



**Title:** *Bye Lawn, High Desert! Executing & Evaluating a Turf Replacement Rebate in the City of Bend*

**Length of Presentation:** 30

**Abstract:** (Seminar Description)

Transforming lawns into low-water landscapes takes a village. As a community located in the high desert, City of Bend is focused on reducing seasonal outdoor water use. This session showcases a successful Turf Replacement Rebate program developed to support a holistic landscape conversion incorporating: high-efficiency irrigation, preservation of soil and tree health, and drought tolerant plantings. The water savings resulting from the turf replacement projects are highlighted using historical consumption data. Findings provide attendees with insight into the reduction potential by going from grass to garden.

**CEU Relevance Statement:**

With lessons learned from three years of implementation, this session demonstrates how a hands-on and educational approach yields quality projects. The resulting water savings from rebate projects are highlighted using historical consumption data. By breaking the measured savings down to gallons per square foot, before and after the landscape conversion, the findings provide attendees with an understanding of reduction potential for similar projects.

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