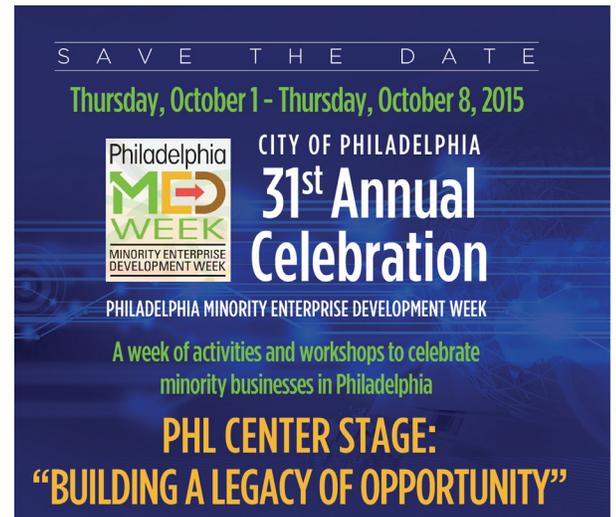


Save the Date! 2015 Minority Enterprise Development Week: October 1-8

This year, Minority Enterprise Development Week (MEDWeek) will be held October 1 through October 8. Philadelphia Water is an official partner of this celebration and has partnered with MEDWeek chairs, *the African-American Chamber of Commerce of PA, NJ & DE, the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, the City of Philadelphia Commerce Department, and the Minority Business Development Agency*, to host various workshops based on this year's theme, PHL Center Stage: "Building A Legacy of Opportunity". There will be many partner events throughout the week for businesses to attend and network with buyers from the public and private sectors. The series of events and descriptions can be found at the City of Philadelphia's Commerce Department's website at:

www.phila.gov/commerce/businesssupport/mwdsbesupport/Pages/default.aspx.



Contractor Seminar: Collaboration Between Philadelphia Water & Streets

Philadelphia Water's next Construction Seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 8:30a.m. at PWD's Fox Street Headquarters in the training room located at Fox Street and Abbottsford Avenue, 3451-3499 Fox Street, Philadelphia, PA 19129. This seminar is highly recommended for all contractors who bid on green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) projects. The targeted audience for the seminar is the contractor foreman, superintendent and/or owner. The agenda for the October 6th seminar will include a presentation from the Streets Department on the construction of ADA regulation ramps, a review on quality of life specifications, bid specification updates, GSI information on avoiding structure damage specific to plumbing and construction and OEO contract compliance.

RSVP at <https://philawaterstreetscontractorseminar.eventbrite.com>

If you can have questions regarding this event, please contact Janira Barroso at janira.barroso@phila.gov. Please visit our website for more information and presentations from past seminars at www.phila.gov/water/aboutus/Pages/DoBusiness.aspx.

Upcoming Contract Opportunities

PWD offers all businesses the opportunity to respond to upcoming contracts. Here are some things you should know to get started:

- The City's Procurement Department has put together a guide to help contractors understand the bidding process. To learn more visit <http://mbec.phila.gov/procurement/forms/Vendorguide.pdf>.
- To learn how to become a City contractor and find City business opportunities through the Procurement Department and eContract Philly, view the listing at www.phila.gov/contracts/Pages/default.aspx.
- Get registered with the Procurement Department's Bid Announcement System. This service will notify vendors of upcoming bid opportunities to the registered vendor's email address. Read the following links for more information:
 - o http://mbec.phila.gov/procurement/forms/EBIDAR_Letter.pdf
 - o <http://mbec.phila.gov/procurement/forms/EBIDAR.pdf>
 - o [http://mbec.phila.gov/procurement/forms/Commodity_Code_List_for_form\(EBIDAR\).pdf](http://mbec.phila.gov/procurement/forms/Commodity_Code_List_for_form(EBIDAR).pdf)
- In addition, the Procurement Department offers Local Owned Business Enterprise (LBE) certification. This certification offers incentives while bidding on City contracts. If you are a locally-based firm, read about this incentive in the following links:
 - o <http://mbec.phila.gov/procurement/forms/lberegs.pdf>
 - o <http://mbec.phila.gov/procurement/forms/Lbecert.pdf>
- Public Works upcoming lettings

PROPOSED UPCOMING PLANT LETTINGS

Rehabilitation of Flouride Storage Tanks at Baxter WTP	General Construction
Two (2) 30 Million Gallon storage Capacity Tanks at East Park - GC	General Construction
Two (2) 30 Million Gallon storage Capacity Tanks (ELEC) at East Park	Electrical
Two (2) 30 Million Gallon storage Capacity Tanks (PLUM) at East Park	Plumbing
Two (2) 30 Million Gallon storage Capacity Tanks (HVAC) at East Park	HVAC
Back-up Water Services Lines at Queen Lane WTP	General Construction
Elec Sys Upgrades @ Torresdale RW PS	Electrical
Exterior Siding Panels @ Torresdale RW PS	General Construction
Replace Freight Elevator in PTB	Specialty
HVAC System Upgrade in Filter Bldg Admin Ofc at Queen Lane	HVAC

