

A decorative graphic consisting of several overlapping, wavy, horizontal bands of blue in various shades, ranging from light to dark, creating a sense of movement and water. The graphic is positioned at the top of the slide, above the text.

Lower Passaic River Urban Waters Federal Partnership
Riverwide Meeting

February 6th, 2018

Goals for Today

- Highlight the Lower Passaic River's federal designation as an Urban Waters location
- Learn about local challenges and opportunities related to the Lower Passaic River
- Share information about specific timelines for ongoing projects
- Identify how the Partnership can support Passaic River activities in our core program areas



What Is the Urban Waters Federal Partnership?

- Focuses on strengthening partnerships at **19 locations** across the United States.
- Includes **28 NGOs** and **15 federal agency partners**.
- Aims to leverage resources to reconnect urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways.
- Guided by national Vision, Mission, and Principles



The Samuel J. Heyman
SERVICE to AMERICA MEDALS



Lower Passaic River Urban Waters Federal Partnership

- Designated in 2013, focused on collaboration between the Superfund (EPA) and Comprehensive Restoration Plan (Corps of Engineers)
- Projects meeting in 2015, including NGOs engaged through the Superfund process
- Part-time Ambassador hired on 2016 to advance projects and expand Partnership to engage the lower-17 miles

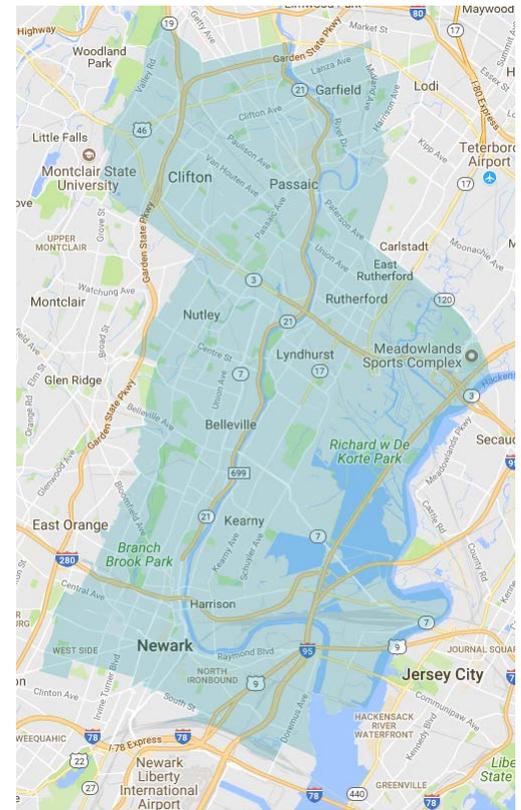


*“The Lower Passaic River UWFP is a collaboration of federal and state agencies, municipalities, and community-based organizations advancing **cleanup, restoration, and stewardship** of the Lower Passaic River and **equitable, sustainable development** along its banks.”*



New York-New Jersey
Harbor Estuary Program

HUDSON RIVER FOUNDATION
for Science & Environmental Research, Inc.



