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The Land + Water WORKS Coalition (LWWC) was formed in 2017 to provide Detroit residents with the resources needed to become better stewards of our environment, as well as operate as a liaison that engages residents around green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) opportunities and stewardship. We advocate sustainable land and water use practices to promote healthy and equitable communities and to provide economic benefits through the implementation of GSI. Our coalition members represent many aspects of water conservation and education, community organizing, community open space planning, and vacant land transformation.

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Mission and Vision

Mission

The Land + Water WORKS Coalition connects Detroit residents to our water system to help them become a part of a shared sustainable future through innovative engagement strategies that deepen understanding and develop advocates of green stormwater infrastructure and an equitable green infrastructure economy.

Vision

The Land + Water WORKS Coalition supports Detroiters becoming active and conscious stewards of our land and waterways to create a healthy community and improve the quality of life for all Detroiters.

What We Do

Land + Water WORKS Coalition Research

The LWWC is working with local GSI implementers to develop a set of standardized best practices for rain garden and bioretention design to ensure maximum return on investment for implementing successful installation in Detroit communities. We are creating a set of best practices for measuring effectiveness and monitoring performance.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS RESOURCES AND MATERIALS.](#)

Land + Water WORKS Coalition Ambassador Program

The LWWC is more than a group of passionate and engaged environmentally focused organizations – we are a bridge that connects Detroiters to legislators, residents to opportunities, and, most importantly, the present to a sustainable future. Through hands-on training, Detroit residents and non-profit organizations can also become neighborhood GSI experts, who engage and educate other Detroiters and property owners in such principals. As a result, Ambassadors help advance their communities' GSI knowledge and support policies that improve the quality of life for all Detroiters for generations to come.

2020 Land + Water WORKS Rain Garden Workshop & Demonstration Planting Program



The Land + Water WORKS Rain Gardens Workshop and Demonstration Planting Series is back! Now is your opportunity to join a growing cohort of faith-based organizations, non-profits, and small businesses in leading green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) community education in their neighborhood, while obtaining Green Credits from Detroit Water and Sewage Department.

Friends of the Rouge and Sierra Club Michigan Chapter invite Detroit based non-profit and faith-based organizations to apply to receive:

- – Support and design assistance to create a rain garden
- – Materials and support to install a rain garden
- – Documents needed to apply for DWSD green credits to reduce the drainage fee on your water bill
- – Facilitation of three workshops on:
 - – Detroit’s stormwater problem and rain gardens as a simple, low-cost solution.
 - – Hands-on rain garden installation.
 - – Hands-on maintenance workshop.
- Articles, infographics, and information to share within your community.
- Fun challenges to engage your community.

The 2020 Land + Water WORKS Coalition Ambassador Program

The Land & Water WORKS Coalition is happy to announce the selection of our 2020 Land & Water WORKS Ambassadors! Our third cohort comprises of neighborhood leaders and nonprofits serving Detroit residents from all seven council districts.

Nonprofit Organizations:

- 360 Detroit
- Sustainable Community Farms
- Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision
- Ecoworks
- Norwest Art Gallery

Greening of Detroit
KAN Books
MECCA CDC
Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
The Bailey Park Project

Residents:

Cheryl Anderson Small
Deanne Austin
Antionette Bailey
Sany Bilani
Rachel Bush
Romana Chowdhury
Jacquelyn Garrett
Lauren Grey
Brianna Guyton
Nealmetira Loper
Janilynn Miller
Eradajere Oleita
Marc Peeples
Sylvia Roland
Ronald Roland
Janine Williams
Jake Graham
Donna McDuffie
Yumeicka Perry
Lisa Rodriguez
Deborah Stewart-Anderson
Yvonne Willis

This group joins over 75 other ambassadors who have received extensive training in land use and water conversation and protection matters. They also learned several other environmental issues that the quality of life Detroiters alongside the support needed to serve as community education and engagement experts in their neighborhoods.

Over the course of eight months, they will receive nearly 70 hours of training on issues that provide them robust knowledge of environmental stewardship principals and the tools to become community change-makers in this space.

Topics covered this year include Understanding the Detroit Water System, Climate Change and Resilience in the Detroit Context, Water Catchment Systems 101, and much more.

Detroit Property Owner's Guide to Bioretention

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS AND DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE.

Have you tried to understand stormwater management in Detroit?

Are you interested in installing a Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) practice on your property, but need more information about how to get the project done?

Would you like to invest in a GSI practice that could beautify your property and potentially improve your bottom line through a DWSD drainage credit?

If so, the [Detroit Property Owner's Guide to Bioretention](#) is for you.



This guide will be particularly useful for small business owners, nonprofits and faith-based organizations in Detroit who are looking to retrofit or add a GSI practice to their existing property. This guide will provide details on how to plan for and implement a bioretention basin on your non-residential property to better manage stormwater.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GUIDE.](#)

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Manage stormwater on a non-residential property.

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View the full, interactive Field Guide online now.

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Detroit GSI Workforce Assessment

An examination of potential economic impact.

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The Blueprint for Detroit's Future.

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