

URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities

Citizens Advisory for the Remediation of the Environment Public Learning Session about the Area of Concern Program



Meadow Anemone blooming along the Grand Calumet River at DuPont Natural Area managed by The Nature Conservancy. Photo courtesy of Matt Beatty.

The Citizens Advisory for the Remediation of the Environment (CARE) will host a public learning session regarding the Area of Concern (AOC) program. The event will feature an overview of the AOC Program, an update on the navigational dredging project within the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, and information on the Nearshore Bird Management Program.

When: Tuesday, August 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. CDT

Where: [East Chicago Marina](#)
3301 Aldis Street, East Chicago, IN 46312

More information about CARE: www.in.gov/idem/lakemichigan/2537.htm.

Calumet Collaborative conservation needs survey

The [Calumet Collaborative](#) and their Conservation Work Group takes on region-wide conservation projects, creates stronger partnerships, reduces the duplication of efforts, and supports integrated project completion. To ensure future endeavors are addressing the needs of the region, the Calumet Collaborative has launched a [Calumet Conservation Needs Assessment survey](#) to better understand state of current conservation efforts, along with needs, opportunities, and challenges for collective action.



We'd truly appreciate your time in taking this survey by **August 19th** - it should only take about **15 minutes**.

The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JHKJNWZ>

Your responses to this survey will help the Calumet Collaborative and their Conservation Work Group understand how they can connect existing efforts and identify areas of opportunity for broader and positive regional impact.

Please feel free to reach out to myself or Ashley at the Calumet Collaborative (ashley@calumetcollaborative.org) with any questions.

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.

LWCF Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

Grants to acquire and/or develop public lands for outdoor recreation purposes consistent with the purposes of the LWCF. Lands should be located within or serve jurisdictions delineated by the Census Bureau from the 2010 Census as "urbanized areas," and located in or directly accessible to communities that are underserved in terms of parks and recreation resources and where there are significant populations of people who are economically disadvantaged.

*Applications due September 14, 2018

Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) competitive grants

LSR grants help State forestry agencies meet the priorities of their Forest Action Plans, while also helping the Forest Service meet regional and national needs. Organizations interested in helping States and the Forest Service attain our mutual goals can familiarize themselves with their State Forest Action Plan(s) and discuss project ideas with their State forestry agency. Coordination with State Foresters is the essential step that ensures projects will make an important, local difference.

***Webinar**: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 11 am Eastern

*Partners and collaborators must submit an initial draft of their Grants.gov application to involved State Foresters by September 14, 2018.

*All State Forester Sponsor letters are due by COB October 12, 2018, which is the application deadline.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lake Michigan Coastal Grant

This program supports projects that seek to improve the connection between the public, communities, and the natural, cultural, and/or historical resources of Indiana's Lake Michigan watershed. Projects that help coordinate, plan or manage restoration of these resources in the coastal area are considered and must fall under one of six categories: Education & Outreach, Planning/Coordination/Management, Low Cost Construction, Land Acquisition, Applied Research, or Emerging Issues.

*Award Ceiling: \$50,000 - \$150,000 depending on category with 1:1 match

*Pre-proposals due September 14th.

HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support the implementation of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that are expected to achieve

the following three core goals: 1.) Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; 2.) People: Improve outcomes of households living in the target housing related to employment and income, health, and children's education; and 3.) Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

*Applications due September 17, 2018

[Research to Action: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants](#)

This funding opportunity encourages applications using community-engaged research methods to investigate the potential health risks of environmental exposures of concern to the community and to implement an environmental public health action plan based on research findings.

*Applications due October 5, 2018

[National Association of Realtors Smart Growth Action Grant](#)

This grant supports a range of land-use and transportation-related activities. These activities must support Realtor engagement in land-use and/or transportation-related community issues with the primary goal of affecting public policies that support development and meets one or more of 10 Smart Growth principles.

*Applications due October 15

[Conservation Alliance Public Lands Defense Fund](#)

Grants will be awarded in support of projects that seek to secure quantifiable and permanent protection of a specific wildland or waterway. Priority will be given to landscape-scale projects that have a clear benefit for habitat. In addition, campaigns should engage grassroots citizen action in support of the effort and must have a clear recreational benefit. Before applying for funding, an organization must first be nominated by one of the alliance's member companies.

*Nominations due November 1, 2018

[2019 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program RFP](#)

The goal of the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program is to accelerate strategic protection of healthy, freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds. The primary focus for applicants should be protection and stewardship of land in the watershed, not restoration of degraded habitats or projects with a strictly water quality improvement outcome.

*Award Range \$50,000 - \$250,000

***[Webinar](#)**- Wednesday, October 24, at 2 p.m. EST.

*Applications due February 1, 2019

Upcoming Events and Webinars

[Webinar: Resilient Communities](#)

Thursday, August 23rd at 4:00 PM EDT

[Basic Tree ID](#)

The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL

Section B: Friday, September 14, 9:30 to noon

Section C: Saturday, October 6, 9:30 to noon

[Webinar: Parks with Purpose: Community-Driven Green Infrastructure](#)

September 6, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

[Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Restoration Conference](#)

October 17-18, 2018

Detroit, MI

[River Rally 2019](#)

June 21-24, 2019

Cleveland, OH

[Workshop proposals](#) are being accepted through October 1, 2017.

Resources

*[Making It Rain: Effective Stormwater Fees Can Create Jobs, Build Infrastructure, and Drive Investment in Local Communities](#)

*[Funding Sources, Financing Options and Program Frameworks that Facilitate Implementation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure](#)

*[Green Infrastructure and Health Guide](#)

*[National Recreation & Park Association Community Health Fact Sheets](#)

*[EPA CityWaterBalance Tool Helps Visualize Urban Water Flows](#)

*[New Neighborhood Atlas Tool to Visualize Socioeconomic Data](#)

*[Article: Boats and Bacteria: Urban Waterways Offer Fun with Risks](#)

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.