PROPOSED UPCOMING STREET LETTINGS

Queen/Leithgow	Water Main Replacement
Winter Street - 20th to 21st	Water and Sewer

Green Stormwater Infrastructure Partners Offers Operation & Maintenance Course



**GREEN STORMWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE
PARTNERS™**
REIMAGINING STORMWATER

Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Partners offered its first GSI Operation and Maintenance course at the Navy Yard. Students had the unique opportunity to work with a wide range of stormwater management practices (SMPs) at the Navy Yard to gain hands-on experience. GSI Partners designed this course for landscape professionals looking to strengthen their existing skills and/or further expand their service portfolio to meet the growing need for qualified contractors for public and private GSI operations and maintenance. The course took students through the “why” and the “how” of effective operation and maintenance, while teaching practical, hands-on skills and techniques. They examined the major features of a tree trench, a sidewalk planter, and the more open landscape of Central Green. They also learned to differentiate between target and non-target vegetation in these SMPs, gaining familiarity with native and non-native plants commonly used in GSI plantings; in addition to, common weeds and invasive species.

Classes featured two classroom instruction days and one field day, where participants explored the wide variety of innovative SMPs at the Navy Yard.

For the list of instructors and class outline, check out the course page at <http://gsipartners.sbnphiladelphia.org/gsi-o-m-course/>

Participants received a Certificate of Completion and 4 AOLCP CEUs

The GSI Partners are making plans to offer the course again in 2016. For more information about GSI Partners or this training, visit: <http://gsipartners.sbnphiladelphia.org>



Contacts

The Office of Business Services

215-683-2000

www.phila.gov/commerce

This office provides businesses with information on:

- Business start-up or expansion
- Help with license and permit matters
- Financial resources
- Preparing for City inspections

The Office of Labor Standards

(215) 686-3501

www.phila.gov/commerce

This office can provide information on prevailing wage requirements and other labor standards for all Public Works projects.

The Office of Economic Opportunity Philadelphia Department of Commerce

215-683-2057

www.phila.gov/oeo

This office provides assistance to minority, woman and disabled-owned businesses with:

- Resources for obtaining MWDS-BE certification
- Registration with the City of Philadelphia
- Networking for business partnerships with larger companies
- Addressing prompt payment issues for current City contractors

City of Philadelphia Procurement Department

<http://mbec.phila.gov/procurement>

- This site lists contracts currently eligible for bid.
- Navigating the City contract process

PWD Projects Control Unit

(215) 685-6337

www.phila.gov/water

This office can provide plans and specifications for PWD Public Works projects. There is a fee for these documents, ranging from \$10, to \$25 or more.



Small Business Resources & Events

The 2015 Minority Enterprise Development Week calendar of events can be found at www.phila.gov/commerce. Provided below is a summary list of the upcoming events. See program partner's website for more details or contact the Office of Economic Opportunity at 215-683-2057.

2nd Annual Pre-MedWeek Networking Event

Thursday, September 24 at 6pm – 9pm
The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street
Hosted by Earl Harvey, Publisher of The Black Professionals News

Doing Business with DHS' Non-profit and For-profit Providers

Thursday, October 1 at 8:15am - 12:15pm and 12:30pm – 4pm
Public Health Management Corporation, 1500 Market Street
Sponsored by the City of Philadelphia's Department of Human Services

Entrepreneurs in the City Lunch & Learn Panel

Thursday, October 1 at 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Pipeline Philly, 30 South 15th Street
Sponsored by KIVA ZIP Philadelphia

10th Annual Passing the Torch Awards

Thursday, October 1 at 5:30pm – 8pm
The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street
Hosted by The Enterprise Center

PHL Airport 2015 Annual Business Opportunity Forum

Friday, October 2 at 7:30am – 3pm
Philadelphia Airport Marriott, One Arrivals Road, Terminal B
Hosted by the Philadelphia International Airport

Doing Business with DHS' Non-profits and For-Profits

Monday, October 5 at 8:15am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm
Municipal Services Building, 1401 JFK Blvd, 16thFL, Room X and Y
Sponsored by the City of Philadelphia's Department of Human Services

