Retrofitting the Urban Landscape for Water Quality: Arkansas Water Resources Center Water Webinar/April 16th

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The Arkansas Water Resources Center ("AWRC") is holding an April 16th water webinar titled:

Retrofitting the Urban Landscape for Water Quality, Illinois River Watershed Partnership ("Webinar").

The speakers will be:

- Annie Sales, Director of Restoration Services, Illinois River Watershed Partnership.
- Chris Herrera, Stormwater Coordinator, City of Springdale, AR.

AWRC states that the Webinar will focus on:

… practical retrofit strategies that can be integrated into built urban environments.

Topics will include:

- Diverting downspouts into landscaping.
- Converting parking islands into rain gardens.
- Retrofitting detention and retention ponds.
- Naturalizing stream corridors.
- Restoring floodplains.
- Case examples.
- Rain gardens at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.
- Apple Orchard neighborhood detention pond retrofit.
- Spring Creek naturalization in downtown Springdale.
- Blossom Way floodplain and creek restoration in Rogers.

The speakers will also discuss how projects move from concept to construction, including:

- Regulatory drivers.
- Partnerships between municipalities and watershed organizations.
- Funding and phasing.
- Long-term maintenance.

A copy of the flyer including registration information can be found here.