



Prairie Urban Wetlands Part 2: Evaluating and Supporting Natural Wetlands

**Thursday, February 27th, 2025
9 a.m. to noon**

This webinar is Part 2 of a planned four-part series.

Join us for Part 2 of our in-depth series on prairie wetlands and Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI). GSI, to varying degrees, shares many functional similarities with wetlands. How can GSI complement and possibly be used to deliver wetland functionality? We are exploring the case through these themes as the series progresses:

1. Alberta Wetland Policy - State of Play
2. Vegetation, soils, hydrology and habitat - what does it take to preserve natural wetlands in urban areas?
3. Constructed wetlands - basic to advanced; the bonus of bioretention
4. Alternatives to wetlands - keeping the function without the form

*Equipping Albertans to create vibrant, ecologically functional landscapes
within the built environment, through comprehensive stormwater management.*

Agenda

- 9:05 **Welcome and Announcements**
David Seeliger, MPE Engineering, ALIDP President
- 9:10 **Overview**
Dr. Anton Skorobogatov, Magna Engineering Services Inc., ALIDP Vice-President and Research and Monitoring Working Group Chair
- 9:20 **What makes a “good” wetland?**
Dr. Shari Clare, P.Biol., President, Fiera Biological
- 10:00 **BREAK**
- 10:20 **Why connectivity matters**
Dr. Felix Nwaishi, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Ecology and Climate Change Mount Royal University
- 11:00 **Operational lessons and challenges**
Valerie Veenstra, Urban Conservation Lead
City of Calgary
- 11:30 **Where do we go from here?**
Q&A/ Panel Discussion facilitated by Dr. Anton Skorobogatov
With guest Chris Manderson, former City of Calgary Urban Conservation Lead
- Noon **Afterglow**
Informal networking and discussion spillover

Free for ALIDP partners, \$75 for industry non-partners, \$50 for municipal non-partners

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