First Annual Access to Capital/Meet the Lenders Event

Monday, October 5 at 8:30am – 4:30pm
The Hub Cira Centre, 2929 Arch Street
Hosted by the Small Business Administration and SCORE Philadelphia

Doing Business with Med's and Ed's

Monday, October 5 at 11:30am – 1:30pm
Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships, 3509 Spring Garden
Sponsored by Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania

Big Agency Web Marketing with a Small Business Budget

Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm - 8:30pm
3730 Walnut Street, Jon Huntsman Hall, Room 240
Hosted by The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

2015 Philadelphia Navy Yard Panel Discussion and Tour

Tuesday, October 6 at 8am – 12pm
Marriott Courtyard Philadelphia South at the Navy Yard, 1001 Intrepid Avenue
Sponsored by the Office of Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown and the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation

CEO Speaker's Series with Mayoral Candidate Jim Kenney

Tuesday, October 6 at 8:30am – 10am
African American Museum, 701 Arch Street
Hosted by the African American Chamber of Commerce of PA, NJ, & DE

Philadelphia Water presents Green Stormwater Infrastructure Contractor Seminar

Tuesday, October 6 at 8:30am – 11am
Philadelphia Water Fox Street Headquarters, 3451 - 3499 Fox Street
Hosted by Philadelphia Water with Philadelphia Streets Department

Supplier Diversity Fair

Tuesday, October 6 at 9am – 12pm
Federal Reserve Bank, 10 North Independence Mall West
Hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

THE ITEM – The Future is NOW!

Tuesday, October 6 at 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Pipeline Philly, 30 South 15th Street
Sponsored by Inclusive Technology and Entrepreneurship Movement

Young Professional Networking Event

Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Community College of Philadelphia, 1700 Spring Garden
Hosted by Community College of Philadelphia, PHL Marketplace, Philadelphia Management, and Affairs of Isis

Social Media to Build Your Business

Wednesday, October 7 at 8:30am – 11am
The Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians, One Penn Center, Suite 555, 1617 JFK Blvd

How to Leverage Your Relationships into Top Contracts

Wednesday, October 7 at 9am – 11am
Location TBD
Sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

PHLDiversity's Annual Luncheon

Wednesday, October 7 at 11:30am – 1:30pm
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market Street
Sponsored by PHLDiversity

What your Banker Isn't Telling You

Wednesday, October 7 at 1:30pm – 4:30pm
Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine Street
Sponsored by the Free Library of Philadelphia and the City of Philadelphia's Commerce Department, Office of Business Services

Doing Business with DHS Non-profits and For-profits – Networking Event

Thursday, October 8 at 8:15am – 12pm and 12:30pm – 4pm
Temple University Center City, 1515 Market Street, Room 222
Sponsored by City of Philadelphia's Department of Human Services

MEDWEEK Honors and Awards

Thursday, October 8 at 9am – 12:30pm
Location TBD
Sponsored by the MEDWeek Planning Committee and collaborative partners



Green Stormwater Infrastructure FAQ for plumbers and contractors

The Philadelphia Water Department is installing hundreds of stormwater drainage structures in streets, sidewalks and at other locations. These structures, known as **green stormwater infrastructure (GSI)**, are often not visible from the surface.



Call PA One Call before you dig!

To avoid damaging City-owned GSI, call **PA One Call** at **8-1-1**



subsurface
infrastructure

Stormwater Bumpout

What is GSI?

GSI is a surface and/or subsurface drainage system that stores, filters and conveys stormwater runoff. GSI slows the flow of stormwater into sewers, and natural features such as soil and plants remove pollutants.

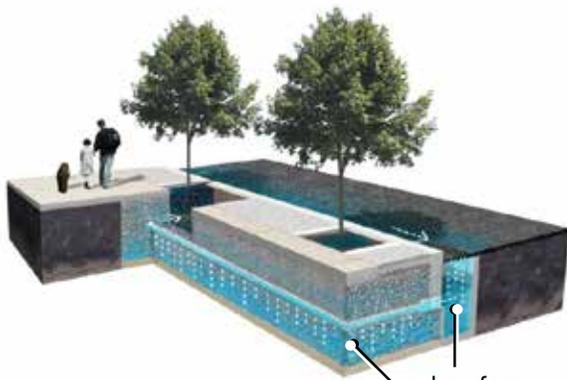
Why should I care about GSI?

GSI is necessary for the City to meet its environmental obligations to the state and federal governments. GSI is fragile and a disturbed system may collapse. If you damage GSI, please notify Philadelphia Water GSI Maintenance at (215) 300-9079 immediately. **You will be required to repair any damage caused to GSI, or the City will do so and bill you. You may also be fined.**

What can I do to avoid damaging GSI?

