



## NOVEMBER WEBINAR INVITE

Tuesday Nov 30th '21 Time: 11:00 - 13:00

**Overview** – The importance of managing urban rainfall and surface water is increasingly being recognised in terms of environmental impact. This and the increased risk of flooding due to climate change, means that we need to adapt our approach to urban planning and design in Ireland and plan for greater resilience, environmental protection and sustainable living.

This Webinar is focussing on how we move to a nature-based approach to urban rainwater management. Following the **URBAN PLANNING AND NATURE-BASED SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT** Webinar in November 2020 which was attended by approx 500 people, and the Significant Water Management Issues Report, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) engaged in an intensive round of consultations across Local Authorities, Government Departments and Agencies, professional bodies and other stakeholders during 2021 to produce:

1. A Scoping Report with a roadmap of proposed steps towards the implementation of nature-based solutions.
2. Produce an Interim Guidance Document.

The Webinar will outline the progress made since November 2020 and, as well as launching the outputs of this scoping stage, the webinar will hear from a number of speakers from Ireland and from Wales who will outline their experiences in this area (see programme below).

The presentations will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A session. As part of this Webinar, we will:

1. Launch the interim guidance document to assist planners, architects, urban and transport designers, landscape architects and engineers in their respective roles in planning and implementing a nature-based approach to the management of rainwater in urban areas.
2. Provide an overview of the outputs from the scoping stage consultation including the roadmap of proposed steps that would facilitate the widespread integration of nature-based solutions into future urban planning, design and all urban projects.

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT**  
AND MAY BE 2 HOURS CDP RECKONABLE  
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SOURCE: The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Local Authorities. DOEHLG & OPW 2009

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Planners, urban and transport designers / engineers, architects and landscape architects, environment, climate, biodiversity, heritage, parks and landscape professionals within local authorities and from the private sector. Successful implementation of a nature-based approach to urban rainwater management requires a multi-disciplinary and cross sectoral approach. Therefore, we encourage the participation of anyone whose work directly or indirectly impacts on the planning, design, construction, maintenance or enjoyment of our urban spaces and our urban environment.

**Many Local Authorities are in the middle of their County Development Plan making processes and so we encourage as many of the broad range of relevant disciplines to attend.**

## WEBINAR PROGRAMME

**WELCOME: MINISTER MALCOLM NOONAN TD**  
Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Chaired by Dr. Marcus J. Collier  
Department of Botany, School of Natural Sciences, Trinity College Dublin

**Background to Seminar & Scene Setting** - Fran Igoe, Southern Regional Coordinator, Local Authority Waters Programme.

**Policy - Nature-based Solutions as a Programme of Measure in the RBMP 2022-2027**

- Lisa Egan, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

**Key Note: Practical Retrofit of SuDS in High Density Residential Areas - The Welsh Experience**

- Ian Titherington, Lead Drainage Engineer of Cardiff City Council

**Nature-proofing Local Authority led projects in Ireland Incorporating Nature-based SuDS into a public realm URDF Funded Project** - Leonore O'Neill, Senior Project Officer, Clare County Council

**Raising the Ambition - Incorporating Nature-based SuDS into Large and Small LA Projects**

- David Joyce, Director of Service, Cork City Council

**Nature-based Surface Water Management: National Guidance and Implementation Strategy Scoping Study Recommendations**

1. National Guidance

2. Implementation Strategy Scoping Study

- Adrian Conway, Project Lead and ex Dublin City Council.



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- PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER -

PANEL MEMBERS: SPEAKERS WITH INPUT FROM CONOR GALVIN, OPW

