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This letter is to invite you to 'Applied Stormwater Management Workshop', a 1 ½ day, interactive workshop focused on managing impacts of stormwater in urban landscapes. This workshop will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at Dalhousie University. Hosted by the Ecology Action Centre, Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Environment and Energy Office, Halifax Water and Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC), the workshops are designed to increase capacity of workshop participants to identify and implement stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce infrastructure damage, flooding and impacts to marine and freshwater systems. Interactive presentations will be given by local and national experts with extensive knowledge and practical experience with stormwater management.

This one day workshop will provide information, resources and opportunities to discuss topics such as:

- Impacts of stormwater including flooding, infrastructure damage and reduction of water quality
- Stormwater policy, regulations and initiatives in Nova Scotia and elsewhere in Canada
- Innovative stormwater BMPs for existing and new developments
- Site assessment methodology to guide on-site BMP implementation

A half day field trip will also be offered to discuss appropriate BMPs and retrofit options for a range of sites in HRM. Guided by a leading Canadian stormwater expert, the field trip will identify site-specific bioretention and water harvesting solutions to reduce stormwater runoff volume and rate. This will be present a unique, interactive learning opportunity for participants.

The Ecology Action Centre has worked towards sustainability for Nova Scotia's communities and environment for 40 years with a reputation of offering well-researched, cost-effective, solutions to environmental challenges facing Nova Scotia's communities. Energy and Environment is the organizational lead for Environmental Sustainability at HRM. Halifax Water is responsible for municipal water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in HRM. IBC is the national industry association representing Canada's private home, car and business insurers. IBC is well aware of the costly effects of severe weather events, and are actively engaged in developing, promoting and implementing adaption measures for homeowners and municipalities. The funding to develop this workshop and resource material comes from the Nova Scotia Environment's Climate Change Adaptation Fund.

The workshop will be held at Dalhousie University on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The field trip will take place on the morning of February 21<sup>st</sup>. Register online at [www.ecologyaction.ca/stormwaterworkshop](http://www.ecologyaction.ca/stormwaterworkshop) by February 3 if you are interested in this opportunity as enrollment is limited. There is a \$30 registration fee for participants which will include snacks, lunch, resource material and field trip expenses.

Please contact Ashley Sprague with any questions.

Sincerely,

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