Green Stormwater Infrastructure Accelerator

Pierce County Cohort (September to December 2024)

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Overview

The Trust for Public Land, Center for Regenerative Solutions and the *Green Infrastructure Leadership Exchange* hosted the GSI Accelerator—an intensive national capacity building and training cohort across the United States—to help form broad coalitions and rapidly build knowledge and capacity to implement nature-based climate solutions through Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI). The Pierce County team selected to participate in the Accelerator included representatives of *City of Tacoma, Communities for a Healthy Bay, Pierce Conservation District, Pierce County, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, The Trust for Public Lands*, and the *Washington Stormwater Center at WSU*.

The Accelerator provided a weekly cohort learning model, where utilities, community-based organizations, and non-profits across the US shared outstanding examples of best practices in watershed planning processes, deeply embedded workforce development, and community engagement to overcome many common barriers to broad implementation of GSI.

Bringing it Home

The Pierce County GSI Accelerator Team continues to meet monthly to discuss key takeaways and develop strategies to locally employ what we learned from national leaders in the GSI sector.

- Are you interested in joining the group? Email Marco Pinchot (*marco.pinchot@piercecountywa.gov*) to join our monthly virtual meetings.
- Check out the GSI Accelerator website to view all of the presentations and resources shared with the teams (*https://naturebasedclimate.solutions/gsi-accelerator-2024*)
- Visit the GSI Impact Hub interactive platform to access a host of excellent guides to help you summarize the benefit of GSI or evaluate specific scenarios using the GSI Impact Calculator (*https://gsiimpacthub.org/*).

Sprague Avenue, Green Street in Tacoma

Join us in helping to center GSI as a regenerative practice (both biological and social) to build a better community.