



Green infrastructure is a way to collect and clean rainwater where it falls. There are many ways you can get involved in green infrastructure projects in your community. Since it can be difficult to figure out how to start, this leaflet explains when and how you can get involved, and identifies some of the issues you can raise.

One of the easiest ways to get involved – and get information about what’s going on – is to join a community group or neighborhood association. To help you, we have listed some organizations working in your community at the end of this leaflet.

When Do I Get Involved?

There are generally four stages of a green infrastructure project: (1) community planning; (2) project planning; (3) implementation, and (4) monitoring and adaptation. Below we describe each of these stages. You can get involved at any stage.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

This is when a community sets broad goals and objectives, and writes a plan to help guide its future investments.

PROJECT PLANNING

This is when the project details are decided (e.g. types of projects to be built, where the projects should be located).

IMPLEMENTATION

This is when the projects are built.

MONITORING & ADAPTATION

Once the projects are built, they need to be monitored to make sure they are working like they are supposed to. If they aren't, changes may need to be made.

How Do I Get Involved?

There are different ways to get involved in green infrastructure projects. Some of these you can do throughout the process (e.g. join a community group). Others you can do at certain stages of the process (e.g. help build projects during implementation). Below are some ways you can get involved throughout the process (the top arrow) and at certain stages of the process (the bottom arrows).

Join a community group, Attend community meetings, Write letters to elected officials

Give your Opinion on any Plans or Projects that are Proposed

Help Build Projects

Help Monitor Projects

What Types of Issues Can I Raise?

There are different issues you can raise. Some of these you can do throughout the process (e.g. you are not getting enough information). Others should be raised at specific stages in the process (e.g. you should give your ideas about the types of projects you'd like to see during project planning). Below are some examples of issues you can raise.



GENERAL ISSUES

- You are not getting enough information about planning or projects
- Information you are getting is hard to understand
- Meetings are being held at inconvenient times (e.g. in the middle of the work day)



COMMUNITY PLANNING

- Your vision for your community (e.g. clean water, more green space)
- Your community's needs and priorities
- What you know about your community (e.g. where flooding occurs, where the community likes to swim and fish)



PROJECT PLANNING

- Types of projects you'd like to see (e.g. community gardens, parks)
- Where the projects should be located
- Your ideas about how the community can participate in project implementation



MONITORING & ADAPTATION

- Projects are not working like they are supposed to
- Projects are not being maintained properly

Where can I get more information?

One of the best ways to get information about what is going on in your community is to join a community group or a neighborhood association. These organizations can provide you with information about issues that are important to you, let you know when meetings are taking place, and tell you how you can get involved. Below are some community groups and neighborhood associations working in your community.

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