

URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities

NWI Urban Waters Federal Partnership Remote Meeting

April 16th, 2020 - 9:30 to 11:30 am Central

We hope you can join us via Zoom or phone to check-in with our NWI Urban Waters Partners! The meeting agenda includes:

1. A brief update and announcements from NWI Urban Waters
2. Round-table updates from partners, including your organizations' challenges and needs amid Covid-19, resources to share, and of course, positive news or project updates.

Use this link to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/476805527?wd=WU1aV3pzMWRvZU1XYUIyUysxdGdBZz09>

If you cannot connect to Zoom, you can call in by telephone:

Phone number: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 476 805 527

Password: 219

We plan to record the meeting. The recording will be used for note-taking and will not be shared. If you are uncomfortable being recorded, contact [Jen](#).

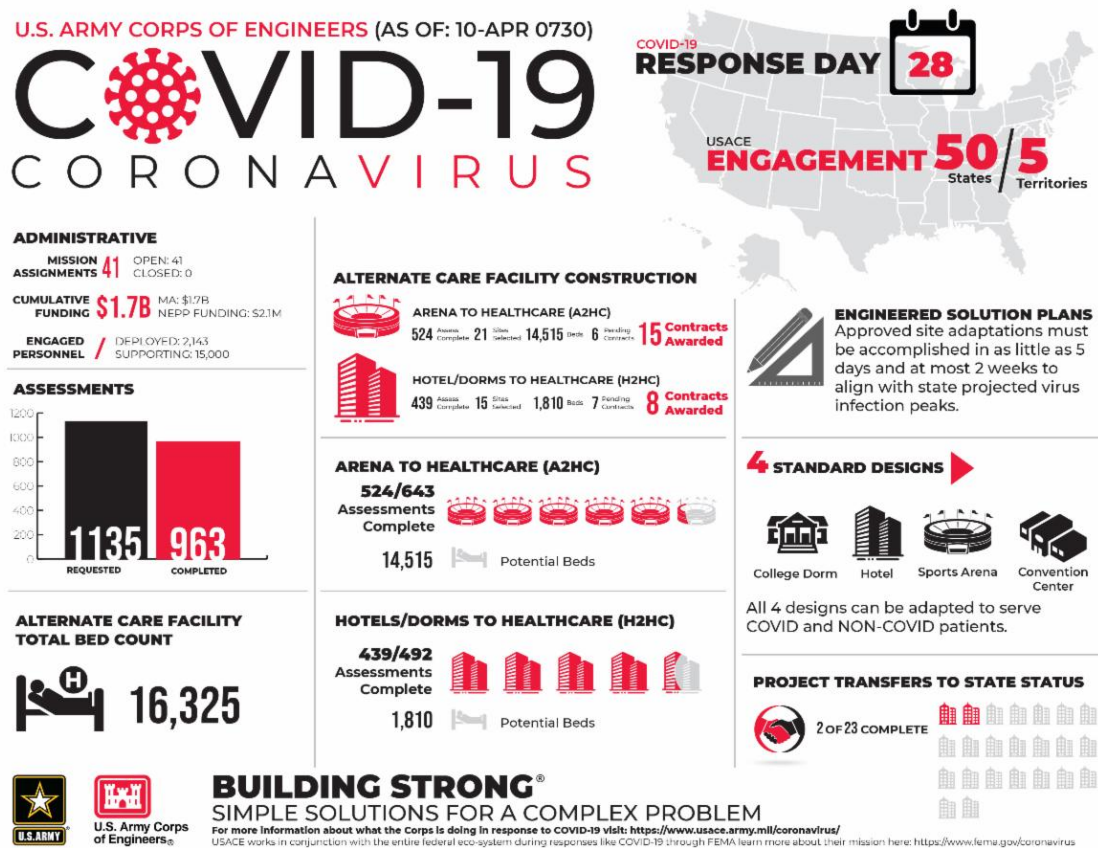


Join us for a video chat. Messy hair and photobombers of all species encouraged!

Hold your calendars for the remaining 2020 NWI Urban Waters meetings: July 9 and October 8 at 9:30 Central at the PNW Portage Meeting Facility.

Thanks to all our partners responding to Covid-19!

We'd like to acknowledge the work of many partners, from federal partners to state and local health departments, and so many others in responding to Covid-19! See the info-graphic below for just one example from the US Army Corps of Engineers. If you have other examples of responding to the crisis, send them to [Jen](#) so they can be shared with the partnership!



Above: An info-graphic showing USACE response to Covid-19 (Source: <https://www.usace.army.mil/coronavirus/>)

GLRI receives \$20 million in additional funding EPA proposes allocations of FY 2020 funding increase

WASHINGTON (April 9, 2020) - Following Congress' appropriation of an additional \$20 million in Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding for FY2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today that it anticipates using the increase to further its efforts to address persistent challenges affecting the Great Lakes including Areas of Concern (AOCs), invasive species control and prevention, excess nutrients, and habitat restoration. Read the full [EPA news release](#).

Funding Opportunities

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.

EPA Source Reduction Assistance Program

EPA is announcing the availability of funds through its Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) Program. SRA assistance agreements are awarded to support research, investigation, study, demonstration, education and training methods using source reduction approaches.

*Award range: \$20,000 - \$100,000 over two years with 5% match

*Submission Deadline: April 30, 2020

Chi-Cal Rivers Fund: 2020 Funding Opportunity

The Chi-Cal Rivers Fund will offer approximately \$1 million in competitive grant funding in 2020. To reduce the overall level of effort required for applicants to be considered for funding, the Fund will eliminate the pre-proposal phase in 2020 and request applicants submit a streamlined full proposal. Grant funding in 2020 will be awarded in three categories:

- Habitat Quality
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- Public Access

*RFP to be Released May 20, 2020

*[Webinar for Applicants](#): Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 - 11:30 AM Central

*Full Proposal Due Date: Thursday, July 9 by 10:59 PM Central

NPS Land & Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership

Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas": places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled.

*Award range: \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 with 1:1 match

*Applications due: July 10, 2020

2020 National Fish Passage Program

The National Fish Passage Program is a voluntary program that provides direct technical and financial assistance to partners. Activities that restore fish passage also support the modernization of country's infrastructure such as road culverts, bridges and water diversions. Example project types include dam removals, culvert replacements, and the installation of fishways.

*Award range: \$500 - \$2,000,000 with 1:1 match on a regional basis not necessarily project basis

*Applications due: September 30, 2020

Webinars and Resources

Webinar: Keeping Small Businesses Alive during COVID-19 Pandemic

April 13th, 8:30 am Central

Please [register](#) in advance.

Webinar: EPA Tools and Resources Citizen Science at EPA

April 15, 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

Free Online Course: Adaptation Planning and Practices

This 7-session course begins April 20

Webinar series Forest Invaders to Watch for and How to Manage Them

(featuring our partner, Carrie Tausher, IDNR, CUF!)

-Part 1: EAB, Thousand Cankers Disease, and Asian Longhorned Beetle

April 22, 11 am EST

-Part 2: Spotted Lanternfly, Gypsy Moth, and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

April 29, 11 am EST

Webinar: STEM to STEAM Education: Using Art as a Gateway to Learning

April 29, 1 pm - 2 pm EDT

Webinar: Bioretention Soil Media, Vegetation, and Maintenance

May 7, 10 am CST

Virtual River Rally

May 18 - June 7, 2020

Registration open (\$279)

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership focuses on the Lake Michigan watershed in Lake, 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.