

**Date: Fri**      **Time: 10:30am-12:00pm**

**Session: Restoration BMPs**

**Moderator: Staryn Wagner**

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**Notes From Discussion:**

1. What economic incentives are out there to promote green space for urban developers and rural land owners?
  - a. There are regulations, but are there economic incentives?
  - b. Mitigation banking
  - c. Some grants out there for land owners that want to improve habitat. Partners for wildlife grants.
2. Integrating green infrastructure into urban areas
  - a. How do you monitor the effectiveness of green infrastructure and how cost effective it is
3. Urban areas cannot compete with agricultural land buyout programs to convert ag land back to native ecosystems
  - a. The return developers get on developing land often times greatly exceeds the benefit they may receive from incorporating LID or green space on that land.
4. Is there some type of urban incentive program for homeowners to keep riparian buffers on that land instead of heavily fertilizing a totally mowed lawn up to the stream banks
  - a. Identify hotspots or key areas in neighborhoods and initiate education
5. How can we educate the public of the benefits of riparian areas and better land management practices in urban settings?
  - a. USDA provides technical conservation assistance free of charge to farmers where they come to the property and directly assist and consult. Possibly develop something like that for urban areas.
  - b. Refer to Austin grow green materials
  - c. Permit incentives to protect buffer zone and improve habitat.
6. BMPs for trash and management
  - a. Pilot study with city of Austin for trash inlet devices ~\$500 a piece
  - b. What are the efforts for trash on Lady Bird Lake?
    - i. Boon structures in hotspot areas
    - ii. Hot dogs for cans campaign in San Marcos river
    - iii. Bucket challenge with litter