

The Kresge Foundation & **Spring Point Partners** are interested in supporting more widespread implementation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) in low-income, climate vulnerable neighborhoods. We define GSI as distributed, vegetated infrastructure.

We want to understand why, how, and when city leaders decide to implement GSI (or not) and what, if any, major barriers to implementation & planning exist today – including financial, technical expertise, prioritization, external data points, leadership, etc.

We want to hear from everyone! **Whether you have implemented GSI in your city or most importantly if you HAVEN'T implemented GSI, why you haven't.** If you could reflect upon your experiences with GSI planning, implementation and financing, that would be appreciated!

- 1) At what scale does your city have GSI as part of your stormwater mgmt. plan and/or assets in place today? Planning, pilot, expanding, widely implemented across city?
- 2) What were the primary reasons for implementing GSI? [regulatory; cost;
- 3) Were there any barriers or challenges to making the decision to implement GSI as part of your stormwater management?
- 4) How did you fund stormwater and GSI implementation at the pilot stage? How has your funding strategy changed over time?
- 5) Do you utilize your state's SRF? Have you accessed the CWSRF to finance GSI? Do you plan on accessing SRF funding in the future? Pros/cons to SRF funds?
- 6) Have you tapped into any other source of financing to support GSI investment? Would you consider external, low-cost financing that specifically funds GSI (e.g. a PRI)?
- 7) Does your utility have a stormwater fee or any other form of revenue stream to support stormwater management?
- 8) Can you characterize where GSI was implemented/planned by neighborhood demographics/wealth?
- 9) What criteria go into decisions around the placement of GSI, in order of weight/priority?

Thank you in advance for your time. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please email Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome, <u>jlwhite-newsome@kresge.org</u>.