



STORMS Seminar Series

Living Schoolyards for Stormwater Management

May 18, 2016 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

CalEPA Building | 1001 I Street, Sacramento | Byron Sher Auditorium

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California is celebrating its second statewide “Living Schoolyard Month” this May—shining a spotlight on schools as places to connect children with nature. A living schoolyard also provides opportunities to improve the way we manage our stormwater by reducing impermeable surfaces and implementing low impact development (LID) strategies. The coupling of green schoolyards with stormwater management can improve children’s wellbeing while repairing urban ecological systems and enhancing water quality and supply. As California continues to navigate the impacts of drought, we must recognize that stormwater is a resource and California schools play a role in our response.

Please join us for an inspiring seminar covering the ways innovative schools are creating educational outdoor spaces while improving the environment. The presentation also will explore the policies, funding, and perceptual barriers associated with the opportunities for improved stormwater management. After the presentation we will discuss the feasibility of creating a living schoolyard in an urban environment that dovetails with regional stormwater management efforts.

VISITING SPEAKERS

Environmental city planner, **Sharon Danks (MLA-MCP)**, is CEO of Green Schoolyards America, and author of *Asphalt to Ecosystems*. Her professional work and passion has focused on transforming schools into vibrant public spaces that enhance ecology, engage the community, and nurture children as they learn and play. Her current work focuses on scaling up the green schoolyard movement and integrating school ground design with green urban infrastructure planning.

Jeff Vincent, Ph.D. is deputy director and cofounder of the Center for Cities + Schools (CC+S). His policy and research interests include land use planning, community development, and educational improvement. He has researched extensively on school siting and design, sustainable communities, educational economics, and school construction policies. He has led multiple policy research projects for California state agencies and is a researcher with Building Educational Success Together (BEST).

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