# URBANWATERS FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP

Restoring Urban Waters, Revitalizing Communities.

Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Federal Partnership Updates & Items of Interest

October 23, 2013

## **Funding Opportunities**

# U.S. EPA Urban Waters Small Grants

#### Due: December 16, 2013

Small grant awards under this competition will range in the amount of approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000 in federal funding. The funding is part of EPA's Urban Waters program, and is one element of support EPA is providing to the goals of the multiagency Urban Waters Federal Partnership.

# **More Information Here**

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National Environmental Education Foundation: Every Day Capacity Building Grants

#### Due: October 30, 2013

The National Environmental Education Foundation is dedicated to connecting people to knowledge

# New Dates for Recently Released EPA Urban Waters Small Grants Competition

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency expects to award up to \$1.6 million in funding through its Urban Waters Program. The funding is for projects taking place in 18 Eligible Geographic Areas that protect and restore urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities.

EPA issued the 2013/2014 Urban Waters Small Grants Requests for Proposals (RFP) on September 26, 2013 and posted information about the small grants program and the upcoming webinar for applicants. *The RFP was revised on October 21, 2013 to extend the proposal submission deadline and identify other delayed milestones for this grant opportunity that are a result of the government shutdown.* The Key Dates listed on the Urban Waters Small Grants <u>webpage</u> will soon be updated to reflect the changes in this message.

#### Dates to Remember (includes extended deadlines):

Sept 26: RFP open period began Nov. 14: National Webinar for Applicants (Registration Required) Dec. 9: Deadline for submitting questions Dec. 16: RFP open period ends Summer 2014: Anticipated award date

The Northwest Indiana Partnership will offer a local call-in on November 12th from 10:00AM-11:00AM Central to assist in the coordination of local proposals. If you are looking to partner or have questions about potential projects, please RSVP to <u>Natalie@savedunes.org</u> by November 8th.

they use to improve the quality of their lives and the health of the planet. In the upcoming funding round, twenty-five grants of up to \$5,000 will be provided to increase organizational effectiveness so that grantees can better serve public lands.

#### More Information Here

Additional Resources & Information

#### **Conference Notice:**

Mid America Trails and Greenways Conference This event brings together trail and greenway interests from IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, MO, OH and WI. October 27-30, 2013 Matteson, IL

# Watershed Academy Webcast on the "National Stormwater Calculator" Today

### Webcast rescheduled due to Government Shutdown

Join partners from the U.S. EPA for a Watershed Academy Webcast on **October** 23, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Eastern on the new "National Stormwater Calculator." This new calculator is designed for anyone interested in reducing runoff from a property including: site developers, landscape architects, urban planners, homeowners and others. It can help users decide which stormwater management practices to install such as a rain garden or a green roof. This calculator is a desktop application that estimates the annual amount of rainwater and frequency of runoff from a specific site anywhere in the United States (including Puerto Rico). Estimates are based on local soil conditions, land cover, and historic rainfall records.

> Download the Stormwater Calculator at: www.epa.gov/nrmrl/wswrd/wg/models/swc/

Register for the Webcast at: <u>www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts</u>

#### Reminder:

Considering applying for a grant and need a hand? The Urban Waters Federal Partners can help your group, organization, or agency prepare funding proposals. Contact Natalie Johnson, Urban Waters Ambassador, for more information.

> Questions? Comments? Please Contact:

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