

# URBANWATERS

## FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP

Restoring Urban Waters, Revitalizing Communities.

Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Federal Partnership  
Updates & Items of Interest

October 7, 2013

### Funding Opportunities

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

The U.S. EPA expects to award up to \$1.6 million in funding for projects taking place in 18 Eligible Geographic Areas that protect and restore urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. Small grant awards under this competition will range in the amount of approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000 in federal funding. The funding is part of EPA's Urban Waters program, and is one element of support EPA is providing to the goals of the multiagency Urban Waters Federal Partnership.

**Due: November 25, 2013.**

[More Information Here](#)

#### ★ National Environmental Education Foundation: Every Day Capacity Building Grants

The National Environmental Education Foundation is dedicated to connecting people to knowledge they use to improve the quality of their lives and the health of the planet. The Foundation's Every Day Capacity Building Grants, sponsored by Toyota, offer support to nonprofit organizations, such as "Friends Groups," whose missions are focused on the improvement and responsible use of public land sites throughout the nation. In the upcoming funding round, twenty-five grants of up to \$5,000 will be provided to increase organizational effectiveness so that grantees can better serve public lands.

**Due: October 30, 2013.**

[More Information Here](#)

### Additional Resources & Information

#### Conference Notice:

[HEALTHY WATER, HEALTHY  
COMMUNITIES: WHY WATER  
MATTERS](#)

Thursday, October 10  
1:00pm - 5:00pm  
South Bend, IN 46601

#### Hiking Series Notice:

[The Indiana Division of Nature  
Preserves Presents  
FALL FIELD DAYS](#)  
Saturdays in October  
Various Locations

### September Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Thank you for attending the September Quarterly Meeting of the Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership. We appreciate all that you do to restore and protect local urban waters, and connect communities to these treasured resources.

For a copy of the meeting's minutes, please [click here](#). If you have any additions or edits, please feel free to contact Natalie, Urban Waters Ambassador, at [natalie@savedunes.org](mailto:natalie@savedunes.org).

**Save the Date:** The next quarterly meeting will be **Friday, December 13th, 9:30AM -12:00PM**. We are currently seeking suggestions for meeting locations and potential field trips. We hope that you will consider joining us in December!

### Urban Waters Small Grant Proposal Assistance

The U.S. EPA will offer a web-based information session to assist applicants on October 22 at 2:00 P.M. EDT. Register for the information session [here](#). A complete recording and transcript will be posted [online](#) after the session.

Interested in additional help? A local call-in will be announced later this month to coordinate local applications and connect to additional partners. Look for this announcement to come soon.

### Wilderness Inquiry Visits Michigan City

On September 23rd through 28th, Michigan City youth and families were able to experience an unforgettable paddling adventure at the Trail Creek Voyageur Canoe Days event. The 24 foot long Voyageur canoes, from the Wilderness Inquiry Canoemobile, served over 600 school children during the week with a public paddle offered on Saturday. The paddle took place on Trail Creek; additional educational activities were held at the Michigan City Port Authority. This effort, spearheaded by multiple organizations involved with the Urban Waters Federal Partnership and the Trail Creek Watershed Steering Committee, leveraged funding from the Michigan City Community Enrichment Corporation and a U.S. EPA Clean Water Act 319(h) grant (awarded by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management).

For more information on this successful event and the partners involved, click [here](#). To view photos taken by the National Parks Service, Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program, click [here](#).

#### **Reminder:**

*Considering applying for a grant and need a hand? The Federal Partners are able to help in the preparation of proposals so that you can apply for funds. For assistance, contact Natalie Johnson, Urban Waters Ambassador, for more information.*

#### Questions? Comments?

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