

URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities

NWI Urban Waters Meeting Thursday, April 18th



Join us at the next NWI Urban Waters meeting Thursday, **April 18, 9:30-12 Central**, at the [PNW Portage Meeting Facility](#)

The [agenda](#) includes presentations on the Gary Green Infrastructure Plan and the Little Cal West Branch Wetland Project.

At the February meeting, partners noted the draft 2018 accomplishments report under-reported the amount of grant funding obtained by our NWI Urban Waters partners. If your organization obtained grants related to the Urban Waters priorities that you would like to be included in the 2018 accomplishments report, please add them to the [spreadsheet](#) and send to [Jen Birchfield](#).

Chi-Cal Rivers Fund Accepting Applications



Regatta | Credit: Daniel Wendt (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago)

The Chi-Cal Rivers Fund is now accepting applications for competitive funding. Details about this funding opportunity are provided in the [Request for Proposals](#). To be eligible for funding, projects must occur in close proximity to or otherwise demonstrate direct benefits to the major waterways of the Chicago-Calumet system and their tributaries as outlined in the Request For Proposals. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and state, tribal and local governments. Grant funding in 2019 will be awarded in three categories:

- Habitat Quality
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- Public Access

*[Webinar](#) for Applicants: April 16, 10:00 AM Central Time

*Pre-Proposal Due Date: Tuesday, May 14 by 10:59 PM Central Time

*Full Proposal Due Date: Wednesday, July 17 by 10:59 PM Central Time

*Typical award range: \$100,000 to \$300,000. Match recommended but not required.

Join CommuniTree Partners for April Tree Plantings

[Edward Valve Park Tree Planting with SCA](#)

Saturday, April 20th; 9 AM-Noon
Edward Valve Park- W 143rd St. & Homerlee Ave. East Chicago, IN



[Nisource Planting with Wildlife Habitat Council](#)

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 9 AM - Noon
NiSource Headquarters in Merrillville, IN
Light lunch included.

[Indiana University Northwest Tree Planting with SCA](#)

Thursday, April 25th; 9 AM-Noon
Indiana University Northwest Campus- Gary, IN

[Marktown Park Tree Planting with SCA](#)

Friday, April 26th; 10 AM-2 PM
Meet at the Marktown Recreation Center- 3509 Spruce St. East Chicago, IN
**Arrive early for a walking tour of the Marktown Historic District at 8:30.*

[Harrison Park Tree Planting with SCA](#)

Saturday, April 27th; 9 AM-Noon
Harrison Park- Hohman Ave. Hammond, IN

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.

[The J.M.K. Innovation Prize](#)

The JMK Innovation Prize seeks innovators spearheading transformative early-stage projects in the fields of the environment, heritage conservation, and social justice. The Prize is open to non-profit and mission-driven for-profit organizations tackling challenges through social innovation.

*Total award of \$175,000 over 3 years

*First-round applications are due by April 30, 2019.

[NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund](#)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) provides grant funding to restore, increase and strengthen natural infrastructure to protect coastal communities, while also enhancing habitats for fish and wildlife.

- *Amount varies by focus area, minimum 1:1 non-federal cash or in-kind match
- *Pre-proposals due May 20, 2019

P3GreatLakes Initiative Request for Statement of Interest

P3GreatLakes, an initiative to assess and where appropriate promote, market-based solutions to the use of green stormwater infrastructure, is seeking a statement of interest from municipalities in the Great Lakes states that seek the use of innovative delivery and/or financing frameworks to solve infrastructure challenges. *P3GreatLakes* is able to provide free services to help structure private finance frameworks for Environmental Impact Bonds and/or cheaper delivery framework such as Community-based Public Private Partnerships.

- ***Webinar** to discuss the RSI Tuesday, April 30, Noon-1 pm Eastern.
- *Statement of Interest due Friday, May 31, 2019

IDEM Section 319 Grants

The Federal Clean Water Act Section 319(h) provides funding for various types of projects that work to reduce nonpoint source water pollution. Funds may be used to conduct assessments, develop and implement TMDLs and watershed management plans, provide technical assistance, demonstrate new technology and provide education and outreach.

- *A 40 percent non-federal in-kind or cash match required
- *Notice of Intent emails due June 1, 2019.

Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Program

Grants help rural communities with limited resources and staff access USDA funding for essential community facilities. Eligible recipients are public entities, private nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribes that have experience providing technical assistance and training to rural entities. Eligible projects include those involving multi-jurisdictions and collaborations.

- *Maximum award is \$150,000, match preferred but not required
- *Applications due June 10

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Coastal Program

The USFWS's Coastal Program is focused on on-the-ground coastal habitat restoration, enhancement, and protection that benefits fish and wildlife. Details can be found in the [Coastal Program NOFO](#) (section VI).

- *Award Ceiling: \$500,000. Match recommended but not required.
- *Deadline: Projects accepted on a rolling basis

Webinars, Workshops, and Events

Webinar: Building a Better Tomorrow for Community Water Science

April 16, 1:00-2:00 pm EST

LMCP Funding Priorities Public Meeting - 2020 Funding Cycle

April 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

[NIRPC, Portage, IN](#)

[Webinar: Spotighting Innovation in Water Utilities](#)

Thursday, April 18, 2019 3:00 - 4:00 PM

[Webinar: It rained two feet, now what?](#)

April 23, 2019, 1:30 - 2:30pm

[Gary Environment Stewardship Day](#)

April 27, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
455 Massachusetts Street (Parking Lots), Gary

[Green Gary](#)

Saturday, April 27, 10 AM - 3 PM
[Paul H Douglas Center for Environmental Education](#)

[Chicago Wilderness Force of Nature Awards Nomination](#)

Deadline extended to April 30

[Webinar: Data Needs for Modeling](#)

May 1st, 1pm Eastern

[Michigan City Conference on the Environment](#)

June 7, 2019, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
[Blue Chip Resort, Michigan City](#)

[Conservation Happenings Meeting](#)

June 12, 2019
Indiana University South Bend at the Education and Arts Building

[Save the Date: Indiana Tree Steward Program](#)

June 10-11, 2019
Portage, IN

[River Rally 2019](#)

June 21-24, 2019
Cleveland, Ohio
Early bird registration through April 30

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.