

# Urban Waters Federal Partnership

Restoring Urban Waters, Revitalizing Communities

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GOALS & MEASURES DISCUSSION

WITH OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET (OMB)

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## Today's Agenda

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1. Introductions
2. Partnership Background & Key Updates
3. Goals & Measures
  - Measures Framework
  - Measures Implementation
4. Discussion
5. Next Steps

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## Urban Waters Federal Partnership

- **Urban Waters Value: Effective Federal Coordination**
  - Provides a more effective way to achieve our missions  
*“banding together, sharing resources, and avoiding duplication”*
  - Integrates natural resource restoration with community & economic development missions while engaging communities
  - Draws on local actions to inform national programs
- **Case Study: Baltimore**

### Partnership Agencies

EPA  
USDA  
DOI  
HUD  
DOT  
USACE  
NOAA  
EDA  
CDC  
NIEHS  
CNCS  
ED  
DOE  
FEMA  
with  
WH-DPC  
WH- CEQ

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## Key Partnership Updates

- **Urban Waters Federal Partnership Handbook**  
Tools and best practices for interested communities across the country
- **EPA Urban Waters Grants & Public-Private Partnership** (3<sup>rd</sup> cycle)  
Funding from EPA, USDA, DOI, CNCS (new) and private sector partners
- **Urban Waters Learning Network**  
Knowledge transfer & technical assistance, now over 200 members
- **NGO Statement of Support:** 28+ NGOs joining the Partnership
- **National Training Workshop** (December 2014) – 200 participants

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## Realizing the Partnership's Vision, Mission & Principles

### What's working? What are we learning?

- Federal commitment at the national level is critical
- Investment in convening at locations yields results
  - Develop shared agenda
  - Coordinate planning and action
  - Attract greater investment
  - Achieve multiple results on the ground
- Urban Waters Locations Network accelerates work
  - Identify and share effective practices

### Partnership Principles

Promote clean urban waters

Reconnect people to their waterways

Promote water conservation

Use water to promote economic revitalization

Encourage community improvements through active partnerships

Be open & honest; Listen to communities to learn.

Measure success & evaluate to fuel future success

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## Fostering Greater Impact

Alignment on **Urban Waters Vision, Mission & Principles** is attracting more partners and resources

- Locally
- Nationally



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## Goals & Measures

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- **Inter-agency Measures Team** has developed:
  - Measures framework
  - Implementation approach for measures
- **Assumptions**
  - Measures aligned with Partnership's Vision, Mission & Principles
  - Measures support location goals
  - No new database or data system
  - No new ICR

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## Context for Measures Implementation

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- Measures are an element of the Partnership Work Plan
- Work Plan approval will set into motion:
  - Measures implementation
  - MOU to formalize agency roles & commitments

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## Measures Framework Elements

	NATIONAL	LOCATION
1	Measures for National Partnership	
2	National Measures for Locations	Shared Location Measures
3		Location-Specific Measures

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## Measures Framework (Element 1)

### National Partnership Measures (annual)

- # of agencies leading or co-leading in locations
- # of agencies participating in joint national initiatives
  - Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Fund (public-private partnership)
  - Tools development and deployment
- # of agencies funding Ambassadors

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## Measures Framework (Element 2)

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### **National Data for Locations (annual)**

- National data from EPA Water Quality Framework
- National data on urban forestry, green space, etc

### **National Roll-Up of Shared Location Measures (annual)**

- # of joint federal-stakeholder meetings
- # of partnership outreach communications
- # locations with workplan
- # milestones initiated & completed

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## Measures Framework (Element 3)

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### **Location-Specific Measures (annual)**

- Partnership process indicator measures
- Capacity-building measures
- Environmental Measures
  - including measures related to water quality, urban forestry, green space
- Socio-economic Measures

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## Next Steps

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- Work with agency leaders to finalize measures
- Secure approval of Partnership Work Plan
- Implement work plan and measures
  - clarify and formalize roles and resource commitments

### **OMB & CEQ Assistance Requested**

- Assist in engaging agency leaders in these steps above

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## Questions & Discussion

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