

Funding Opportunities

★ U.S. Forest Service FY 2014 Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant

An opportunity to choose from 3 grant categories, including making Urban Forests resilient to climate change or natural disasters, creating green jobs, and using green infrastructure to mitigate stormwater. The Council recommends urban and community forestry projects that have national or multi-state application.

Due: July 15, 2013.

[More Information Here](#)

★ U.S. Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investments, or TIGER Discretionary Grants

An opportunity to fund projects related to roads, rails, & transit that promise to achieve critical national objectives.

Due: June 3, 2013.

[More Information Here](#)

★ Unity Foundation Community Fund

Can apply for up to \$5000 to fund worthwhile projects and programs in the arts, the environment, health and human services, education, and community development *in LaPorte County.*

Due: July 19, 2013.

[More Information Here](#)

Additional Resources & Information

[June is Coastal Awareness Month](#)

[11 New Urban Waters Pilots Announced](#)

[Water Efficiency Blogs](#)

SAVE THE DATE: June 21st, 2013 Next Quarterly Meeting

Please join us for our next full Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership meeting to be held on **June 21st, from 9:30-12:30** with optional field trip to follow. As we develop an agenda, we would like to invite you to tell us what you would like to discuss at the meeting as well as any project sites you would like to visit as part of the optional field trip.

Please respond to this [short survey](#) no later than June 5th to share your ideas. Information provided will help us shape the meeting to best meet your needs. Look for an announcement with the final agenda and meeting details in mid-June.

We look forward to seeing you on June 21st!

June is Coastal Awareness Month



The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lake Michigan Coastal Program and its partners are celebrating Coastal Awareness Month during the Month of June. Many events are taking place throughout LaPorte, Porter, and Lake counties to celebrate and raise awareness of Lake Michigan. Some event highlights include:

W.G. Jackson Research Vessel Educational Tours: The W. G. Jackson Research Vessel will be in Michigan City June 8th and 9th, offering FREE tours of this floating educational center as well as participation in hands-on water monitoring. Three times are available to choose from. For more information or to reserve a tour, contact Nicole Messacar, LaPorte County Soil and Water Conservation District, at nmessacar@laportecounty.org or call 219-326-6808 ext. 2115. The vessel will then move to Burns Harbor June 10th, offering three additional touring times. For more information on the Burns Harbor visit, contact Ashley Snyder, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, at asnyder@idem.in.gov or call 219-464-0437.

Hobart Water Festival & Deep River Paddle: This FREE event will offer fun, educational activities that will help families get acquainted with their local water resources. Highlights include a Deep River Paddling Event, fishing activities, a rain barrel painting contest, face painting, the Wolfgang Singers, and more. For more information regarding the festival, contact Sherryl Doerr, City of Hobart, at sdoerr@cityofhobart.org or call 219-942-5517. For more information regarding the Deep River Paddling event, contact Dan Plath, Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, at dplath@nwipa.org.

To see a list of events near you, visit:
[The Lake Michigan DNR Coastal Awareness Event Home Page](#)

A New Approach to Communication

Our goal is to provide the best information possible for technical support and the latest in partnering opportunities. We realize that sometimes too many emails may get lost in the shuffle. To strengthen our communication, we will be sending monthly updates similar in design to what you are seeing today. Please look for these emails providing information we hope will assist you in your efforts.

If there is anything you want to share in a future email, such as advertising an event or providing information on a project you are working on, we would love to help you get the word out. Please contact Natalie Johnson, Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Ambassador, using the information listed below.

We look forward to working with you and connecting you to more opportunities in the future.

Reminder:

Considering applying for a grant and need a hand? The Federal Partners are able to help in the preparation of proposals so that you you can apply for funds. For assistance, contact Natalie Johnson, Urban Waters Ambassador, for more information.

Questions? Comments?
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