

**Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future TOPICAL LUNCH**

**Title:** Integrating Green Infrastructure into our Academic Mission – Judy Nitsch

**Host:** David Cutter, University Landscape Architect

**Date:** Thursday January, 23 2014 – 12:00 – 1:00pm

Judy Nitsch, founding principal, and Nicole Holmes, project manager for green infrastructure, both of Nitsch Engineering initiated the luncheon discussion with an overview of programs at 2 peer universities that use campus green infrastructure (GI) as living laboratory opportunities. Water quality monitoring was the focus of an ongoing student research project to document the effectiveness of multiple GI installations in the Meadow Creek watershed at the University of Virginia. At Princeton University, monitoring equipment was installed on comparable green roof and conventional roof projects to document stormwater runoff and temperature performance over time. During the discussion, potential solutions to several barriers to integrating campus GI installations into teaching and research were discussed, including the need for faculty/researchers to learn about potential projects in a timely manner, and how to gain support for research funding in this resource-competitive environment.

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