GI Workshop Bios

Jeffrey Odefey is the Director of Clean Water Supply Programs for American Rivers, where he helps to lead a multi-disciplinary effort to promote integrated management of water resources through progressive regulation, sustainable financing, and policy reforms. His work focuses on urban water systems, including green infrastructure, water conservation, and integrated water management as pathways to preserve and protect healthy waters and communities. Currently, many of his efforts are directed as fostering resilient water management policies and programs in the Lower Colorado River Basin.

Tom Meixner is a professor in Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Arizona. As a catchment biogeochemist he studies the controls that hydrologic processes place on biogeochemical processes that influence water quality. Prior to being a Professor here in Tucson he was a professor in Riverside California and a Graduate Student at the the University of Arizona. Tom grew up in Maryland and enjoys playing in streams sometimes they even have water in them.

Susan Rutherford manages watershed protection planning, projects, and policy for the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management. She previously managed the City’s programs for greenspace and park acquisition. Susan leads the City’s Green Infrastructure Task Force, and serves on the board of Million Mile Greenway. She is a graduate of New College of Florida and Georgia Tech.

John Tennert is currently the Environmental Mitigation Manager for the Clark County Regional Flood Control District (District) where he is responsible for coordinating the environmental compliance activities for the District on behalf of its member agencies. John has worked in local government in the Las Vegas Valley for more than 15 years, focused on environmental and regulatory policy. Prior to working for the Clark County Regional Flood Control District, he was employed by the City of Henderson, Clark County, and the Las Vegas Valley Water District/Southern Nevada Water Authority. John received his Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy from Virginia Tech.

Matt Robinson is an Environmental Protection Specialist with the DC Department of Energy and Environment Watershed Protection Division. Matt has been with DOEE for the past seven and a half years and has been the de facto jack of all trades - master of none! Matt has worked with local and federal agencies in the District to install green infrastructure and other stormwater management practices. He has extensive experience installing green infrastructure in the public right of way. Matt is also responsible for the District’s efforts to meet the total maximum daily load for trash for the Anacostia River. Prior to Matt’s tenure at DOEE he worked for the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Delaware Coastal Management Program. Matt has a B.A. in Biology from St. Mary’s College of Maryland and an M.S. in Environmental Science and Policy from the Johns Hopkins University.