



## Headline News

### 2015 Mini “Clean & Green” Sustainability Conference in Joplin.



John Warren, CPESC and Don Thieman, CPESC with ASP Enterprises spent July 22nd with over 75 people from around the city of Joplin in a one day seminar discussing stormwater quality, the importance of keeping our creeks and streams free of too much stormwater and the pollutants they can pick up along the way and BMPs that treat stormwater. We also went in depth into several stormwater solutions that could support their efforts to comply with their updated MS4 permit. The key elements from this seminar included:

- Stormwater Quality regulation is here to stay. We will have time to acclimate to new rules and regulations but they are not going away
- Reducing stormwater flows can really be the key to reducing the other pollutants. By Infiltrating, evaporating, etc., this does keep a great deal of pollutants out of our waterways
- Green Infrastructure, mimicking natural processes, can be a very cost effective method to reducing volumes, solids, pollutants, etc. Bioretention, bioswales, permeable pavement, vegetation in general can all be an excellent tool for stormwater management.

The City of Joplin staff were an absolute pleasure to work with and they put on a very informative seminar. I found it rewarding to see a municipality really partnering with the design, contracting and development communities. It is a model relationship that many municipalities should look toward to make the transition to these new stormwater rules so that we can all move forward together.

## SAVE THE DATE: March 7-9, 2016

### 2016 Great Plains Low Impact Development Research and Innovation Symposium

University of Nebraska at Omaha;  
Community Engagement Center

**Who Should Attend:** Stormwater Professionals, including Educators, Engineers, Architects, Landscape Architects, Planners, City/County/State/Federal Stormwater Managers, Developers, etc.

**Conference Overview:** After a successful initial 2014 Symposium in Tulsa, OK, we are looking to grow this biennial event into a regional discussion for innovative stormwater professionals. Low impact development (LID) is a land planning and engineering approach for enhanced stormwater management. The diversity and extremes of Great Plains climate and site conditions generate significant challenges for successful LID implementation. A wide variety of region-specific topics will be discussed through keynote presentations, break-out sessions, and a half-day optional tour of Omaha green infrastructure projects.

**Hosted by:** UNO Center for Urban Sustainability, University of Nebraska Extension, and Oklahoma State Univ.

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## Featured Solution

### The Suntree Grated Inlet Skimmer Box

The Grated Inlet Skimmer Box TM is manufactured from marine grade fiberglass and stainless steel and is built to last! All incoming storm water passes through a skimmer tray and comes into contact with a hydrocarbon absorption boom. Stormwater and solids find their way into the lower section of the skimmer box where filters capture all the solids and allow the storm water to pass into the catch basin. The filter drains dry after each storm event. [Learn more >](#)

