

WEF Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Finance Forum
In conjunction with WEFTEC 2013 and the WEF Stormwater Congress
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place | Chicago, Illinois
Conference Center, 2nd floor, Adler Room (CC24) | Session 624
Wednesday, October 9 | 1:15-5:30pm

Introduction:

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and U.S. EPA hosted a half-day meeting on the White House campus on July 1, 2013 focusing on water infrastructure financing. While this meeting was inclusive of the entire water sector, stormwater and green infrastructure were highlighted by several speakers. More specifically, the topics of public-private partnership (P3s), leveraging State Revolving Funds (SRF), and incentive-based programs were mentioned as potential solutions to address the significant and growing funding challenge in the stormwater sector. The Water Environment Federation (WEF) seeks to continue the conversation started at the White House to push the envelope on innovation on financing in the stormwater sector.

Purpose/Format:

The intent is to provide an informal opportunity for discussion among professionals with interest in stormwater infrastructure financing going beyond more conventional funding mechanisms for stormwater investment, such as through general funds or stormwater utilities. An output potential of this event is the formation of network of like-minded professionals that can provide the vehicle for further discussions on this nascent and growing topic of interest.

Remarks will be made by EPA, and the event will be moderated by Matt Millea, Deputy County Executive with Onondaga County (Syracuse), New York. Three expert panels covering SRF leveraging, public-private partnerships and incentive-based programs will present detailed information from each perspective with time provided for questions/discussion. An open discussion period at the end of the meeting will provide an opportunity for dialogue across all topics.

Agenda:

- Introduction - Matt Millea, EPA (invited) – 1:15-1:35pm
- Panel 1 - Leveraging SRF funds – Matt Millea, John Campagna (Restore Capital, LLC) - 1:35-2:25pm
- Panel 2 – P3s – Thad Wilson (M3 Capital Partners), Alisa Valderrema (NRDC) – 2:25-3:15pm
- Break - 3:15-3:35pm
- Panel 3 - Incentive-based Programs - Hale Thurston (EPA ORD), Jeff Rexhausen, (University of Cincinnati), Seth Brown (WEF) - 3:35-4:25pm
- Facilitated/Open Discussion – 4:25-5:15pm
- Closing - 5:15-5:30pm

Registration/RVSP:

This event will be part of WEFTEC and the WEF Stormwater Congress. For registration information, please visit www.weftec.org/stormwatercongress or <http://www.weftec.org/registration/>. While this event will be open to conference attendees, to facilitate the networking potential of this event, we request RSVPs for this event. To RSVP, please email Seth Brown, WEF Stormwater Program and Policy Director, at sbrown@wef.org by September 13, 2013.