Over the next two years a collaborative team including the University of Connecticut Center for Land use Education and Research and Natural Resources Conservation Academy, Michael Singer Studio, and the City of Bridgeport Office of Sustainability will actively engage a variety of community stakeholders in planning, design, and implementation of Green Infrastructure throughout the City. The goal of the project is to build support for Green Infrastructure in Bridgeport’s neighborhoods while making a measurable impact on the City’s stormwater runoff problems. The project team, working alongside community members and volunteers, will install several small-scale rain gardens during the project’s first year.

The first such rain garden was installed at Central High School on November 8th, 2014. The 1,000 square foot rain garden is designed to infiltrate runoff from 5,500 square feet of the school’s expansive driveway area, helping to reduce the stormwater flows that are increasingly causing flooding and water pollution throughout the City. Several community members participated in the rain garden installation as part of a half day free and open to the public workshop on stormwater management and rain garden design taught by University of Connecticut Extension educators. Central High School students participated as well, through their affiliation with BuildOn and the University of Connecticut Natural Resources Conservation Academy. Planning is underway for additional rain garden workshops and installations in the spring.

Please contact our team and join us for future project activities at jfogelson@michaelsinger.com.

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