

URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities

NWI Urban Waters Federal Partnership Remote Meeting

April 16th, 2020 - 9:30 to 11:30 am Central

Help us chose the meeting platform that works for most!

Complete the [survey](#) by April 8th!

While we can't meet in person this month, we'd like to check in with our NWI Urban Waters Partners. The web meeting will provide an opportunity for partners to update the group on their organizations' challenges and needs during these strange times.



Join us for a video chat. Messy hair and photobombers of all species encouraged!

We hope you can join us and are staying well!

Hold your calendars for the remaining 2020 NWI Urban Waters meetings:
July 9 and October 8 at 9:30 Central at the PNW Portage Meeting Facility.

Pandemic Resources for Nonprofits

[River Network Pandemic Resources for Nonprofits](#)

River Network has compiled a number of helpful resources, as many of us are transitioning to remote work, considering cancelling or postponing events, wondering how to remain inclusive and equitable, and dealing with new anxiety and stress.

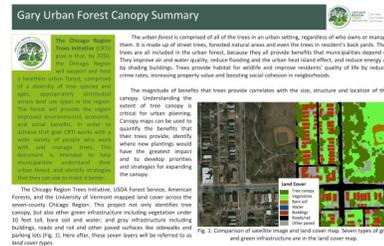
[Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans](#)

Nonprofits are invited to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan through

the U.S. Small Business Administration. This loan, up to \$10,000, will provide economic relief to businesses and organizations that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Funds will be made available within three days of a successful application, and this loan advance **will not have to be repaid**.

Urban Tree Canopy Maps for Northwest Indiana Communities

The Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) has generously created community urban tree canopy summary reports for communities located in Northwest Indiana. They provide a tree canopy baseline for each community as it existed in 2010. NIRPC has made these reports available on the CommuniTree webpage. You can view or download your communities summary report by clicking [here](#)



Urban Tree Canopy Report

Indiana DNR Hiring

Seasonal Resource Management Technician

IDNR has posted an opening for a Seasonal Resource Management Technician. The position would serve as part of the Grand Calumet River AOC restoration crews funded under the Dune and Swale GLRI Direct Funding Grant. View the [posting](#).

Environmental Specialist

Indiana DNR's Division of Land Acquisition is looking to fill an Environmental Specialist position working in both the natural resources damage assessment and restoration program and with the Indiana Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program (IN SWMP), DNR's in-lieu fee program. View the [posting](#) (Posting ID 91841).

Funding Opportunities

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership may be able to provide assistance to further your initiatives by exploring grant opportunities, building partnerships, and helping you to developing competitive proposals. Contact [Jen Birchfield](#) to discuss your projects and ways we can help.

EPA Source Reduction Assistance Program

EPA is announcing the availability of funds through its Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) Program. SRA assistance agreements are awarded to support research, investigation, study, demonstration, education and training methods using source reduction approaches.

*Award range: \$20,000 - \$100,000 over two years with 5% match

*Submission Deadline: April 30, 2020

Chi-Cal Rivers Fund: 2020 Funding Opportunity

The Chi-Cal Rivers Fund will offer approximately \$1 million in competitive grant

funding in 2020. To reduce the overall level of effort required for applicants to be considered for funding, the Fund will eliminate the pre-proposal phase in 2020 and request applicants submit a streamlined full proposal. Grant funding in 2020 will be awarded in three categories:

- Habitat Quality
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- Public Access

*RFP to be Released May 20, 2020

*[Webinar for Applicants](#): Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 - 11:30 AM Central

*Full Proposal Due Date: Thursday, July 9 by 10:59 PM Central

[**NPS Land & Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership**](#)

Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas": places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled.

*Award range: \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 with 1:1 match

*Applications due: July 10, 2020

[**2020 National Fish Passage Program**](#)

The National Fish Passage Program is a voluntary program that provides direct technical and financial assistance to partners. Activities that restore fish passage also support the modernization of country's infrastructure such as road culverts, bridges and water diversions. Example project types include dam removals, culvert replacements, and the installation of fishways.

*Award range: \$500 - \$2,000,000 with 1:1 match on a regional basis not necessarily project basis

*Applications due: September 30, 2020

Webinars and Resources

[**Webinar: Closing the Deal from Water Words That Work**](#)

April 8, 2:00 pm EST

[**Webinar: How to Unlock the Power of Your Tree Inventory with Technology**](#)

April 9, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (EDT)

[**Webinar: CommuniTree: A Model for Engaging Communities in Tree Planting and Maintenance Projects**](#)

(featuring our own NWI Urban Waters Partners Drew Hart (USFS) and Daiva Gylys (SCA!))

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 | 1:00 - 2:15pm ET

[**Webinar: EPA Tools and Resources Citizen Science at EPA**](#)

April 15, 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

[Free Online Course: Adaptation Planning and Practices](#)

This 7-session course begins April 20

[Webinar: STEM to STEAM Education: Using Art as a Gateway to Learning](#)

April 29, 1 pm - 2 pm EDT

[Urban Waters Technical Assistance Guide](#)

[National Opportunity Zones Interactive Marketplace](#)

[Paper on the Green Infrastructure Space and Traits \(GIST\) Model](#)

[Report: Utilities are Less Likely to Replace Lead Pipes in Low-Income Communities of Color](#)

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership focuses on the Lake Michigan watershed in Lake, LaPorte and Porter Counties, Indiana.

Urban Waters works to connect urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and state and local partners. The goals are to improve the Nation's water systems and to promote their economic, environmental and social benefits.