

Summary of March 29, 2007 Urban River Conference Evaluations

96 evaluations received

Did the conference meet my expectations?

Strongly agree	44%	95% strongly agree or agree
Agree	51%	
Disagree	4 %	
Strongly disagree	0 %	
Unsure	1%	

Better understanding of issues facing urban rivers?

Yes 77% Somewhat 22% No <1%

Session Ranking (5 excellent, 4 very good, 3 OK, 2 disappointing, 1 poor)

	Avg. score		
Plenary Session	4.0	Water in City	4.22
Envisioing Rest.	3.86	Getting Results	3.60
MA UR	3.82	UR Rest.	3.95
Cont. Sed.	3.40	Stormwater retro	3.88
Public Acc.	4.20		

Total average score 3.94

Most valuable part of conference

In order on number of responses, these all received more than one mention:

- Speakers
- Networking
- Success stories
- Public/Private non-profit partnerships
- Community
- Retrofitting
- Sessions
- Plenary session
- Funding
- Subject matter
- Final breakout session and last panel
- Stakeholder
- Enviro-Eco-Public-Global Relationships

Technical Assistance or Resources Required

In order of number of responses, highest listed first, these all received more than one mention

- Funding
- Stronger environmental planning infrastructure at City Hall
- Guidance on building public/private partnerships
- Funding for LID construction
- Education/ Support to local towns
- Workshops
- Documentation of Success Stories
- Public information and outreach materials
- Community Visioning
- Case studies of grants
- Brownfield funding for marsh restoration
- State and federal level access to superfund, wq and drinking water

- Website information reference for watershed
- Support for administration leadership
- Measure exposure to sediment, screening levels, standards
- Best practices studies
- Group investing in process projects
- Dam removal resources
- Capacity building

Challenging Issues faced in working on urban rivers

- Funding
- Brownfields and stormwater controls
- City Regulations
- Fish passage
- Inadequate data
- Industrial uses
- Interest/commitment/involvement
- Political support
- Stakeholders
- Visioning

Best way to explore issues in the future

Email group	28
Issue oriented discussion	46
Presentations	31
Other	16

Attendance by State	MA	245
	CT	34
	RI	31
	NH	10
	VT	1
	ME	7
	NY	2
	MD	2

We also got constructive feedback on what could have been better, and suggestions for other topics and future events.

Many thanks to those who took the time to do the evaluations!