

How to Fight Flooding and Keep Homes Dry

A RainReady Workshop



RainReadySM helps neighborhoods fight flooding and keep homes dry. We offer support in making practical and affordable neighborhood improvements that help communities address:

- Water or sewage backup in homes
- Seepage or moisture in basements
- Flooding or standing water in yards or streets
- Cracked or blocked private sewer pipes
- Overland flooding from a creek or ditch

CNT's RainReady workshops respond to the needs of towns and cities to develop and implement plans and policies that prepare communities for rain. Our workshops take participants beyond typical stormwater planning sessions by helping them understand how to transform the decision-making process itself.

Each highly interactive, daylong workshop builds local capacity to implement RainReady approaches and strengthens relationships between flood victims, engineers and public works officials, and the community. The workshops will be open to approximately 30 participants (key community leaders, flood victims, stakeholders, and agency professionals are all eligible) who will learn how to simultaneously tackle urban flooding and build safer and more beautiful neighborhoods.

The workshop will be presented by two RainReady staff members. Our multidisciplinary team has a diverse skill set that include engineering, urban planning, law, outreach and public engagement.

We recommend that RainReady Workshops be hosted within affected communities to allow for a walking tour and neighborhood assessment. Ideally, participants will also have the opportunity to participate in a property assessment.

RainReady services are available to participating communities. Towns or cities wishing to offer the services to their residents will draw up a memorandum of agreement with CNT and agree to cover the costs of managing the program.



ISSUES COVERED BY THE WORKSHOP INCLUDE:

- How flooding affects properties and neighborhoods
- Riverine versus urban flooding
- Upgrading homes
 - Conducting a risk assessment
 - Improvements
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- Costs + benefits
- The role of insurance
- Partnerships and interagency solutions
- Funding and financing

PARTICIPANTS WILL WALK AWAY WITH NEW SKILLS, INCLUDING:

- Using photos, video and data to diagnose flood risk, raise awareness and select improvements
- Building resident and community participation
- DIY home and neighborhood improvements
- Identifying appropriate solutions for your community
- Accessing tools, information and resources

To learn more about the program, visit:
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