

# Great Lakes Commission Green Infrastructure Champions Knowledge Transfer Workshop

Green Infrastructure Opportunities for Black Creek  
and Oatka Creek Watersheds

Black Creek Park, North Chili, New York

8:30 am to 4:00 pm May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Green Infrastructure Champions



### 1. What is the Green Infrastructure (GI) Champions Knowledge Transfer workshop?

The GI Champions knowledge transfer workshop seeks to raise awareness and interest in green infrastructure strategies, particularly for municipalities within the Black Creek and Oatka Creek watersheds that are tributary to the Genesee River. Both watersheds are currently implementing Watershed Management Plans (WMP). The plans include the recommendation that all municipalities consider integrating GI concepts into comprehensive planning and site plan review criteria to address stormwater management.

The workshop will highlight how GI strategies support healthy, resilient watersheds for both rural and urban communities. Local experts will share their lessons learned about planning, design, funding, construction, monitoring, and maintenance of green infrastructure. The workshop will also include a field trip to GI demonstration sites to see first-hand how GI can support different community goals. Attendees will also learn about various funding sources that support GI work. Speakers include Jayme Thomann from Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, Andy Sansone from Monroe County, Shannon Dougherty from New York DEC, and Mary Austerman and Dave White from New York Sea Grant. This workshop is part of the GI Champions program lead by the Great Lakes Commission. The workshop will be held at May 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Sunnyside Lodge at Black Creek Park in North Chili, NY.

### 2. What is the Green Infrastructure Champions Program?

The GI Champions program seeks to catalyze adoption of GI practices and policies across the Great Lakes region by providing small to mid-sized municipalities with resources they frequently lack: capacity and expertise. Through funding from the Erb Family Foundation, the Champions program includes a mini-grant program and mentoring network that connect emerging champions to pioneer champions with expertise in GI to facilitate regional community of knowledge sharing. Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to sign-up for mentoring network at the workshop. You can learn more about the GI Champions mini-grant program and mentoring network on our website: <https://www.glc.org/work/champions>.

### 3. Who can attend this workshop?

The workshop is open to planners, community and municipal representatives, consultants, and other local leaders and volunteers interested in adopting GI in their communities. No prior expertise in GI is required.

### 4. Is the workshop free?

Yes! The workshop is free to attend, and complimentary continental breakfast, lunch, and field trip transportation will be provided to attendees. Space is limited for this event so reserve your seat early!

### 5. Are continuing education credits available?

This workshop may fulfill New York State law requiring training for local planning officials. Check with your local governing body. A Certificate of Participation can be provided if requested.

Visit <https://www.glc.org/work/champions> to sign-up for the workshop. Registration ends May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Contact [gichampions@glc.org](mailto:gichampions@glc.org) with any questions.