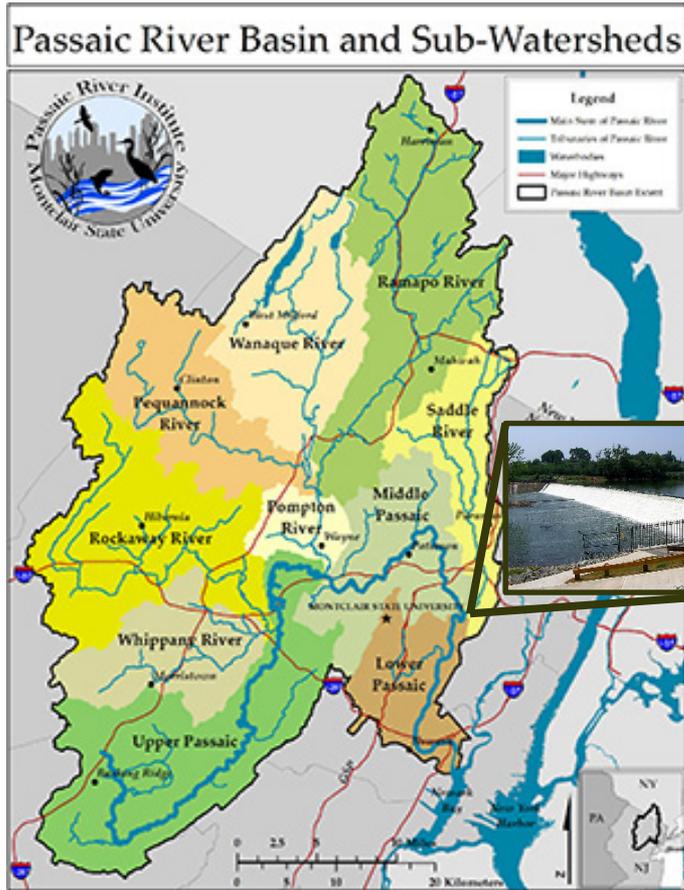
**US Army Corps
of Engineers**



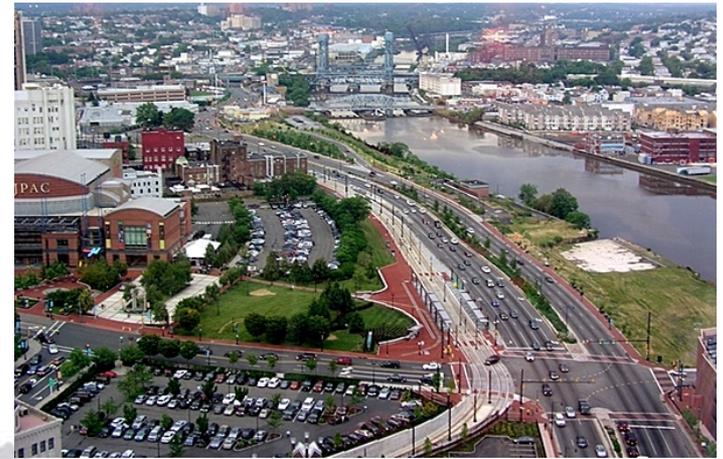
A decorative graphic consisting of several overlapping, wavy bands of blue and light blue, resembling water or a stylized landscape, positioned at the top of the slide.

Lower Passaic River: challenges and opportunities for sustainable, equitable development

