



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

July 30, 2007

Dear NACWA member,

I am writing to you because, unfortunately, I didn't make it to the green infrastructure conference in Cleveland, so I was not able to talk with you at that time about NRDC's green infrastructure work and our interest in partnering with you to move green infrastructure forward as an integral component of wastewater infrastructure for sewage and stormwater in the U.S. As you know, NRDC, NACWA, U.S. EPA, ASIWPCA, and the LID Center signed a Statement of Intent to work together to promote green infrastructure in April. The principal thing that I wanted to convey to you in Cleveland was that NRDC would like to work directly with utilities that are interested in piloting green infrastructure approaches in their communities as well as with entities in Washington, DC, such as Congress, U.S. EPA, NACWA, and ASIWPCA. We would like to find a half dozen communities or more who would like to work with us and with local partners to develop models, implement green infrastructure approaches intensively in one or more sewershed, monitor the results, craft language for permits and LTCPs that will provide sufficient certainty for regulators and utilities, and so forth. NRDC would advocate on behalf of its green infrastructure partners to obtain funding, technical assistance, and regulatory approval with the Congress, US EPA, state regulators, state legislators, local municipal officials, and the public. We are particularly interested in working with communities where NRDC has existing resources to deploy. Most likely matches are in DC, MD, NJ, NY, CA, and pretty much anywhere in the Great Lakes or along the Mississippi River. If you are interested in exploring these issues further with NRDC, please give me a call at 202-289-2394 or send me an e-mail at nstoner@nrdc.org. Again, I am disappointed that I was unable to join you for the green infrastructure conference, but I am delighted that you held this conference and I look forward to continuing to work with NACWA staff and members to implement our shared commitment to employing green infrastructure in communities nationwide.

Sincerely,

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