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Stormwater BMPs: What Works, What Doesn't and What About Maintenance *An ASCE webinar*

Date: Monday November 30, 2009

Place: Timmons
1001 Boulders Parkway, Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23225

Time: 12:00-1:00

Cost: \$20

Menu: Assorted Sandwiches and Drinks

RSVP: Contact Craig Ponte at
CPonte@ammann-whitney.com or 804-262-5111 by
Wednesday November 25, 2009.

As water quality regulations continue to strengthen, it is more important now than ever that civil engineers specify stormwater quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) that target specific pollutants of concern to maximize overall benefits. This seminar provides an overview of a wide-range of BMPs from wet detention basins, first-flush capture, filtration and infiltration methods, to stormwater wetlands. Commercially-available systems are also addressed and critical information on long-term effectiveness and maintenance requirements of various BMPs is discussed.

The instructor for this webinar is Jennifer Walker P.E., D.WRE, CFM, founder and President of Watearth, Inc. Walker is a nationally-recognized leader in stormwater management, hydrology and hydraulics, green infrastructure, detention, and Low Impact Development (LID). She has extensive experience in water resources planning, analysis, and design for land development, public works, and transportation projects. Walker is a certified Permaculturist with a decade of hands-on construction and maintenance experience with LID for small-scale residential applications.

Attendance qualifies for 1 PDH (Professional Development Hours). Note that Virginia now requires 16 continuing education credits for professional license renewal. One PDH is equivalent to one continuing education credit.

A Message from the President

By Paul Hinson



We have begun the new year and are off to a great start. The newly elected and past officers have met and have begun the transition and hand-off of information. A budget has been presented and plans are being made for our upcoming ASCE national and Region 4 events. We have even had our first Board Of Director's Meeting/Social at Amanda Harmon's house. Thank you Amanda for hosting this event. It is going to be a great year and everyone seems energized and ready to get things done.

As last year's President Elect, I was fortunate enough to get to attend the ASCE Region 4 Board of Governors and Assembly Meeting that was held in Williamsburg in September of this year. Region 4 of the ASCE includes representatives from Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. The meeting is open to the State Section and Branch officers and designated representatives. It was very informative and helped me to better understand how the National ASCE works through the Regions to the Sections and down to the Branches. It was also nice to get to interact with other Branch officers from different States and see what other Branches were doing. There is a spring meeting being held in Charleston, SC in March and I plan on attending that meeting as well.

The meeting was also an opportunity to meet some of the staff at the National office that we deal with at the Branch level. There were also handouts provided by National with listing of awards, benefits available to members and upcoming events. I have distributed a copy of this to our officers so that they will have this valuable contact information as well.

I am looking forward to my term as the Richmond Branch President and working with all of great people involved with ASCE. I would also like to remind everyone that we are not able to update your email information in the ASCE data base. If you have a new email address, you must change it in your ASCE profile for us to have your new information. You can access your membership profile at <https://secure.asce.org/ASCEWebsite/SECURE/SignIn/SignIn.aspx?ASCEUrl=~ /OnlineProfile/MemberOnlineProfile.aspx> Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Virginia Section Report Card and Legislative Outreach

On October 15, 2009, the Virginia Section infrastructure committee released their first Infrastructure Report Card for the Commonwealth. The overall grade was a D+. Information on this report can be found at:

<http://www.ascevirginia.org/Lists/Announcements/DispForm.aspx?ID=21&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Eascevirginia%2Eorg%2Fdefault%2Easpx>

This release was a summary of the full release, which will be available in January.

Are you interested in becoming an infrastructure “champion” for Virginia? The Section is looking for members who are interested in spreading the word, answering questions and reaching out to legislators about the recent Report Card. Interested members should contact Bryan Stevenson at bstevenson73@gmail.com.

On January 20, 2010, the Richmond Branch (with help from the Virginia Section) will be hosting their second legislative happy hour. This year’s event will be held in conjunction with the release of the full report of the Report Card and with outreach training for Report Card champions and members who are interested in strengthening their relationship with their local legislators. If you are interested in being involved with the Legislative Happy Hour Committee, please contact Amanda Harmon at Amanda.Harmon@kimley-horn.com or Amy Bird at abird@Dewberry.com.

YM Golf Tournament Another Great Success

The Younger Member Group of the Richmond Branch would like to extend their “thank yous” to all of the volunteers and participants for the 7th Annual ASCE Golf Tournament and Picnic. Your involvement helped the Branch raise over \$2,300 for a scholarship at the University of Virginia. The Branch will be presenting the latest scholarship at the annual ASCE UVA Chapter Rotunda Dinner on November 19 in Charlottesville.



Special thanks to the following companies who sponsored this year’s event: *ACF Environmental, Accumark, A&E Reprographics, AES Consulting Engineers, Ammann & Whitney, Austin Brockenbrough & Associates, Contech Bridge Solutions, ECS Mid-Atlantic, Filterra, Kimley-Horn and Associates, McDonough Bolyard Peck (MBP), RK&K, S&ME, Schnabel Engineering, Status One Designs, Timmons Group, Townes Site Engineering and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB).*

Schedule of Upcoming Richmond Branch and other Events

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
November 19	-	UVA Rotunda Dinner	Charlottesville
November 30	Jennifer Walker P.E.	Stormwater BMP's Live Webinar	Timmons
December 15	Diane Lindeman, P.E.	National Incident Management Systems	Westwood Club
January 20	ASCE Richmond Branch/ ASCE Virginia Section	General Assembly Legislative Happy Hour and release of the <i>Report Card of Virginia's Infrastructure</i>	830 E. Main St.

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including deadlines for paper competitions, upcoming meeting
schedules and regulation public hearing dates

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