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Stormwater Management for Homes & Businesses is SLPS Webcast Topic

Stormwater management, a timely and important topic, will be the focus of the final Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series (SLPS) this season. The webcast will be 3:30–4:30 pm, Thursday, April 4, 2019, and is free and open to the public. Andy Szatko from the City of Omaha’s Stormwater Program will give a live presentation at Metropolitan Community College’s Fort Omaha campus in Building 23, Room 342.

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that moves over the land instead of seeping into the ground. The pollutants picked up along the way impact both wildlife and our water supply. As we have seen recently in Nebraska and Iowa, managing stormwater is critical, and Szatko will address many of the issues surrounding runoff and best practices for managing it.

Szatko, a native of Ralston, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a Bachelor’s Degree in Horticulture and a Master’s in Community and Regional Planning, with a specialization in Water Resource Planning and Management. He has more than 15 years experience in landscaping as a designer, installer, owner and manager. He currently works for the City of Omaha’s Stormwater Program managing the City’s Stormwater (MS4) Program.

SLPS is a nearly 10-year-old statewide program, sponsoring free webcasts on critical topics related to environment, conservation, public policy, and other issues of sustainability. SLPS programs are held on the first Thursday of each month during the school calendar year. Every program is free and open to the public.

Partners include The Student Environmental Action Coalition at Hastings College, Creighton University’s Sustainability Program, Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities, Central Community College, University of Nebraska at Omaha Sustainability, Metropolitan Community College, Environmental Studies department at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and Nebraska Recycling Council. Each SLPS is live-streamed via Webex, so people across the state – and around the world – can watch the webcast in real time.

Some of the partners host watch parties. The April 4 presentation will include the live presentation at MCC as well as a watch party at UNL, East Campus, Room 209, Hardin Hall. All interested people may attend either the live presentation or watch party. Alternatively, they may want to host watch parties of their own, or simply participate via the Webex webcast. All participants are encouraged to ask questions in person or via social media using the hashtag #SLPSThursday.

To log into the Webex event (at 3:30 Thursday), go to: <https://cccneb.webex.com/cccneb/onstage/g.php?MTID=e25e0ca6928ab312e55a7d19225640101> - the password is SLPS.

More information is available on the Joslyn Institute's UTC 2.0 website: <http://joslyninstitute.org/initiatives/sustainability-leadership-presentation-series-slps/>

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For more information, or to schedule an interview, please get in touch with one of the contacts listed above.