

Topic: Stormwater Management**Convener:** Jason Dremsa**Room:** F**Discussion Summary:**

Social Responsibility: Provide ways to handle runoff, now that we no longer have prairies. Observation of how nature handles water runoff. Consider why various construction methods were used historically. Is it viable to restart those methods? How do we educate about rain barrels and runoff in the bottoms? City owns many buildings in the bottoms; possible best place to put a rain garden to promote residential rain gardens in communities. City-owned property where water runoff is prevalent could be better utilized to construct these gardens. Next generation is going green and current generation needs to understand what is in it for them.

As part of education, provide homeowners options for stormwater management:

- Green roofs
- Bio-retention
- Rain gardens
- Underground rain barrels
- How to recycle rainwater

What are other cities doing for sustainability?

Take small steps in order to create a system that works for Kansas City.

New water plants needs to be placed more strategically within the city. Stormwater has many tentacles, reaches across city boundaries.

Public needs more education on where they live in watersheds. Developers also need to be educated on how they may capitalize financially on creating parks and how to use land in stormwater management.

Who is/will be responsible to oversee and enforce punishment on violations related to stormwater issues?

In what ways are we able to convince/demonstrate to others the benefits and possibilities in creating effective stormwater management method? Benefits must be pointed out toward the development of bio-retention gardens.

What are then next steps: Who needs to be in the conversation? Local government. Watershed groups, Constructing regional policies, implementation of best management practices. Marketing to change expectations and understanding.

Meeting time: Session 1: 9:30 a.m.**Recorder:** Felicia Black