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## **Environment Committee Meeting**

Natural Solutions Tool Workshop

August 16, 2022, 10-11:30 a.m. Virtual – Please register with the link that was sent to the Environment Committee members.

<u>GRC</u> <u>Objective</u>: Optimize the use of natural and built solutions to manage stormwater. Sustain beautiful landscapes that provide ecosystem services

<u>Climate Action Plan</u> <u>Objective</u> and Strategies: <u>Incorporate equity and inclusion into climate adaptation efforts</u> Protect surface and groundwater from contamination. Grow and manage public landscape to optimize ecosystem services, provide accessible recreation, and support biodiversity. Preserve soil ... and restore soil integrity.

**1. Opening Comments & Introduction** *Kevin Burns*, Mayor, City of Geneva & Environment Committee/Energy Subcommittee Chairman, MMC

2. Overview of the Chicago-Calumet River Watershed Council Vision, Goals, and Projects Adam Flickinger, Planning Director and Chelsey Grassfield, Policy Manager, Friends of the Chicago River

**3.** Discussion/Activity - Local Perspectives on Watershed Approach What are local stormwater projects happening in your communities? *Adam Flickinger & Chelsey Grassfield* 

**4.** Overview of the Natural Solutions Tool project Caroline O'Boyle, Associate Vice President, Illinois State Director and Taj Schottland, Associate Director, National Climate Program, The Trust for Public Land

5. Demo of existing other Climate Smart Cities tool *Taj Schottland* 

6. Overview of Technical Advisory Team progress and working draft results Taj Schottland and/or Brian Tavernia, GIS Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land

7. Break Out Discussion – How can the Natural Solutions Tool be useful to you? Caroline O'Boyle, Taj Schottland, Brian Tavernia

8. e-JUST — Environmental justice using urban scalable toolkit
Ashish Sharma, PhD., Illinois Research Climatologist, IL State Water Survey and Adjunct Assistant Professor, U of I

**9.Discussion and Closing Kevin Burns**, Mayor, City of Geneva & Environment Committee/Energy Subcommittee Chairman, MMC

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