- **Call PA One Call at 8-1-1**
- **Get GSI drawings from PWD Records: (215) 685-6271**

Philadelphia Water will provide record plans showing locations, type of GSI, GSI footprint area/extent, and critical elevations (top of storage, bottom of storage, invert elevations of connection points). We will mark out the extent of GSI during field one-calls. Emergency exceptions may be made.



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Stormwater Tree Trench

How can I avoid damaging GSI ? *(continued from previous page)*

If a private lateral must run through GSI or if you must dig near GSI, Philadelphia Water will provide specific requirements. Plumbers and contractors must contact Philadelphia Water for any proposed work in the immediate vicinity of GSI. A Philadelphia Water inspector must be on site during construction and must give final approval after appropriate GSI restoration.

What does GSI look like?

GSI takes a variety of forms. Typically, there are surface and underground stormwater storage areas. Surface storage can include rain gardens, tree plantings, and stormwater planters. Subsurface storage is typically a trench or other area comprised of clean-washed AASHTO No. 57 aggregate wrapped in non-woven geotextile or a 40 mil.-thick high density polyethylene geomembrane. Subsurface storage trenches can run several hundred feet under the sidewalk.

GSI often blends into its surroundings, and even installations that appear to be standard street trees have extensive underground infrastructure.



Stormwater Planter

Where is GSI located?

GSI is located throughout Philadelphia in sidewalks, streets, parks, and community centers. Visit the Big Green Map to locate many of our planned and completed projects: www.phillywatersheds.org/BigGreenMap. **This map is not a comprehensive list of projects and is not a substitute for calling Philadelphia Water or PA One Call (8-1-1).**

Why is Philadelphia Water installing GSI?

State and federal regulations require the City to reduce the amount of sewage discharged into our rivers when it rains. Philadelphia Water is taking many steps to meet these obligations, including installing GSI in areas served by a combined sanitary and stormwater sewer. Our combined sewer overflow prevention program, *Green City, Clean Waters*, began in 2011 and full implementation is projected through 2036. More on *Green City, Clean Waters* is available at: www.phillywatersheds.org/GreenCityCleanWaters.

What else I should know?

Sediment can damage GSI and is generally not permitted in the sewer system. GSI is designed to filter and clean stormwater, and sediment runoff from construction or excavation sites can clog GSI and negatively impact performance. Install appropriate erosion and sediment (E&S) controls at all times.

Where can I learn more?

More information about *Green City, Clean Waters* and GSI is available at

www.phillywatersheds.org.

Email general questions to:

questions@phillywatersheds.org.

Philadelphia Water Contact List

For GSI drawings, contact **Records** at **(215) 685-6271**

To schedule work near GSI or report damage, contact **GSI Maintenance** at **(215) 300-9079**

Thursday, October 1 - Thursday, October 8, 2015



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA 31st Annual Celebration

PHILADELPHIA MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK

A week of activities and workshops to celebrate
minority businesses in Philadelphia

PHL CENTER STAGE: “BUILDING A LEGACY OF OPPORTUNITY”

CHAIRS



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For additional information, contact (215) 683-2161

MED WEEK PROGRAM

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Thursday, October 1, 2015 | 8:15 am - 12:00 PM
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Department of Humans Services

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC),
Location: 1500 Market Street, Conference Center, Philadelphia PA

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Kiva, Goldman Sachs 10000 Small Businesses Program, StartupPHL, and the City of Philadelphia Commerce Department.
Location: Pipeline Philly, 30 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA

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Access to Capital - Meet the Lenders

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Women's Business Development Center, Small Business Development Center-Temple University, Small Business Development Center-The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Score Philadelphia and the Small Business Administration
Location: The HUB Cira Centre, 2929 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA

Monday, October 5, 2015 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Doing Business with the Med's and Ed's

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Drexel University and The University of Pennsylvania
Location: Drexel University, Dornsife Building, 3509 Spring Garden St, Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Big Agency Web Marketing with a Small Business Budget

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Urban League Entrepreneurship Center and Wharton Small Business Development Center
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The Office of Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown
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Technology is the Future. The Future is NOW!

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Wednesday, October 7, 2015 | 1:30 - 4:30 PM
What Your Banker is Not Telling You

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City of Philadelphia Commerce Department Office of Business Services and the Free Library of Philadelphia
Location: Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia PA 19103

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Department of Humans Services
Location: Temple University (Center City), 1515 Market Street, Room 222, Philadelphia PA 19102

Thursday, October 8, 2015 | 9:00 AM - 1 PM
MED Week Honors and Awards Program

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MED Week Planning Committee and collaborative partners
Location: City Hall, Conversation Hall

Thursday, October 8, 2015 | 12:30 - 4:00 PM
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