

# URBANWATERS

*A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities*

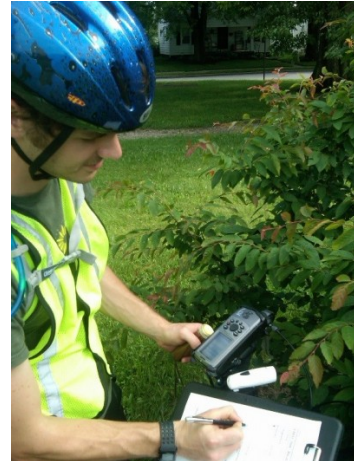
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## Tree Inventory Workshop: Tools & Best Practices

Tuesday, July 17th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Central Time  
Portage, Indiana

Join Urban Waters, CommuniTree, and presenter Lindsay Darling of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative for a free workshop on tree inventories.

A tree inventory is the foundation of sound urban forest management. Tree inventories can guide communities in evaluating the current condition of the urban forest and planning future management decisions. This workshop will feature presentations and hands-on exercises covering commonly available tools, resources, and best practices for conducting a tree inventory.



Above: Conducting a tree inventory, photo courtesy of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

Registration is filling quickly, [register now](#) to reserve your space!

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## Next NWI Urban Waters Partnership Meeting July 20th!



Save the date for the next NWI Urban Waters Partnership quarterly meeting July 20, 2018 at 9:30 am Central at the [Purdue Northwest Meeting Facility](#) in Portage.

The tentative agenda includes presentations from the Calumet Collaborative on Conservation Action Planning projects in NWI, the Porter County SWCD on their educational programs, and discussion with EPA on emergency planning in NW IN and communicating with communities.

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## Marquette Action Plan Available for Public Comment

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is accepting public comments on the Marquette Action Plan through June 28.

The Marquette Action Plan builds on The Marquette Plan, a comprehensive and collaborative vision for guiding future decision-making across all of Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline, an area



Lakefront photo courtesy of NIRPC.

that holds a tremendous amount of opportunities and challenges. The Action Plan identifies land across Northwest Indiana's shoreline that may feasibly be transformed into new publicly-accessible areas for conservation, recreation, amenities, and livable communities, if it were made available for that purpose.

The document is available for review on the NIRPC website at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org). Requests for alternative formats may be directed to Mary Thorne by calling 219-763-6060, ext. 131, or by email at [mthorne@nirpc.org](mailto:mthorne@nirpc.org). TTY users may use the Relay Indiana service by calling 711 or 800-743-3333. Comments can be submitted until June 28, 2018 by 2:00 pm in the following ways:

- Email: [comments@nirpc.org](mailto:comments@nirpc.org)
- Phone: 219-763-6060, ext. 160
- United States Postal Service: NIRPC, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368

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## Indiana DNR's In-lieu Fee Program Approved

The Indiana DNR's in-lieu fee (ILF) program, the Indiana Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program (IN SWMP) has been approved. The effective date of program approval for the DNR to sell credits is May 3, 2018. Learn more at [dnr.IN.gov/heritage/8340.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/heritage/8340.htm).

The DNR's ILF program allows the DNR to sell stream and wetland mitigation credits that can be used for compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to waters of the United States and isolated wetlands in the State of Indiana. Learn more here.

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## 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.*

### **\*NEW\* [NIH Funding for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics](#)**

The National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. To this end, this funding opportunity announcement encourages the development of innovative educational activities for pre-kindergarten to grade 12, pre-service and in-service teachers and students from underserved communities with a focus on Courses for Skills Development, Research Experiences, Mentoring Activities, Curriculum or Methods Development and Outreach.

\*Due July 9, 2018

**\*NEW\* [IISG College Program Small Research Grants](#)**

The Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program (IISG) has funds to invest in promising research projects relevant to southern Lake Michigan and surrounding coastal communities. For 2018, IISG will invest in projects that would benefit from "seed" or "completion" funds. Projects should focus on one or more of the following topic areas: Aquaculture; Aquatic Invasive Species; Coastal Restoration; Contaminants (Legacy or Emerging); Crude Oil Transport; Ecosystem Resiliency; Fisheries; Land Use Planning; Sustainable Communities; Tourism and Recreation; Water Quality; Water Supply.

\*Award ceiling: \$10,000 with 50% match

\*Proposals due July 23, 2018.

**\*NEW\* [NOAA Great Lakes B-WET Grant Competition](#)**

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (Great Lakes Region) is seeking proposals under the Great Lakes Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program. Great Lakes B-WET supports programs that provide place-based, hands-on environmental education about issues affecting the Great Lakes watershed for students and related professional development for educators. Successful projects provide Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences ([MWEE](#)). [NOAA's B-WET Program](#) is a place-based education program with seven regions.

\*Proposals due July 27

\*Award range \$25,000 - \$75,000

**\*NEW\* [Partners for Places Grant Program](#)**

Partners for Places is a successful matching grant program that improves U.S. and Canadian communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability leaders and place-based foundations. National funders invest in local projects developed through these partnerships to promote a healthy environment, a strong economy and well-being for all residents. In addition to the general grant program, Round 13 also includes dedicated funding to support green stormwater infrastructure projects that advance water-related sustainability goals.

\*Investments between \$25,000 and \$150,000 with 1:1 match

\*Proposals due July 31, 2018

**[Deep River Watershed Initiative Cost-Share Program](#)**

Applications are now being accepted for the Deep River Watershed Initiative Cost-Share Program to implement projects that improve water quality within critical and priority preservation areas. Funding is available for agricultural and urban practices that reduce sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loading to streams and manmade waterways.

**[LWCF Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program](#)**

Grants to acquire and/or develop public lands for outdoor recreation purposes consistent with the purposes of the LWCF. Lands should be located within or serve jurisdictions delineated by the Census Bureau from the 2010 Census as "urbanized areas," and located in or directly accessible to communities that are underserved in terms of parks and recreation resources and where there are

significant populations of people who are economically disadvantaged.

\*Applications due September 14, 2018

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## Upcoming Events and Webinars

### ***June is Coastal Awareness Month!***

There are far more events than we can list here, [view the full event calendar](#).

**Webinar: [Making the Utility Case for Onsite Non-potable Water Systems](#)**

June 20th, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm ET.

**Webinar: [Have You Checked Your Trees Lately? A Routine Check-up of Trees Saves Lives and Property](#)**

June 26 at 1:00 pm ET

**Webinar: [CDFA's Brownfields Project Marketplace \(On-Line Marketplace\)](#)**

June 26, 2018, 12:00-5:00 pm ET

**Deep River Watershed Initiative Partnership Meeting**

Thursday, June 28th, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (CST)

Lake County SWCD & Extension Office, 2291 N Main St, Crown Point

**[One Water Summit](#)**

July 10-12, 2018

Minneapolis, MN

\*Contact [Jen Birchfield](#) if you are interesting in participating in the Urban Waters Delegation.

**[EPA Engaging and Revitalizing Communities Through Cleanup and Reuse Training \(CIT\) Program Community Involvement Training Program](#)**

July 18-19, 2018

Kansas City, MO

**[Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Public Engagement Session](#)**

August 7, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Chicago, IL

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*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.*