

A program of the Center for Watershed Protection, Inc., a 501(c)(3) environmental nonprofit organization.

GET STARTED

Reach out to the representative of your Workforce Development Program or your current employer, to inquire about enrolling in the Clean Water Certificate Training Program.

QUESTIONS?

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Clean Water Certificate Program Overview

Get Hands-On Training for In-Demand Jobs in Green Stormwater

Are you seeking a rewarding career where you can make a difference for your community and the environment? The Clean Water Certificate (CWC) program can help you get started in the growing field of green infrastructure.

Training Program Participants & Instructors

The CWC Program provides training to **under and unemployed adults** seeking to reenter the workforce or those who wish to **expand existing knowledge base** and skillsets in order to transition to a new position in the stormwater industry.

The instructors are highly qualified industry professionals who possess a post-secondary degree in an environment-related field and/or work experience in the stormwater industry. All CWC instructors are required to complete their own training delivered by the Center for Watershed Protection, Inc.

Are there any pre-requisites for enrollment?

Participants must:

1. Be enrolled in a workforce development program, or be currently employed and recommended by an employer.
2. Have a demonstrated ability to perform the work through pre-screening or through an existing employer.

A **high school diploma or GED is not required**, and no special technology, equipment, or skills are necessary.

Certificate Details

Following the successful completion of the CWC Program, participants receive a Certificate of Completion. It does not have an expiry date.

Certificates may be provided to employers to demonstrate proficiency in skills and knowledge for entry-level jobs in the stormwater management industry.

What will I learn?



Introduction to Watersheds & Stormwater

Understand the need for stormwater management, the sources of pollution in urban areas, and the impacts on local waterways.



Types and Functions of Green Infrastructure:

Discover different types of green infrastructure systems, from rain gardens to green roofs, and understand their benefits and how they work.



Materials and Components:

Become familiar with the type of materials and the different components in these systems.



Construction and Equipment

Learn the basic steps of construction along with the different equipment you may encounter on a job site.



Identifying and Solving Maintenance Issues:

Learn to spot problems and implement solutions to keep green infrastructure systems functioning effectively.

Training Structure:

Participants will develop job-readiness skills and knowledge of Green Infrastructure through participation in **classroom** and **hands-on activities**, as well as **field-based experiences**. Participants will be evaluated based on their ability to engage with the concepts and vocabulary taught throughout the training.

79% Successful participants found and maintained employment.

Success and Job Placement **89%**

as of July 2020



How will I be evaluated?

Participants are evaluated by the CWC Instructor on a daily basis using a Rubric & Evaluation Form that was developed by the Center for Watershed Protection with input from a group of industry stakeholders. Participant performance, and therefore certificate issuance, is evaluated based on four (4) metrics.

- Attendance
- Demonstrated Knowledge in Action
- Demonstrated Knowledge in Verbal Communication
- Final Assessment

The CWC Program utilizes a unique evaluation system that goes beyond traditional testing, ensuring that individuals who may not thrive in traditional academic environments can still succeed.

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*Fees, deadlines, cancellation, and refund policies are arranged with the Workforce Development Program or an employer.

*The CWC Program is committed to the fair and respectful treatment of all participants and trainers. The CWC Program is committed to providing and maintaining compliance with equal opportunity, Title IX, and ADA Title 504 in all Program activities. The CWC Program shall abide by these regulations and make reasonable accommodations to achieve them as long as the participant is able to meet the requisites for the CWC.

*No unauthorized personal information from CWC Program participants will be disclosed or used in any way during or after participation in the CWC Program.

*While CWC Program Instructors may reference commercial products, external organizations, and/or other external entities in the training to support certain learning objectives, such mentions do not qualify as an endorsement from the CWC Program nor from the Center for Watershed Protection, Inc.

*Receipt of a certificate does not provide the learner with any academic or continuing education credits. Additionally, certificates do not require continuing education credits to maintain the entry-level credential.

The Clean Water Training Certificate Program is a partnership with the Center for Watershed Protection, Inc., workforce development programs, and stormwater industry employers.

We value the contributions made by CWC partners and funders. This collaborative program provides individuals with access and opportunities for training that result in living-wage jobs and an entry-level career pathway in the stormwater industry.



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