

Delaware River Urban Waters Federal Partnership Regional Meeting

CEER Building, Room 001 | Villanova University, Philadelphia

May 12, 2015

- 8:00am Registration and light breakfast**
- 8:35am Welcome**
Rob Traver, Host, Villanova University
- 8:45am The Impact of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership**
Lisa Pelstring, Advisor, Urban Environmental Issues, U.S. Dept. of the Interior
- 9:00am Overview of Delaware River Urban Waters Partnership and Orientation to Today's Meeting**
Michael Leff, Ambassador, USFS/Davey Institute
- 9:10am EPA Urban Waters Small Grants presentations**
Ann-Marie Mitroff, Urban Waters Learning Network
- 9:15am EPA Urban Waters Small Grants – Session #1: Green Stormwater Infrastructure**
- 9:15 1) Villanova University: *Green roof shelters* – Bridget Wadzuk
9:25 2) Temple University: *Community-driven geodesign process* – Mahbubur Meenar
9:35 3) Schuylkill River Development Corporation: *Greenway stormwater management* – Joseph Syrnick
9:45 >> **Panel discussion** (moderated by Dave Lange, National Park Service)
- 10:00am Break**
- 10:15am EPA Urban Waters Small Grants – Session #2: Community Engagement**
- 10:15 4) Pennsylvania Horticultural Society: *Green jobs training in Chester* – Emma Melvin
10:25 5) Clean Air Council: *Community stormwater planning in Wilmington* – Saleem Chapman
10:35 6) Wilderness Inquiry, Inc: *Canoemobile visits* – Sophie Sarkar
10:45 >> **Panel discussion** (moderated by Dave Lange, NPS)
- 11:00am Two Parallel Tracks: Walking Tour and/or Three Hot Topics**
(Split into 2 groups: first Walking Tour, then 3 presentations, or vice versa – then switch and repeat)
- 11:00am Walking Tour of Villanova BMPs (Rob Traver)**
- or - **11:00am** [Brownfields “Community of Practice” – A Year of Action in Review](#)
(Simeon Hahn, NOAA, and Frank McLaughlin, NJDEP)
- 11:15am** [Sustainable Business Network GSI Partners](#) (Anna Shipp)
11:30am [John Heinz Urban Wildlife Refuge Initiative](#) (Mariana Bergerson)
- 11:45am Walking Tour of Villanova BMPs**
- or - **11:45am** [Brownfields “Community of Practice” A Year of Action in Review](#)
12:00pm [Sustainable Business Network GSI Partners](#)
12:15pm [John Heinz Urban Wildlife Refuge Initiative](#)
- 12:30pm Lunch and networking**
➤ **Lunch presentation:** [Green Schoolyards in Philadelphia](#) (Jessica Noon, Philadelphia Water)
- 1:30pm GreenTreks trailer: “Urban Waters Community Partnership”**
- 1:45pm Special Plenary Session: Increasing Diversity in Environmental Organizations and Agencies**
Moderator: Sophie Sarkar, National Park Service; Presenters/panelists: [Tarsha Scovens](#), [Let's Go Outdoors](#); Lamar Gore, John Heinz Wildlife Refuge; [Eric Dolaway](#), [Urban Blazers](#)
- 2:45pm Facilitated Breakouts: Planning Our “Community of Practice” for the Year Ahead**
◆ Brownfields ◆ Water Quality & Quantity ◆ Trails, Parks & Open Space
◆ Climate Resilience ◆ River Protection & Restoration
- 4:15pm Closing Inspiration: The Marvel of Metamorphosis**
Flavia Rutkosky, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 4:30pm Adjourn**