



Salt Smart Certified

Parking Lots & Sidewalks

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A program coordinated by TCF
Bringing together organizations
working on providing safe
roads and surfaces for the
public while reducing impacts
of chlorides on the
environment

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Program Goals



TCF received a Section 319 Grant to develop a Parking Lots & Sidewalks Training & Certification Program

- Finalize BMP Manual
- Develop Training Program
- Develop Certification Program with tracking

Timeline – Final Deliverables by December 2022



Progress towards Training and Certification Program



- Connie Fortin with Bolton and Menk (previously Fortin Consulting) was hired as a technical consultant on the project
 - Monthly Check-In Meetings with Connie to discuss program, get feedback on progress and work
- Steering Committee Meeting in March and next Steering Committee Meeting in June
- Reaching out to Graphic Design Firms for proposals



Progress towards Training and Certification Program



- Target Audience
 - Primarily Private Contractors – historically have had success reaching public entities (municipal operations, school districts, park districts) with chloride reduction
- Manual nearing completion
 - Content adjustments based on feedback from Steering Committee
 - Updated to feel less overwhelming and less like a technical report
- Discussions with Steering Committee regarding what application rate guidance will be provided with program



Progress towards Training and Certification Program



- Beginning Development for training program
 - Envision adjusting content based on target audience
 - Broad approach at general Salt Smart Workshops
 - Targeting private contractors – meeting them where they are with training and content geared towards management/owner level
 - ILCA, SIMA, iLandscape



Assistance Needed



- More contacts with local private contractors
 - Participate in Application Rate survey and discussions
 - Participate in review and evaluation of draft trainings
- Contacts with contractors, public agencies involved in parking lots and sidewalk maintenance and other groups (watershed, environmental etc.) outside of NE Illinois



Match Support



Grant covers staff time, working with technical consultant, graphic design and web interface

Total project cost \$160k - Grant \$96k, need Match \$64k

- Need \$6k in remaining match, have \$58k from staff time, watershed workgroup contributions (CAWCW and LDWG are both contributing)
- Preparing a formal letter requesting support



Questions?



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