



# *Beyond the Basics:*

## Evolution of Stormwater Best Management Practices September 29, 2011 in Woodridge Call for Presentations

Over the last 15 years or so there has been a growing focus on Stormwater Best Management Practices in Northeastern Illinois, with many practices being encouraged or even required through county and local ordinances. So one of the over-arching themes for this year's presentations will be focusing on not only what is working well in the region, but what tweaks are being made to improve practices, special considerations for site selection, installation or long-term maintenance as well as which practices looked really good on paper five or ten years ago, but are really not working out or should only be used in very specific applications.

Our target audience includes those who are designing projects, as well as those who are reviewing plans, approving permits and writing/updating ordinances. They are coming for the nitty-gritty details, hence our "Beyond the Basics" tagline for the seminar series. A short list of presentation topics/themes has been provided as a starting point and is by no means an all inclusive list – we are interested in all your thoughts and ideas with the goal of making this seminar THE one to attend each year. Last year we had 250 attendees from community & county staff and consultants from across the region.

### Topic/Theme Suggestions

- How to make a good BMP work
- Failed BMP due to: poor site selection, improper/difficult installation, poor/lack of maintenance, just plain bad for our region
- Case studies of BMPs at one site over time or across sites and time
- Evolution of ordinances, plant lists, RFPs contracting & performance standards, acceptance (by the public, elected officials, regulators...)
- Unintended consequences of ordinances or variances

**Submittals will be accepted until May 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. Final decisions will be made by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration fees will be waived for presenters.**

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