

Agenda: Introducing Green Infrastructure for Coastal Resilience
Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve, 342 Laudholm Farm Rd, Wells, ME 04090
Wed., May 17, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

“Green Infrastructure” incorporates the natural environment and constructed systems that mimic natural processes in an integrated network that benefits nature and people. A green infrastructure approach to community planning helps diverse community members come together to balance environmental and economic goals.

Session Objectives:

- Recognize green infrastructure terms and concepts that contribute to community resilience
- Understand the ecological, economic, and societal benefits of green infrastructure
- Understand the wide variety of contexts and scales of green infrastructure approaches
- Identify existing planning processes suitable for integrating green infrastructure, stakeholder engagement techniques, and potential funding opportunities
- Identify local green infrastructure activities and experts with additional information

8:30 a.m.	Participant Check-In
9:00	Welcome and Workshop Goals and Objectives (Wells NERR and NOAA)
9:20	Section 1: Green Infrastructure Concepts and Principles (NOAA)
9:55	Section 2: The Practice of Green Infrastructure (NOAA)
10:25	Break
10:35	Local Landscape Conservation (Paul Hunt or colleague, Portland Water District)
11:15	Section 2: The Practice of Green Infrastructure – <i>continued (activity)</i> (NOAA)
11:40	Lunch (45 mins) - can expand lunch if needed for a hike
12:25	Section 2: The Practice of Green Infrastructure – <i>continued (activity debrief)</i> (NOAA)
12:40	Local Community/Site Scale Green Infrastructure (Doug Roncarati, City of Portland Public Works to cover stormwater management and incorporating into community planning, stakeholder engagement, etc.)
1:20	Local Shoreline Protection (Pete Slovinsky, ME Geological Survey to cover overview and show the video from DE Estuary Partnership and Troy Berry to cover decision support tool)
2:00	Section 3: Implementing Green Infrastructure (NOAA)
2:35	Break
2:45	Group Discussion on Challenges and Solutions (NOAA)
4:00	Wrap-up