

## **Environmental Sustainability-Green Cities**

(Formerly “Environmental Management)

### **Course Level**

GMA – Elective

### **Course Length**

6 hours

### **Course Description**

This course will explore the environmental issues citizens and elected officials of Georgia currently face such as water quality and quantity, energy efficiency, and recycling. Participants will learn from municipal elected and appointed officials what cities are doing to address the environmental challenges, how to get citizens engaged and how to communicate and promote the environmental message. Participants will also learn how to respond to the challenges of working with state agencies. In addition, resource materials related to state law, state policy and state resources will be provided for officials to take home in CD format.

### **Learning Objectives**

*Participants will gain an understanding of:*

- The challenges and issues related to water management in Georgia
- How cities can create a ‘green’ and healthy community and how it is engaging the public
- Best Practices panel on environmental sustainability including recycling, landfill methane gas use, gray water and water reuse
- How one community has established stormwater ordinances
- How to respond to the challenges of working with state agencies.

## Agenda

- 8:30 - 8:40            Welcome and Overview
- 8:40 - 10:00        Water Management  
*“Discussion of challenges and issues related to  
Wastewater Permitting  
Water Conservation  
Interconnections of Water Supply*
- 10:00 - 10:15        Break
- 10:15 - 12:00        Green Communities  
*“Examples of how cities can create a ‘green’ and healthy  
community and how it is engaging the public”*
- 12:00 – 1:00        Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:30            How to create Stormwater Ordinances /Utility in your City
- 1:30 - 3:00            Panel on environmental sustainability best practices  
                          Recycling  
                          Landfill Methane Gas Use  
                          Gray Water / Water Re-Use
- 3:00 - 3:15            Questions and Answers
- 3:15 – 3:30            Wrap-up and Evaluation