URBAN GARDENING FOR STRATEGIC STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Seminar Outline

8:00 – 8:15 Registration
(15 minutes)

8:15 – 8:20 Welcome Address

8:20 – 9:00 Topic 1: Introduction to Stormwater Management and the MS4 in Jefferson Parish
(40 minutes)

- Introductions – Sami Khalil, Jefferson Parish Environmental Affairs (10 minutes)
- The Big Picture: Stormwater Management in Jefferson Parish – Andrew Woodroof, Digital Engineering & Sami Khalil, Jefferson Parish Environmental Affairs (30 minutes)
    - Introduce the Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System
    - Benefits to reducing urban stormwater runoff into the system
    - Dangers of pollutants entering the drainage system

9:00 – 9:50 Topic 2: Introduction to Rainwater Management and Urban Gardening
(50 minutes)

- Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan – Alena Gesser, Jefferson Parish Planning Department (10 minutes)
- Rainwater Management (What to do with all the water) – Chris Dunaway, LSU Ag (20 minutes)
- Native Plants – Richard Gillen, Jefferson Parish Planning Department (10 minutes)
- Louisiana Native Garden – Wendy Rihner, LA Native Plant Initiative of Greater New Orleans (10 minutes)

9:50 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 11:20 Topic 3: Urban Gardens and their Benefits to the Home and Communities
(1 hour, 20 minutes)

- Urban Gardens: Water Conservation and Energy, Recirculating Farms – Marianne Cufone, Recirculating Farms (20 minutes)
- Composting – Michael DeSoto, Jefferson Parish Environmental Affairs (20 minutes)
- Urban Gardens: Controlling Urban Pests – Claudia Riegel, New Orleans Mosquito, Termite, and Rodent Control Board (20 minutes)
- Pest Control and Urban Gardens – Claudia Riegel, New Orleans Mosquito, Termite, and Rodent Control Board; Presentation Slides by Joe Ingrao, LA Dept. of Ag and Forestry (20 minutes)

11:20 – 11:45 Questions and Closing

- Open Panel Discussion