



Fitchburg Green Complete Streets Forum Set for April 9th from 3-4:30 p.m.

The Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission is hosting a forum on Green Complete Streets **Thursday, April 9th from 3:00-4:30 p.m.** at the Fitchburg Library (5530 Lacy Rd.) in Room A/B. Bernard Lenz, La Crosse Assistant City Engineer, will discuss the City of La Crosse's efforts to integrate green infrastructure practices into their Complete Streets process.

While Complete Streets improves health, safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation users of all ages and abilities, the "green" component of La Crosse's 2012 Green Complete Streets Ordinance ensures environmental sustainability through stormwater management, landscaping and air quality improvements that are integral to the process as well.

All Complete Streets look different, but common features include sidewalks, bike lanes, raised crosswalks, bus shelters and crossings, refuge medians, wide shoulders, special bus lanes, sidewalk bulb-outs and audible pedestrian signals. A "Green" Complete Street adds green infrastructure such as porous pavement, grass swales, bio-retention basins, trees and vegetated boulevards and medians.

Green Complete Streets make it easier and more enjoyable to cross the street, walk to shops or bicycle to work while lowering environmental impacts, and thus facilitate a healthier, active city. Making the change to a Green Complete Street design process can be difficult. Mr. Lenz will share how La Crosse integrated green infrastructure into the Complete Street process and describe some of the lesson learned along the way.

For more information on La Crosse's Green Complete Streets, visit www.cityoflacrosse.org

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