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A Partnership Restoring Urban Waters, Revitalizing Communities

Urban Waters Quarterly Partnership Meeting

Urban Waters Meeting

March 14, 2014

9:30AM-12:00PM

Northwestern Indiana Regional

Planning Commission ([NIRPC](#)) Auditorium

Please join us for the next meeting of the Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership on March 14th, from 9:30AM-12:00PM in the NIRPC Auditorium. If you are part of a watershed group, we encourage that at least one member attends to share what your group will be prioritizing in 2014. An official agenda will be sent the week of the meeting.

Minutes from the December 2013 meeting can be found [here](#).

A call-in line will not be available for this meeting. If you cannot attend but have information you would like to share with the partnership, please email [Natalie Johnson](mailto:Natalie.Johnson).

Developing a Calumet Guidebook: Input Needed

Calumet Guidebook Development

March 14, 2014

following the Urban Waters Meeting

12:15PM-1:45PM

Bluestem Communications and a team of regional and community stakeholders are researching, writing and designing a compelling educational guide to the natural and cultural assets of the Calumet region. This guide is designed for a



public audience of residents, visitors who want to explore the area, restoration volunteers, students, and others, and will celebrate the natural and cultural assets of this dynamic region. However, a guide for the region cannot be created without guidance from the people who live and work in the region.

Therefore, you are cordially invited to participate in a focus group on Friday, March 14, following the Urban Waters Partnership meeting, to help Bluestem Communications better understand how this guide would be used and what should be included.

This focus group will simply be a guided conversation over lunch with people who we believe might want to use this handbook at work, with their friends and family, with students or with visitors to the region. **A free lunch will be provided for those who register. Please RSVP [here](#) by March 12, 2014.**

For questions regarding the development of the guidebook, please contact:

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Watershed Meeting Notices

Trail Creek Watershed Meeting

March 12, 2014, 10:00AM-12:00PM

LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau

4073 S Franklin St, Michigan City, IN 46360

East Branch of the Little Calumet River Watershed Meeting

A meeting will be announced for April/May. If you would like to be added to the watershed mailing list, please contact Candice Smith at Candice@savedunes.org.

Deep River Watershed Meeting

March 6, 2014, 10:30AM, or immediately following the Environmental Management Policy Committee meeting (whichever comes first)

Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission

6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368

2014 Indiana Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence Nominations



The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), in cooperation with the Lieutenant Governor's Office of Energy Development, the Indiana Department of Administration, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is seeking nominations for the 2014 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence.

These awards recognize Indiana's leaders who have implemented outstanding environmental strategies into their operations and decision-making processes. By seeking out and utilizing innovative environmental practices, facilities/programs reduce waste, save money, and contribute greatly to Indiana's environmental protection efforts, as well as benefit the health and welfare of Indiana's communities and the state as a whole.

The Governor's Awards are open to all Indiana facilities, state and local units of government, individuals, and technical assistance organizations that operate or support environmental protection efforts of outstanding quality. Eligible technical assistance organizations include, but are not limited to: public entities, educational groups, trade associations, individuals, public interest, community and labor groups.

Submit your nomination [here](#). Deadline is April 18, 2014.

River Rally 2014 Scholarship Deadline

Each year River Network is able to provide approximately \$100,000 in scholarship support to help NGO leaders take part in the annual River Rally.

This year (May 30th-June 2), River Rally will be in Pittsburgh, PA, where the Monongahela and Allegheny combine into the Ohio River. Highlights will include 70 workshops, a dozen field trips, a [River Heroes](#) banquet and plenary speakers including Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Ma Jun, a journalist and activist who brought new public attention to China's environmental woes.

To be eligible for scholarship support, you must register by March 13, 2014. Scholarship awards will be announced soon after. Click [here](#) to register.

Reminder:

Considering applying for a grant and need a hand? The Urban Waters Federal Partners can help your group, organization, or agency prepare funding proposals. Contact Natalie Johnson, Urban Waters Ambassador, for more information.