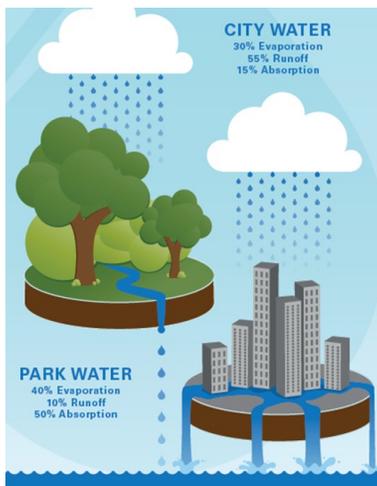
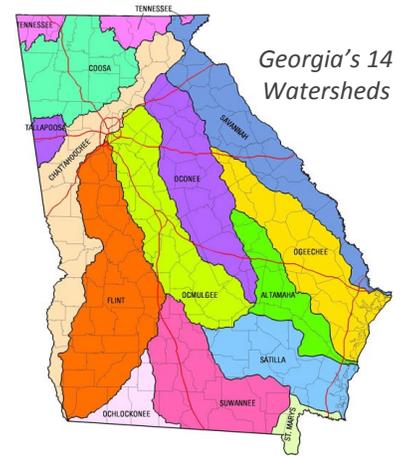


Atlanta Watershed Learning Network

The Atlanta Watershed Learning Network brings together residents from some of the area's most impacted watersheds. The goal is to empower participants with the knowledge they need to develop sustainable solutions for their communities.

Metro Atlanta sits atop three river basins- the Chattahoochee, the Flint, and the Ocmulgee. These river systems have been highly influenced by urbanization, with concrete sidewalks, roads, buildings, and parking lots preventing water from being absorbed into the ground. This causes flash flooding in urban neighborhoods and has significant impacts on community health, the local economy, and on the larger river systems.



What is Green Infrastructure?

Green infrastructure uses soils and plants that absorb and clean the water, while reducing flooding. Parks and greenspaces can act as sponges for stormwater and provide places for kids to play and neighbors to gather.



Ponds | Dry Creek Beds | Permeable Pavers | Rain Barrels | Raingardens

“Community residents are the ones that live with these challenges. We must be at the table, as full participants to address these issues head on, and find sustainable solutions. We need to understand the environmental history and the benefits of green infrastructure to make informed decisions about our future.” -Tony Torrence, Proctor Creek Resident



A watershed is an area of land where all the rain that falls on it drains into the same body of water, such as a river, lake, or ocean.

Join the Program - Advocate for Your Community!

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The Atlanta Watershed Learning Network seeks to expand community knowledge related to green infrastructure and sustainable design practices.

Topics will include:

- Green Infrastructure
- Stormwater Flooding
- River Systems
- Urban Design & Planning
- Community Advocacy
- Water Efficiency

The program prepares residents to actively participate in the planning of new parks and greenspaces that might benefit their neighborhoods. By focusing on equitable park development and sustainable solutions, residents can support projects that provide the greatest environmental, economic, and social justice outcomes for their communities, while also working to improve the health of the larger river systems.

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

- Reside in one of our current focus watersheds. This includes Proctor Creek in West Atlanta; Intrenchment Creek near Turner Field neighborhoods; or the Upper Flint River communities near Hartsfield Jackson airport.
- Commit to participate fully in training sessions. This includes six 3-hour educational sessions, one Saturday per month from April to September, 2018.
- Agree to complete and present an educational project as part of the series, which will involve additional commitment of time outside the learning sessions.
- Complete an interview and a pre/post evaluation form

*Participants will receive a stipend, to be paid in installments over the course of the training.



“Without the green infrastructure advocacy training and the Atlanta Watershed Learning Network, I would not have realized my full potential, purpose, and passion for using my academic foundation to solve a real-world dilemma.” -Sydney Hubbert, Spelman College, Class of 2017

“Participating in the Atlanta Watershed Learning Network gave me the confidence to speak with water professionals at the One Water Summit in New Orleans and at River Rally in Grand Rapids.” - Donna Stephens, Proctor Creek Resident

Our 2018 class is forming now - enroll by March 2nd!

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