

LIST OF PRESENTERS

Rain Garden Training for Landscape Professionals October 15 & 16, 2015

Dr. Christopher W. May is a freshwater ecologist and environmental engineer with expertise in urban watershed assessment and management. His areas of interest include stormwater management, low impact development (LID), salmonid habitat restoration, urban stream rehabilitation, water quality monitoring, stream biological assessment, and watershed restoration. Currently, he is the Senior Program Director of the Kitsap County Public Works Stormwater Management Program. Prior to joining the KCPW-Stormwater team Dr. May was the head of the Urban Watershed Group at Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), a senior research scientist and engineer at the Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory (MSL) and, a research engineer at the University of Washington Applied Physics Laboratory (UW-APL); his research there centered on the cumulative impacts of urbanization on native salmonids in small streams in the Puget Sound lowland eco-region. Dr. May is an adjunct faculty member of Western Washington University Huxley College of the Environment, and the University of Washington Environmental Science Program.

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Eric Evans is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist, employed at the Health District since 1996. His current position as the Drinking Water & Onsite Sewage Program Manager gives him an opportunity to protect drinking water supplies and ensure proper disposal of wastewater to protect public health in our community.

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Erica Guttman has been a hands-on environmental educator for 30 years, and has led WSU Thurston County Extension's water resources work since 1997. She leads workshops for over 2,000 participants annually on a range of topics relating to protecting and conserving water resources and habitat, including rain garden design and construction, low-impact development techniques, sustainable landscaping practices, and shoreline stewardship. She has authored and contributed to a number of publications and videos to help landowners protect water resources, including handbooks on rain gardens, residential-scale LID, shoreline revegetation, winter-twig identification and videos guiding residents in building rain gardens in the Pacific Northwest and protecting marine shorelines. She holds an MA in ecological restoration with a focus on the Puget Sound nearshore.

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Howard Stenn is a resource conservation consultant with extensive experience developing practical applications and promotions of sustainable landscaping, water and energy conservation, Low-Impact Development and composting. He has trained thousands of planners, educators, landscape professionals and home gardeners in conservation practices. Howard was once known as Whitney Farms' "Dr. Dirt", and was the lead trainer for Seattle's Master Composter and Soil Building Program for 20 years! Howard was the principal investigator and author of Guidelines and Resources for Implementing BMP T5.13-Soil Quality and Depth, and currently works with Cedar Grove Composting Co. helping developers meet the BMP and reuse site soils and other resources.

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Rita L. Hummel is a WSU faculty member in Environmental Horticulture. She teaches Interior Plantscaping and conducts research on nursery, greenhouse, and landscape plants. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and taught at the University of Florida. Rita was the 2009 Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association's Educator of the Year, serves on the Journal of Environmental Horticulture Editorial Board and is an avid home gardener.

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Jeff Rimack is a Development Engineering Specialist with the Kitsap County Department of Community Development (DCD). Jeff started with the county in 2000 and worked in both the Public Works Sewer Utility and Clean Water Kitsap divisions prior to DCD. In the Clean Water Kitsap division Jeff worked as a Utilities Specialist installing, retrofitting, and maintaining detention and retention ponds, bioswales, and both closed and open stormwater conveyance systems. In 2008 he went to work for DCD as a stormwater plans reviewer. Currently Jeff works as a stormwater reviewer, a residential and commercial building inspector, and a residential plans reviewer for DCD. Jeff continues to regularly attend training on new Low Impact Developments (LID) techniques and stormwater technologies as they become available.

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Steve Downing has worked for Kitsap County Public Works for 20 years. 14 of those were at the Road Shop and 6 with the Storm water Division. He currently maintains around 100 enhanced ponds, bio retention cells and swales. They range in size from over 1 acre down to a few hundred square feet. He's attended the Low Impact Development Technical Training Program and the Master Gardener training program through WSU. He also volunteers as a Rain Garden Mentor conducting site visits in incorporated areas of Kitsap.

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Megan Pulkkinen is a Certified Professional Horticulturist, Landscape Designer, Gardening Coach, and Consultant serving residential and commercial clients on a variety of projects. Megan worked in many sectors of the Nursery and Landscape Industry before starting her own business on the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas in 1999. She was co-designer and creator of a Gold Medal garden at the 2011 Northwest Flower and Garden Show. She has a degree in Horticulture, went through the UC Berkeley Extension Garden History and Design courses, and continues to update her knowledge through seminars offered by; WSU, CUH, LID & LEED courses, and the Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association. Megan was the 2014 WSNLA Board President, and continues to serve on the Legislative, Design, and Northwest Flower and Garden Show committees.

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Brian Stahl is the Financial and Technical Coordinator for the Kitsap Conservation District. Brian has been working for the District since June 1996. As a non-regulatory agency, the Kitsap Conservation District works cooperatively with private property owners and small farms that have natural resource concerns effecting their properties. Our goal is to provide the technical assistance needed to manage land in a way that will allow owners to both use and protect their natural resources. Kitsap Conservation District programs include; Agriculture Technical Assistance, Rain Garden / Low Impact Development, and Backyard Habitat.

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