Geography of the Lower Passaic River

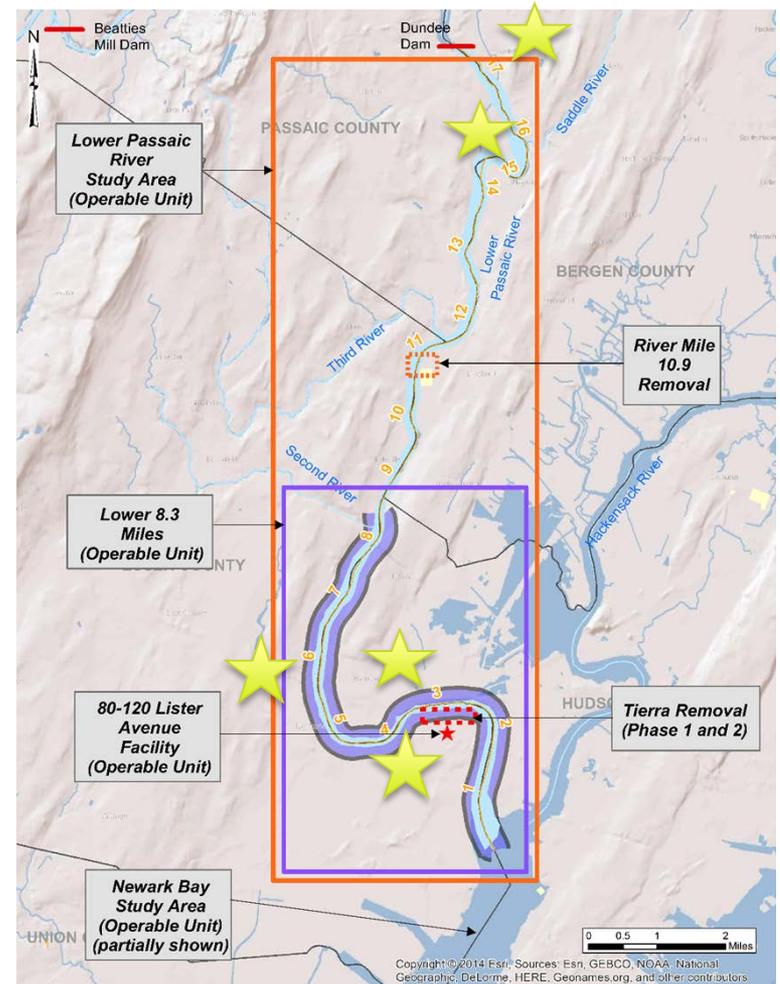


Headwater of the Passaic in Mendham Township



The tidal stretch in Newark, NJ

Integrating public access with public input...



Location and Amount	Description
Newark CEDC \$17m	Expansion of Riverfront Park
Essex County \$5m	Boathouse at Newark RP
Town of Harrison \$1.8m	Create Passaic River Waterfront
City of Garfield \$1.73m	Create Riverwalk
Passaic County & City \$5m	Dundee Island Waterfront Park

...while managing vulnerabilities

“The Passaic River Basin has a land-use problem, not a flooding problem”

--John Miller (2014), New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management

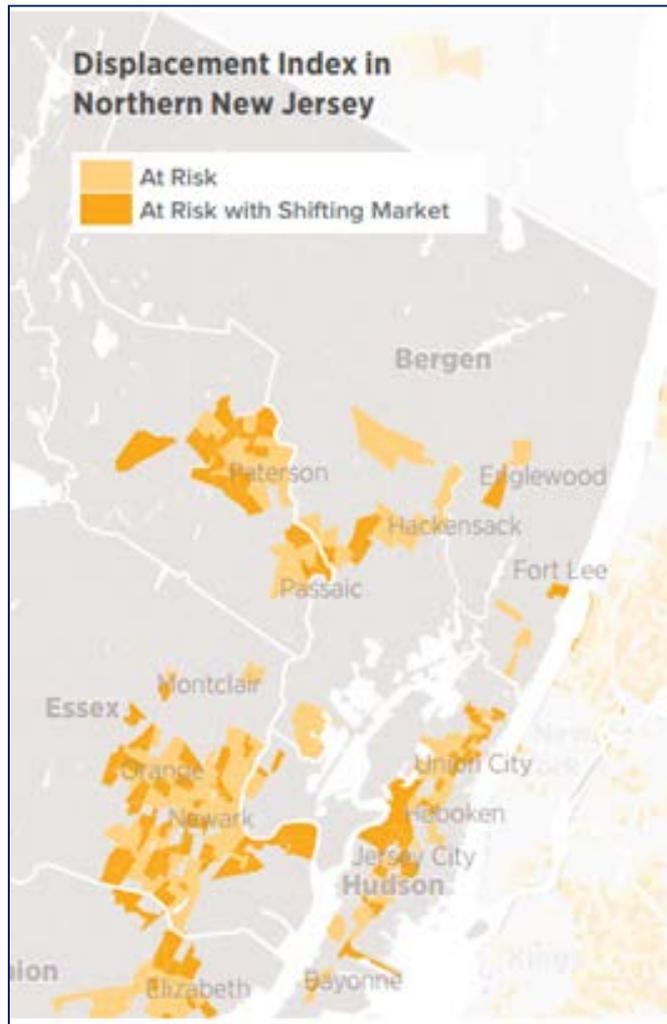


2014 FEMA
Preliminary Flood
Insurance Maps

Total National Flood Insurance Program Payments in Lower Passaic Riverfront Cities Since 1978, by County

