

# URBANWATERS

*A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities*

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## CommuniTree Fall 2018 Volunteer Planting Schedule

Join the Student Conservation Association Calumet Conservation Corps this fall as they plant trees in schools and parks throughout Northwest Indiana! Please share these dates widely with your networks.



Volunteers plant trees with the SCA

### [Maywood Elementary School Tree Planting](#)

Saturday, September 8th; 9 AM-Noon at Maywood Elementary School- 1001 165th St. Hammond, IN 46324

### [Maywood Elementary School Tree Planting](#)

Saturday, September 15th; 9 AM-Noon at Maywood Elementary School- 1001 165th St. Hammond, IN 46324

### [Dowling Park Tree Planting](#)

Saturday, September 22nd; 9 AM-Noon at Dowling Park- 3101 175th St. Hammond, IN 46323

### [Linear Park Tree Planting](#)

Saturday, September 29th; 9 AM-Noon at Lincoln Elementary School- 3551 Block Ave. East Chicago, IN 46312

### [AmocoPark Tree Planting](#)

Saturday, October 6th; 9 AM-Noon at Amoco Park- 2801 White Oak Ave. Whiting, IN 46394

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## Canoe/kayak launch installed on Little Calumet East Branch



New canoe launch on the Little Calumet River East Branch.

Congratulations to our partners Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, Save the Dunes, and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore on installing a canoe/kayak launch on the Little Calumet River East Branch at Wykes-Plampin Nature Preserve this month with funding from a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chi Cal Rivers Fund grant.

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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.*

### **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

### **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.

\*Applications due September 17, 2018

### **\*NEW\* HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program**

The purpose of the Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) grant program is to assist states, cities, counties/parishes, Native American Tribes or other units of local government in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned rental or owner-occupied housing populations.

\*Application Due: September 25, 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

### **\*NEW\* DHS FEMA FY 2018 Flood Mitigation Assistance**

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

\*Applications Due: January 31, 2019

### **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

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## **Upcoming Events and Webinars**

### **Leading-Edge Stormwater Financing: Success with Stormwater Fees**

September 12, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. (ET)

### **Webinar: Parks with Purpose: Community-Driven Green Infrastructure**

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

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*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.*