
URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities

Meeting Reminder:

Thursday, July 11th, 10:45 am - 12:00 pm Central
(following the EMPC special presentation from 9:00 to 10:30 am)
[NIRPC](#), Portage, IN

We hope you can join us at the NWI Urban Waters Partnership meeting this Thursday, July 11th. The Urban Waters meeting will begin at 10:45 after the public trust doctrine special presentation being offered by EMPC from 9:00 to 10:30 am. The [agenda](#) includes a discussion on public access to waterways and natural areas in Northwest Indiana. Please consider the following questions to prepare for the discussion:

- What work is planned or underway to promote public access to waterways and natural areas in NWI that could benefit from Urban Waters partnership support?
- What are the needs or challenges that aren't being addressed?

CommuniTree Accepting Applications for Fall 2019 Trees

The CommuniTree Program is accepting applications for the Fall 2019 tree planting season. For complete details please visit the [Community Application page](#).



*Application deadline Friday, August 2nd

*Anticipated notice of award by Friday, August 23rd

*Anticipated tree planting & care workshop and tree pick up third week of September

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.

[NOAA Great Lakes Bay Watershed Education and Training \(B-WET\)](#)

The Great Lakes B-WET Program is a competitive grant program that supports existing, high quality environmental education programs, fosters the growth of new, innovative programs, and encourages capacity building and partnership development for environmental education programs throughout the entire Great Lakes watershed.

*Applications due July 12

*Award range \$30,000-\$80,000, no match required

[GLRI Nonpoint Source Projects to Address Agricultural Nutrients and Stormwater Runoff](#)

EPA expects to award a total of approximately \$14 million for about 30 nonpoint source projects addressing agricultural nutrients and stormwater runoff. Categories include: Green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff; Manure management to reduce nutrient runoff from farms; accelerating adoption of nutrient management through farmer-led outreach and education; and water quality trading and market-based approaches for nutrient reduction.

*Applications due July 12, 2019

[NRCS Conservation Innovation On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials](#)

The purpose of On-Farm Trials is to stimulate the adoption and evaluation of innovative conservation approaches in partnership with agricultural producers. NRCS is implementing On-Farm Trials through eligible entities, which in turn work collaboratively with NRCS and agricultural producers to implement innovative approaches on private lands.

*Applications due July 15

*Award Range: \$250,000 - \$500,000

[Groundwork USA-Technical Assistance](#)

Groundwork USA, in partnership with NPS and EPA, is accepting letters of interest from communities wishing to apply for Groundwork USA program funding and technical assistance. The selected community will be eligible for up to \$200,000 in funding and technical assistance to plan, establish and build the capacity of a Groundwork Trust organization in their community.

*Letters of interest due July 31, 2019

[Great Lakes Emerging Champions Mini-Grant Program](#)

Great Lakes Emerging Champions Mini-Grants are intended to increase green infrastructure (GI) implementation capacity in small to mid-sized communities in the Great Lakes Basin. Grants support community projects that focus on developing strategies to overcome key institutional barriers to implementing GI in communities.

*Applications due July 31st, 2019

*Award ceiling: \$15,000

[Partners for Places Grants](#)

Partners for Places is a matching grant program that enhances local capacity to build equitable and sustainable communities in the United States and Canada. The fund does this by requiring local government and local foundation partnerships, and by pairing national and local philanthropic funding sources. The one-to-one matching awards support the planning and implementing of urban sustainability and green stormwater infrastructure projects.

*Applications due July 30, 2019

*Award range typically \$25,000 - \$100,000 with 1:1 match

Webinars and Resources

[Webinar: Creating Equitable Career Paths in Urban Forestry](#)

July 10, 12:00 pm Central

[Webinar: Funding Landscape-Scale Nutrient Reductions](#)

July 10, 1:00 - 2:00 PM EDT

[Webinar: Free Brownfields Technical Assistance Available To Communities](#)

July 17, 11 am-12 pm CT

[Grant Writing Basics Blog Series](#)

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.