

“Overcoming Hurdles To Using Better Site Designs”
Real World Experience Incorporating Water Quality-Friendly
Designs Into Development Projects
Evaluation Form Summary
January 29, 2004

No of returned forms: 53

No of people attended: 105

- I. **Keynote Presentation: Hurdles Faced and Concerns Unfounded—the Village Homes Experience, First-hand Knowledge that Better Site Designs Can Work** – Given by Judy Corbett, Design and Landscaping Town Planners
- Very Useful: 27 Useful: 17 Not useful: 3
- II. **Implementing Better Site Designs at Residential Infill Sites** – Given by Ed Boscacci, Brian Kangas Foulk Engineers
- Very Useful: 26 Useful: 20 Not useful: 4
- III. **Lessons From the Front Line, A Municipal Perspective** - Given by Darren Greenwood, City of Livermore
- Very Useful: 40 Useful: 9 Not useful: 1
- IV. **Structured Soils for Improved Landscaping: Examples from the City of Palo Alto** – Given by Dave Dockter, Managing Arborist, City of Palo Alto
- Very Useful: 29 Useful: 22 Not useful: 0
- V. **Video: Public Safety Solutions to Incorporating Skinny Streets - The Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Experience**
- Very Useful: 8 Useful: 35 Not useful: 5
- VI. **News and Notes on Low Impact Development – a Regional Board Perspective** – Given by Jan O’Hara, RWQCB
- Very Useful: 16 Useful: 31 Not useful: 3
- VII. **Fording Into a Sea of Green...Roofs, That Is - First Hand Experience at the Ford Motor Plant** – Given by Jerry Amber, Ford Motor Company, Retired
- Very Useful: 24 Useful: 22 Not useful: 6

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VIII. Starting at the Source—Experiences with Commercial and Redevelopment Sites – Given by Tom Richman, Catalyst

Very Useful: 31

Useful: 17

Not useful: 0

1. Which Topics were most beneficial?

- Darren Greenwood (2)
- Jan O’Hara
- All speakers
- Jerry Amber
- Dave Dockter
- Tom Richman (2)
- Structured soils
- Green roofs
- Catalyst (3)
- New Urbanism
- Swales
- Skinny streets (2)
- Judy Corbett
- Village Homes (2)
- The topics that had practical applications, such as Darren Greenwood and Dave Dockter’s presentations.
- New Urbanism is excellent. This is the future – more density.
- BKF-good design basis.
- Jan’s presentation, part about rain gardens for small sites.
- Lesson from the front line, and Start at the Source.
- Village homes concept was awesome. Superior site planning.
- Design Examples (Tom’s presentation)

2. Which Topics were the least beneficial?

- Structured soils were ok, but mostly repetitive of what was presented at previous Site Design round table discussions.
- Fire Department – Would’ve been good if there was emergency response speakers that could present and field questions. (2)
- Ed Boscacci
- Ford Motor
- Village Homes
- LID
- Regional Board Presentations
- Video

3. Would you be interested in attending another workshop on overcoming the hurdles?

- Yes – 14
- No – 3

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4. **Suggestion for future topics?**
 - Have concrete examples from local areas that would be helpful.

5. **General Comments?**
 - Afternoon break (2)
 - Well organized (3)
 - Audio problems during talks and questions and answer periods could be improved.
 - Great, informative workshop and super speakers. Helpful handouts
 - Good presentations
 - Enjoyable workshop
 - Ford Motor Co. should not be lecturing on the environmental benefits of green roofs. Please get a more appropriate speaker than a car manufacturer.