One Water Leadership Institute: Adaptive Leadership  
June 25-26, 2019

Hosted by:  
Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

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Agenda

One Water is a transformative idea that envisions managing all water in an integrated, inclusive, and sustainable manner. This approach requires new interventions that are outside traditional water management techniques. This work starts with you, requires a clear purpose, and is risky. It is the work of courageous and adaptive leadership. During this Institute, you will strengthen your practice of leadership by learning the adaptive leadership framework. This Institute will provide the knowledge, skills, and tools for One Water Leaders to mobilize others to do important work around change and to thrive. It will strengthen a person’s ability to lead meaningful change through systematic approaches.

This Institute will be taught by Michael Mucha, Chief Engineer and Director of the Madison Metropolitan Sewage District, and Chair, US Water Alliance’s One Water Council. It draws from his decades of experience in a broad range of change efforts.

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

8:30am  Breakfast (Provided) and Informal Networking

9:00am  Welcome and Opening Remarks  
o  Kip Peterson, Vice President for Engagement, US Water Alliance  
o  Michael Mucha, Chief Engineer and Director, Madison Metropolitan Sewage District; Chair of the One Water Council

9:15am  Adaptive Leadership: The Five Principles and Three Core Competencies  
Leadership is an activity, not a spot on the organizational chart. Here we will discuss what makes adaptive leadership so different, how powerful it can be and what it requires of you.

10:45am  Break

11:00am  Diagnosing a Situation
Too often, we think we have a better understanding of the situation than we actually do, and we jump into action. Many times what results is that we solve the wrong problem. Few people probe deeply enough to identify what is really going on. Here we will explore methods to help you diagnose to set yourself up for solving the right problem.

12:00pm  Lunch (Provided)

12:30pm  Diagnosing a Situation (Continued)

2:30pm   Break

2:45pm  Intervening Skillfully
The true measure of leadership must be that actions lead to progress. To intervene skillfully is to do so consciously and purposefully. Managing conflict productively can move people forward. Here you will learn practical frameworks to move from where you are to where you want to be.

4:30pm  Recap and Reflections

6:00pm  Off-Site Networking Dinner (Provided)

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

8:30am  Breakfast (Provided) and Informal Networking

9:00am  Intervening Skillfully
Imagine if government favored and supported aspirational approaches over regulations? In this session, we will explore the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources adaptive approach to breaking through the ceiling of regulatory compliance and using adaptive thinking to move communities and businesses forward. We will be joined by guest speaker, Laurel Sukup, Chief of Sustainability, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

10:45am  Break

11:00am  Managing Self
Sometimes the greatest obstacle to progress is courage. The courage to imagine. The courage to confront resistance. The courage to look within. This Institute ends—where it needs to begin—with understanding who you are and how to thrive when the going gets tough.

12:00pm  Adjourn (Box Lunch Provided)

12:30pm  Tour: Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (Optional)
Participants will have the opportunity to tour Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District’s wastewater treatment plant. Highlights include a new struvite recovery facility, Shop One education center, and LEED platinum maintenance facility—where treated effluent is used to heat and cool the facility as well as to flush toilets. The facility gets 30% of its energy from the treatment plant’s digesters. The tour will conclude by 2:00pm.