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2011 Green Streets Stewards Program Announcement

Would you like to...

- Help your neighborhood maintain public areas and get others excited to help, too?
- Support Tucson's neighborhood green infrastructure projects?
- Help cool and beautify Tucson by growing and caring for street trees and native vegetation?
- Learn about organic methods of weed control, best practices in tree care, and invasive plant control and removal?

Become a Green Streets Steward through Watershed Management Group's training program!

An increasing number of Tucson neighborhoods are implementing green infrastructure features that harvest stormwater off streets to grow native shade trees, filter pollutants, reduce flooding, and beautify public areas and roadways (for more on green infrastructure, visit <http://watershedmg.org/green-streets>). Unfortunately, once these features are installed, the work of maintaining them can become overwhelming for neighborhood residents. The Green Streets Stewards program will train a crew of expert volunteers who will:

- Develop a maintenance plan for their neighborhood, with organizational support from WMG
- Supervise the maintenance and enhancement of green streets sites in their own and (optionally) other neighborhoods
- Assist in connecting neighborhoods with maintenance resources, such as volunteer work crews, Tucson Clean and Beautiful's Adopt-A-Street program, access to tools, and plants and other materials for the enhancement of public areas.

Program Details

The Green Streets Stewards training program will run from October – November 2011, with approximately four training sessions per month on a variety of green infrastructure topics. Once participants have completed the program, they commit to implementing the maintenance plan they have developed for their neighborhood, and to attending 1-2 follow-up meetings to share their experience with other Green Streets Stewards and WMG staff. Volunteers will be trained to teach others in proper maintenance techniques, such as tree care and weed removal, as well as proper planting and care of native trees, and may be connected with groups seeking this expertise if they are willing. Green Streets Stewards may also participate in citizen science monitoring activities related to stormwater and soil quality at green infrastructure sites.

Green Streets Stewards Training Schedule & Topics

Date/Time	Topic(s)
Saturday, 10/1/11 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM <i>[Lunch provided]</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to green infrastructure (GI) and GI maintenance • Introduction to creating a maintenance plan • Site maintenance tour – hands-on tour and maintenance activities at sites
Tuesday, 10/11/11 6:00 – 8:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conventional & alternative landscape maintenance practices, including appropriate use of herbicides and organic alternatives
Tuesday, 10/18/11 6:00 – 8:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a maintenance plan for your neighborhood: guest speakers who have made it work
Saturday, 10/29/11 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance as citizen science: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater quality monitoring in GI sites • Soil composition & pollution uptake in GI sites • Hands-on sample collection from GI sites
Tuesday, 11/1/11 6:00 – 8:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GI site design & effective use of native plants
Tuesday, 11/8/11 6:00 – 8:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification & control of invasive plants
Saturday, 11/19/11 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM <i>[Lunch provided]</i>	Hands-on maintenance training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • native & invasive plant identification/removal • proper tree pruning and care
Tuesday, 11/29/11 6:00 – 8:00 PM	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing maintenance plans • Next steps for Green Streets Stewards • Maintenance advocacy

Application Process and Fee

To apply to the program, please submit an application to Tory Syracuse by regular mail or email. **Applications must be emailed or postmarked by September 16, 2011.** Mail to:

Watershed Management Group
 Attn: Tory Syracuse
 PO Box 44205
 Tucson, AZ 85733
 Email: tsyracuse@watershedmg.org

Cost of the program is \$25.00, payable upon acceptance into the program.

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