

Program at a Glance

The Growing Water Smart workshop offers teams the time to collaborate and focus on the water resource and urban planning challenges that are influencing border cities' growth and development. The workshop is comprised of the following elements:

Key Learning: Live presentations and written guidance documents provide knowledge and training around integrating water conservation, efficiency, green infrastructure and low impact development strategies into land use plans and policies.

Team-Oriented Work Sessions: Teams assess community data, trends, and existing policies; develop opportunities for cross-border collaboration; identify strategies to align land use plans and policies with water resource management goals; and develop an action plan to implement these strategies. Sessions are facilitated by professionals in the field who guide teams through these strategic discussions.

Peer-to-Peer Networking: Participants meet and exchange ideas with their peers and counterparts from their sister city.

Post-Workshop Assistance

Upon workshop completion, teams become eligible to receive assistance from the Sonoran Institute in the development of grant applications to pursue external funding.

Team Composition

The workshop is designed to build and foster interdisciplinary teams from sister cities, counties, and regions committed to taking collaborative action around water. Teams are comprised of approximately 10 mid- to senior-level individuals with diverse knowledge, skills, and perspectives. Team composition varies, and often includes:

- Local, state, and regional government elected and appointed officials
- Current and long-range land use planners
- Representatives from water utilities, retailers, and management agencies
- Economic development leaders
- Sustainability and resilience officers
- Parks and public works staff
- Representatives of regional planning organizations
- Bi-national agencies

Questions?

If you are interested in participating in an upcoming workshop or have any questions for our team, please contact us at: growingwatersmart@sonoraninstitute.org

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