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National Green Infrastructure Firm Greenprint Partners Taps CMAP's Kristin Ihnchak to Lead New Equitable Planning Practice

Chicago, Illinois – With the prospect of billions of federal infrastructure dollars to catalyze a green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) boom in the coming years, cities and utilities are seeking trusted experts to help guide investments that will protect communities, safeguard water resources, and improve quality of life. National GSI developer Greenprint Partners (WBE, B-Corp) has accelerated the growth of its planning

and advising services to meet the current demand for expertise at the intersection of climate resilience and social equity. Greenprint announced today that CMAP's Kristin Ihnchak is stepping into a new Director of Equitable Planning role.



“Recent contracts to build an equity toolkit for utility GSI practitioners and launch an Emerging GSI Leader Accelerator Program underscored the need to grow our team with top talent,” said Greenprint CEO April Mendez, “Kristin is the leader for this moment.”

Ihnchak, a 10-year veteran of CMAP, the Chicago region's comprehensive planning organization, brings a proven track record of partnering with municipalities to deliver award-winning sustainability plans that prioritize equity, community authorship, and multi-benefit approaches. Hildy

Kingma, the Director of Economic Development and Planning at the Village of Park Forest said, "Kristin led the development of the *Growing Green: Park Forest Sustainability Plan*, one of the first such plans in the Chicago metro area. She was committed to ensuring broad public input and to incorporating all the elements that make Park Forest unique. We have come a long way since the Sustainability Plan was



adopted, but none of it could have happened without the visionary blueprint she helped the Village develop.”

In her new Director of Equitable Planning role, Ihnchak will begin by launching the Emerging GSI Leader Accelerator Program, and building out Greenprint’s planning practice. Ihnchak said “I’m looking forward to building relationships with communities to tackle structural racism head on and empower underrepresented groups as true partners in planning, as well as providing targeted and accessible assistance that primes plans and projects for implementation.”

Greenprint Partners Greenprint Partners is a green stormwater infrastructure project development and consulting firm that partners with stormwater management leaders nationwide to deliver equitable, community-driven, multi-benefit green infrastructure on public and private property. Their award-winning team of urban planners, engineers, landscape designers, community organizers and finance professionals is on a mission to get the most good out of green infrastructure.

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