

URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities

NWI Urban Waters 2018 Work Plan Meeting

January 26, 2018 - 9:30 am to noon

[NIRPC, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, Indiana](#)

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership looks to our local partners to guide our goals and activities for the coming year. The agenda of the January meeting will focus entirely on gathering input to summarize 2017 accomplishments and guide the 2018 work plan. We hope you will join us to share your needs and priorities for 2018 and identify ways the Urban Waters Partnership can help!



Above: Photo of Lake Michigan Shoreline.

Funding Opportunities

Funding opportunities around this month!

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.

[Coastal Program Small Grants](#)

The Lake Michigan Coastal Program is accepting small grant proposals for short term projects. Categories are Education/Outreach and Planning/Coordination/Management.

Proposals due January 16th, 2018 - Maximum \$5,000 with 1:1 match

[Partners for Places Grants](#)

Partners for Places creates opportunities to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations. National funders invest in local projects to promote a healthy environment, a strong economy, and well-being of all residents.

Proposals due January 29, 2018 - Awards \$25,000 - \$150,000 with 1:1 match

[CitSci Fund Citizen Science Grants](#)

Each project will have one USFS Project Lead and one Partner Project Lead and demonstrate meaningful volunteer involvement.

Applications due January 31, 2018 - Up to \$25,000

[Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grants](#)

The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program goal is to accelerate strategic protection of healthy, freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds.

Proposals due February 1, 2018 - Awards \$50,000- \$250,000

[Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Grants](#)

The EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding to support community-based organizations in their efforts to collaborate and partner with local stakeholder groups as they develop and implement solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities.

Proposals Due February 16, 2018 - Awards up to \$120,000

[NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants](#)

The goal of this opportunity is to support the education of K-12 students and the public, so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather events and/or other environmental hazards, and become involved in achieving that resilience.

Due April 6, 2018 - Awards \$250,000 - \$500,000

Items of Interest

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| <p><u>Webinar: How Much is A River Worth? Understanding the Economic Impact of the Huron River and Water Trail</u></p> <p>December 19, 2017 - 2:00-3:00 pm</p> | <p><u>NWI Green Drinks: Grand Calumet River Habitat Restoration Efforts</u></p> <p>December 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p> <p>Shoreline Brewery, Michigan City</p> |
| <p><u>Lake Michigan Coastal Program Seeks Grant Specialist</u></p> <p>Applications due December 22</p> | <p><u>Workshop: Tree Mapping Technologies for Modern Urban Forest Management</u></p> <p>January 24, 8:30 am to 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Homewood, IL</p> |
| <p><u>i-Tree 2018 Updates</u></p> <p>Forest Service has updated <u>i-Tree</u>, a suite of tools that helps to assess how trees enhance environmental quality and human health.</p> | <p><u>2016 GLRI Report</u></p> <p>EPA has submitted a report to Congress and the President which summarizes progress under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative during 2016.</p> |
| <p><u>Small-Scale Manufacturing & Neighborhood Revitalization</u></p> <p>New Report Teaches Communities to Encourage the 'Maker' Economy</p> | <p><u>Freshwater Future Survey</u></p> <p>Provide feedback on your impressions of the Great Lakes to be entered in a drawing.</p> |

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.