



Public Comment Form

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Hello. My name is Amanda Pollack, PE, and I'm the Director of Training and a Senior Water Resources Engineer at the Center for Watershed Protection. We are a nonprofit organization founded in 1992 and are dedicated to advancing clean water and healthy ecosystems through responsible land and water management. Our programs focus on Research, Stormwater Consulting, and Training.

The Center for Watershed Protection developed the Clean Water Certificate, or CWC Program, which is a workforce development initiative that provides a nationally accredited credential for entry-level professionals in the stormwater industry. The program is accredited through the American National Standards Institute's National Accreditation Board, meaning it meets rigorous, internationally recognized standards.

The CWC program teaches practical, hands-on skills in green infrastructure and stormwater facility construction and maintenance. CWC provides a fair, equitable assessment for all participants. Participants are not required to have any prior experience; the curriculum is designed specifically for individuals entering the green infrastructure field with no background in stormwater.

Participants who successfully complete the program receive a certificate that does not expire and does not require continuing education. Our goal is to build career pathways by connecting trained graduates with public, private, and nonprofit employers offering living-wage jobs. We operate across the country, training both CWC participants as well as new CWC instructors so the program can be delivered locally and sustainably.

We are excited to partner with the City of Pasadena as the first West Coast community to adopt and adapt this program to meet local needs and support bilingual communities. This is an important step in expanding a national training network and ensuring the Los Angeles region has access to the same high-quality, accredited workforce development opportunities available elsewhere in the country. Thank you.



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