

## Funding Opportunities

### ★ U.S. EPA Urban Waters Small Grants

**Due: December 16, 2013**

Funding of \$40,000 to \$60,000 is available for projects that advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. The funding is part of USEPA's Urban Waters program, and is one way that EPA is supporting the work and goals of the multiagency Urban Waters Federal Partnership.

[More Information Here](#)

### ★ NOAA Marine Debris Prevention through Education & Outreach

**Due: December 20, 2013**

Projects awarded through this grant competition are expected to educate the public about marine debris through dedicated prevention activities. **Great Lakes projects are eligible.** This effort focuses on preventing marine debris from entering the environment through education and outreach rather than on removing debris that is already there.

[More Information Here](#)

### ★ Local Sustainability Matching Fund

**Due: January 8, 2014**

The Local Sustainability Matching Fund aims to advance important community-based sustainability initiatives and catalyze partnerships between local government sustainability directors and local, place-based foundations. The Fund will provide partnership investments between \$25,000 and \$75,000 for one year projects that advance discrete sustainability initiatives and demonstrate broad-based community support and engagement. A 1:1 match by one or more local foundations is required.

[More Information Here](#)

### ★ Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program 2014

**Due: February 5, 2014**

The grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations. It provides \$5,000-\$20,000 to diverse local partnerships for wetland, forest, riparian and coastal habitat restoration, stormwater management, outreach and stewardship with a particular focus on water quality, watersheds and the habitats they support. Also in this RFP, the USEPA makes funding available through its Five Star Program for on-the-ground restoration projects including wetland, riparian, in stream and/or coastal habitat restoration.

[More Information Here](#)

## Grants.Gov Assistance

If you are in need of additional Grants.Gov support, contact Natalie Johnson, [natalie@savedunes.org](mailto:natalie@savedunes.org). For those that will be using this system for grant submission, please consider creating your account several weeks before the due date of the application, and submitting your final application a week in advance.

## Next Urban Waters Quarterly Meeting: December 13, 2013

The next Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership meeting will be December 13th, from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Central in the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) auditorium.

If you have suggested items for the agenda, please contact Natalie Johnson, [natalie@savedunes.org](mailto:natalie@savedunes.org). The agenda will be sent out the week before the meeting.

### Directions:

NIRPC shares a building with the Northwest Indiana Forum in the Southport Industrial Park in Portage, Indiana. The NIRPC/Forum Building is located immediately north of Interstate 94 and west of State Road 249 at the Portage and Port of Indiana exit.

### Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

6100 Southport Road  
Portage, IN 46368  
219.763.6060

## Eat & Meet: Grand Calumet Outreach Team Sack Lunch Meeting

Interested in promoting outreach on the Grand Calumet River? Join other interested members for a working lunch immediately after the regular Urban Waters Partnership meeting on December 13 at 12:30PM. This meeting will also take place in the NIRPC auditorium. *You are encouraged to bring a lunch.*



The meeting will focus on a logic model exercise to help plan education and outreach for the Great Lakes Legacy Act dredging and habitat restoration. The logic model will help the group understand which objectives need to be accomplished over the coming year as people work toward the goal of increasing environmental stewardship on the Grand Calumet River.

For questions regarding this meeting, or Great Lakes Legacy Act Outreach in general, please contact:

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## Watershed Meeting Notices

### Trail Creek Watershed Meeting

December 11th, 2013, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Marquette Mall, 4073 S Franklin St, Michigan City, IN  
46360



### East Branch of the Little Calumet Watershed Meeting

*The December 18th meeting of the watershed committee will be postponed until January. Please look for more information via email.*

### Deep River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Meeting

December 5th, 2013, 1:00PM-3:00PM  
Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District  
880 E 99th Ct, Suite A, Crown Point, IN 46307

## Thank You, Tom Dilley!

On January 10th, 2014, Tom Dilley of the U.S. Forest Service will be retiring after 12 years dedicated to the agency. Over the past several years, Tom has been very supportive of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership and has been an asset to many local partners. Tom was instrumental in securing funding for the Ambassador position, as well as emerald ash borer studies in the communities of Munster, Merrillville, and Valparaiso. Thank you, Tom, for all of your hard work. You will be missed!

### 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.*

### Questions? Comments?

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