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First Class Honors

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County grows its skilled stormwater management workforce and honors graduates of inaugural Urban Watershed Contractor Training Course

Largo, MD –The Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE) is proud to announce the first graduating class of the Urban Watershed Contractor Training Course. DoE, in partnership with the Prince George's County Office of Central Services Supplier Development and Diversity Division, Prince George's Community College and the University of Maryland's

Environmental Finance Center sponsored the five-week Course taught at Prince George's Community College as a non-credit continuing education class within their Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program. The Low Impact Development Center developed the course curriculum and additional grant funding was provided by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

As part of the County's Clean Water Partnership Program, a public-private partnership pilot program with Corvias Solutions, the Course provides training and education on low impact development (LID) practices for stormwater pollution control and guidance on business growth and contract procurement in the Clean Water Partnership Program.

"We are excited in the success of the first workforce pipeline for the coming stormwater industry. Over the next decade there will be more than \$1 billion of investment in our County's green infrastructure to keep our waters clean from polluted runoff. From engineering to landscaping, we estimate 5,000 new jobs will be created and we want those jobs to go to as many Prince Georgians as possible," said DoE Director Adam Ortiz.

The Course is part of a holistic effort by the County to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's pollution diet goals regulatory requirements (Total Maximum Daily Load) and reduce polluted stormwater runoff across the County by 2025. DoE has implemented the Clean Water Programs Initiative, which includes the Clean Water Partnership Program through which the County will invest \$1.2 billion into 45,000 various LID projects that will be installed to filter stormwater across 15,000 acres. The Course will foster the growth of the County's stormwater management workforce by training local, small and minority-owned businesses in the basics of LID practices such as permeable pavers, pavement removal, cisterns, rain barrels, rain gardens and green roofs, in addition to the planning and design, construction, maintenance and permitting requirements of these LIDs.

The graduates, honored during a special ceremony at DoE headquarters in Largo, include contractors, landscapers, engineers, construction workers and business entrepreneurs who successfully completed the Course and are now recognized as certified LID contractors. The graduates are:

- **Ruth Davila**, President/CEO, CelSue Construction Services, Incorporated
- **Altan Erginkoc**, Engineer, Department of the Environment
- **Crystal Faison**, President/CEO, Shepherd Design & Construction, LLC
- **Gary Faulkner**, President/CEO, Faulkner Landscaping Company
- **Eric Jackson**, Engineer, Department of the Environment
- **Ernest Jennels**, President/CEO, EDEN Team, LLC
- **Kimberly Knox**, Consultant
- **Kemba Saibou**, Environmental Planner, Department of the Environment
- **Christopher Williams**, Principle, Grace Management and Construction, LLC

Enrollment is currently underway for the spring semester. For more information or to register, contact Prince George's Community College at (301) 336-6000 or click [here](#). To learn more about the Clean Water Partnership Program and the Clean Water Programs Initiative, contact DoE at (301) 883-5810 or visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov.