

# URBANWATERS

FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP

*Restoring Urban Waters, Revitalizing Communities*

## New Orleans/Lake Pontchartrain Urban Waters Partnership

Partnership Meeting

March 11, 2015



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## Urban Waters Federal Partnership National Training Workshop

December 2-4, 2014

Arlington, VA

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**Representatives from 19 UW Locations and partnering agencies including White House**

### **5 attendees from New Orleans Location**

- JoAnn Burke (LPBF)
- Cedric Grant (SWBNO)
- Adele Cardenas (EPA)
- Pon Dixon (USFWS)
- Danny Wiegand (USACE/UWA)

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### Workshop Goals

1. Learn new opportunities and resources
2. Chart course for future work
3. Strengthen engagement of underserved communities

### Discussion Topics

- Working in underserved communities
- Leveraging cross-sector funding
- Climate adaptation/resiliency
- Roadmap for the future
- Etc. (see agenda and presentations at [www.urbanwaters.gov/2014workshop](http://www.urbanwaters.gov/2014workshop))



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### URBAN WATERS FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP

ALIGNING OUR EFFORTS - NEW NGO AND ASSOCIATION PARTNERS



We, the undersigned organizations, support the vision, mission, and principles of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership. We commend the work that is making a visible difference in communities across the country by engaging urban populations in restoring their rivers and surrounding neighborhoods, improving access for water recreation, and helping create a network of parks and greenspaces connecting downtown cores with suburban and rural areas. We believe the Partnership provides a powerful means for federal agencies to better connect with our metropolitan areas and engage all residents—especially youth—in conservation and stewardship of nature where they live, work, and play.



Supporting actions we plan to undertake include aligning resources, funding, and expertise to restore urban waters, parks, and greenspaces; increase outdoor recreation; engage youth and residents at pilot sites; and create new initiatives or projects nationally or at the state or local levels that achieve complementary results. We look forward to assisting federal agency partners with outreach and communications encouraging urban waters restoration, parks and greenspace conservation, and outdoor recreation.



## 28 NGOs sign-on w/ support

### Supporting actions

- Aligning resources
- Funding
- Expertise

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## Roadmap for the Future

New Orleans Urban Waters Partnership and the Urban Waters Federal Partners Partnership Transition and Strategic Planning



# Upcoming Strategic Planning Workshops

- Secured facilitator support through EPA
- Working with contractor to begin mapping out process
- 3 workshops anticipated between May and October

# Upcoming Strategic Planning Workshops

## Objectives

- Prepare for October transition
- Map out strategic plan for Partnership beyond October
  - “continue to evolve into a locally-driven, cross-sector collaborative with on-the-ground support from the Urban Waters Federal Partners”
- Coordinate with other on-going efforts to complement



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## Urban Soils Assessment

Update on soils assessment conducted with EPA ORD



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## Open Mic

announcements, updates, upcoming events, etc.



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Thank you!