

**Overcoming Policy and Permitting Challenges to Implementing
Natural Infrastructure Solutions**
A Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance Workshop
The Pew Charitable Trusts, 901 E St. NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20004
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NEXT STEPS:

- Meet again to continue discussion
 - Issues/problems were covered in this workshop
 - Next step is to probe solutions in depth
 - NFFA meeting at ASFPM Kansas meeting could be a venue for discussion of next steps
 - ASWM annual meeting could be a good planning venue for a breakfast meeting or evening meeting
- Expand the Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance to promote the idea of natural infrastructure
 - What do we want to accomplish
- Create a consolidated table/resources that includes:
 - Available grants
 - Available programs where resources can be pulled together, e.g. regional data collection
- ID/develop ways to measure effectiveness of nature based projects and evaluate
 - NOAA is developing a database about green infrastructure projects
 - A Community of Ecosystem Services (ACES) has a database of ecosystem service values (bring in ACES economists as speakers to enhance this point)
- Develop training and access to reports, etc.
 - Communication and outreach strategies
- Encourage collaborations to save time and money
- Crossover funding and regulations
 - i.e. there is a lack of funding for performance evaluation
- Create greater recognition of the overlap between habitat, floodplains, water quality, etc.
 - i.e. Mike Klein's graphic on first slide
- Find ways to update maps
- Explore creative communication strategies that address the "people perspective"