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# URBANWATERS

*A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities*

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## NWI Urban Waters Federal Partnership Remote Meeting

Thanks to over 60 partners who joined us for the April zoom meeting! It was great to hear from everyone about the great project successes continuing despite current challenges. [Click here to view the meeting notes](#)

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

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## IN Coastal Program Hiring Special Projects Coordinator

In this Lake Michigan Coastal Program Special Projects Coordinator position, you will perform professional and administrative duties required to implement the Lake Michigan Coastal Program (LMCP). This position is located in Northwest Indiana and is responsible to the Lake Michigan Coastal Program Manager. Also provides support for the Coastal Advisory Board, technical assistance regarding coastal management issues, and maintains ongoing relationships with coastal communities and other state agencies. Apply at <https://workforindiana.in.gov/home> - ReqID 83982

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## 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.*

### **FY2020 USFS Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**

Competitive grants in four program areas:

- \*Forest Insect and Disease Mitigation
- \*Reduce Runoff from Degraded Sites through Green Infrastructure
- \*Protect and Restore Coastal Wetlands through Healthy Tree Cover
- \*Restore Resilient Riparian and Shoreline Forests

\*Award range of \$50,000 to \$300,00 with 20% match

\*[Webinar](#) May 12, 9 am Central

\*[StoryMap highlighting past U.S. Forest Service GLRI projects](#)

\*Proposals due June 26, 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

### [NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program](#)

RTCA is accepting applications for community assistance. National Park Service staff provides free, on-location facilitation and planning expertise. Project applicants may be state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, or citizen groups. National Parks and other Federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations.

\*Requests considered on a rolling basis through March 2021

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## **Webinars and Resources**

### [Equitable Green Infrastructure Summit: Online](#)

April 28

### [Webinar Spotted Lanternfly, Gypsy Moth, and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid \(featuring our partner, Carrie Tausher, IDNR, CUF!\)](#)

April 29, 11 am EST

### [Webinar: STEM to STEAM Education: Using Art as a Gateway to Learning](#)

April 29, 1 pm - 2 pm EDT

[River Network Roundtable: Organizing Remotely](#)

April 29, 12:00 PM ET

[Water Week 2020 Webinar](#)

Apr 29, 2020 02:00 PM in Eastern Time

[Webinar: Bioretention Soil Media, Vegetation, and Maintenance](#)

May 7, 10 am CST

[Virtual River Rally](#)

May 18 - June 7, 2020

[Registration](#) (\$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.*