Bergen County	\$39,841,231.23
Essex County	\$26,705,886.10
Passaic County	\$15,303,506.84
Hudson County	\$29,460,571.67
Grand total	\$111,311,195.84





...and ensuring equity

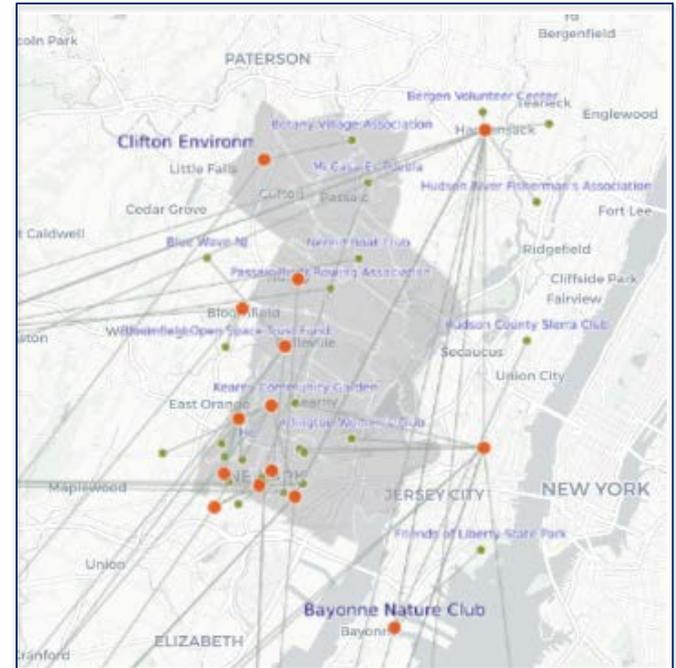
Regional Plan Association, 2017

Friends of the LA River



Resources from the Lower Passaic River Urban Waters Federal Partnership

- Lower Passaic River Stewardship Map
- Public Participation workshops
 - “About the Passaic River” slide deck and data reference sheets
 - “Public Participation in federal flood studies”
 - 8 workshops with snapshots of civic and environmental groups
- Grants and news bulletin with over 60 unique civic groups



Resources from the Lower Passaic River Urban Waters Federal Partnership

- Mapping pilot focused on Newark Riverfront Park
- Compiling resources for homeless outreach at Riverfront Park
- Organize data related to federal funding in Passaic River counties hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy
- Identifying means of supporting stewardship of new parks, and piloting research in Passaic



Meeting Agenda

12:00 – 12:20 Welcome from the Lower Passaic River UWFP – *Sarah Lerman-Sinkoff*

12:20 – 12:50 Partner Introductions

12:50 – 1:50 Presentations on Key River Projects

- Public Access and Community Engagement – *Scott Dvorak*
- Homelessness as an Environmental Justice Issue – *Richard Brown and Taiisa Kelly*
- Habitat Restoration Sites on the Lower Passaic River – *Lisa Baron*

1:50 – 2:00 Break

2:00 – 2:40 Discussing Partnership Framework, breakout groups

2:40 – 3:20 Collaborative Mapping Activity

3:20 – 3:45 Announcements and Next Steps



Purpose for the Partnership Activities framework

- Defines the specific role of the Partnership
- Provides language for use in grant applications
- Worksheet for identifying ways of collaborating across geography and issue areas, and potential projects

Developed from the Urban Waters Federal Partnership National Mission, Vision, and Principles



Six core Partnership Activities

- Water quality
- Public access
- Habitat restoration
- Affordable housing and homelessness
- Climate resiliency
- Public engagement

Followed by a worksheet with evidence of local needs, model programs and partnerships, and relevant grant opportunities

