Training Calendar on the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification Database](#). Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week.

Please contact Laurie Sharp at (515) 725-0284 with any questions concerning operator certification training.

A note on Iowa DNR and COVID-19

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is working with state and local officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and has transitioned employees to work remotely. DNR offices are closed to the public during this time and only available by appointment.

In another effort to further reduce the spread of COVID-19, the DNR is encouraging the use of the online services for submitting applications, payments and other daily tasks and interaction with DNR staff.

- [Full list of DNR's online services](#)
- [Up-to-date information on DNR services, facilities and events impacted by COVID-19](#)
- [Technical information for regulated businesses in regards to COVID-19](#)

We thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time. If you need to contact DNR staff, you can reach them by email or phone or by calling 515-725-8200.