

URBAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT

Attendee Bio Form

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Short Bio:

Ruby Buchholtz is a home grown resident of the Pacific Northwest, having been raised in Eugene and currently residing in Portland. With a life-long passion for the rivers and green spaces in Oregon,

Her work has taken her from Lake Oswego, OR where she created a management plan for an urban wetland facing development pressure, all the way to the Philippines, where as a Peace Corps Volunteer she worked with fisherfolk on alternatives to dynamite fishing in coral reef ecosystems. She has also served as both a volunteer and supervisor in Americorps, an experience that trained her in not only community outreach techniques but in how to use chain saws for site restoration!

Ruby holds a Master of Environmental Management with a graduate certificate in Hydrology from Portland State University and an Environmental Science undergraduate degree with an emphasis in River and Riparian Studies and Water Rights from the University of Oregon-Eugene.

What are your agency or community's greatest environmental challenges:

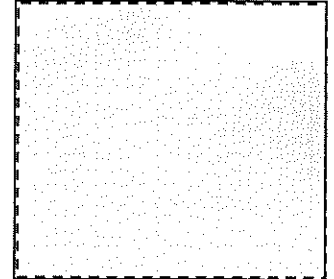
Urban runoff from stormwater. Water quality issues (temperature, turbidity, contaminants/pollutants).

What are the major knowledge gaps/scientific questions that need to be answered to address these environmental challenges?

How can we regulate runoff?
How can we incentivize/mandate green infrastructure?
How can we make green infrastructure more equitable?

What successes has your agency/community had with green infrastructure when addressing these challenges?

We have done a lot of outreach and education on the topic. We have also completed a few stormwater retrofit projects in our watershed.



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