



Reminder:

**The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters
Partnership Meeting
is next Thursday, January 19th**

**Northwest Indiana (NWI)
Urban Waters
Partnership Meeting
Thursday, January 19th
9:30 - 11:30am (CST)**

Join the Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 959 6689 7614

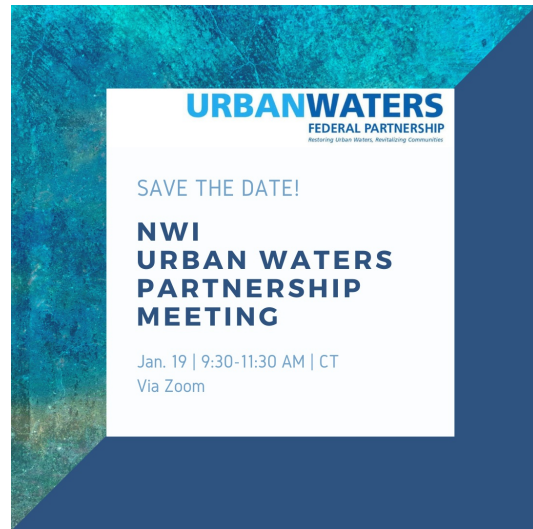
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**During this meeting, we will review the 2023 NWI Urban Waters Work Plan.
Please ensure a representative of your organization can attend to share your
2022 progress updates and 2023 goals.**

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday!

Save the Dates for all four of the 2023 NWI Urban Waters Partnership Meetings

Thursday, January 19, 9:30-11:30am CST

Thursday, April 20, 9:30-11:30am CDT

Thursday, July 20, 9:30-11:30am CDT

Thursday, October 19, 9:30-11:30am CST

Funding Opportunities

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership may be able to provide assistance to advance your initiatives by exploring grant opportunities, building partnerships, and helping you develop competitive proposals. Email [Victoria Wittig](mailto:Victoria.Wittig) to discuss your projects and ways we can help.

[Great Lakes Fishery Commission Research Program](#)

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is accepting pre-proposals for its Fishery Research Program and Sea Lamprey Research Program. Individual awards are typically between \$35,000-100,000 per year. Click [here](#) for more info.

*Pre-proposals due January 15, 2023

[Great Lakes Fishery Trust \(GLFT\) Stewardship Proposals](#)

The goal of the GLFT's Great Lakes Stewardship grants are to increase awareness and understanding of the ecology of the Great Lakes so residents can be stewards and advocates for strategies that support long-term sustainability of the Great Lakes fisheries. Apply [here](#).

*Proposals due Tuesday, January 17, 2023

[National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Sustain Our Great Lakes \(SOGL\) Program](#)

The SOGL program is soliciting proposals to benefit fish, wildlife, habitat and water quality in the Great Lakes basin. The program will award up to \$18.7 million in grants in 2023 to improve and enhance: 1) stream, riparian and coastal habitats to benefit species; 2) water quality in the Great Lakes and its tributaries. Register [here](#) for the Applicant Webinar.

*Applicant Webinar January 19, 2023 from 1:00-2:30pm CST

*Pre-proposals due February 14, 2023

*Full proposals due April 25, 2023

[US Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving \(EJCPS\) Cooperative Agreement Program](#)

The EPA's EJCPS Program provides funding for projects that address local environmental and/or public health issues in their community. The Program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships with stakeholders to develop solutions at the local level. View the Request for Applications [here](#). Register for the Applicant Webinar [here](#).

*Applicant Webinar January 24, 2023 from 1:00-2:30pm CST

*Applications due April 10, 2023

[US EPA Environmental Justice Government-to-Government \(EJG2G\) Program](#)

The EJG2G Program works to support and/or create model state activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks. These models should leverage or utilize existing resources or assets of state agencies to develop key tools and processes that integrate environmental justice considerations into state governments and government programs. View the Request for Applications [here](#). Register for the Applicant Webinar [here](#).

*Applicant Webinar January 26, 2023 from 1:00-2:30pm CST

*Applications due April 10, 2023

[National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program](#)

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program focuses on the stewardship and restoration of coastal, wetland and riparian ecosystems. Its goal is to meet the conservation needs of important species and habitats, providing measurable and meaningful conservation and educational outcomes. Learn more and download the Request for Proposals [here](#).

*Full Proposals due January 31, 2023

[Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant \(IISG\) College Program](#)

IISG anticipates having \$800,000 to invest in promising research projects relevant to southern Lake Michigan and surrounding coastal communities in northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana. Investigators from educational or research institutions including universities, museums, and NGOs, are eligible to serve as PI for these funds. Learn how to apply [here](#).

*Applications due February 6, 2023

[River Network Community-Led Research \(CLR\) projects and Leadership Development \(LD\) programs](#)

River Network is launching new CLR projects and LD programs in partnership with local organizations. Selected organizations receive up to \$8,000 in funding and direct technical assistance to advance their project. Priority is given to applicants who are: 1. working to advance climate resilience, 2. focused on equitable outcomes and a credible stakeholder with communities that are at greatest risk, and 3. able to leverage or contribute to existing climate resilience initiatives. For more information, contact Hannah Mico at hmico@rivernetwork.org or click [here](#).

Partner Opportunities & Resources

[Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\) Guidebook](#)

The IRA provides grant programs, loan programs and other investments for clean energy and climate action. Billions of dollars of federal funding has been specifically allocated to "Harnessing Nature-Based Solutions and Climate-Smart Agriculture to Deliver Economic, Climate, and Resilience Benefits," as outlined on page 129. Download the IRA Guidebook [here](#).

[National Wildlife Federation \(NWF\) Nature-based Solutions Funding Database](#)

The NWF has developed a comprehensive and interactive database of federal funding and technical assistance opportunities. Access the database [here](#).

[National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\) Call for Nominations to New Marine and Coastal Area-based Management Advisory Committee](#)

NOAA has announced the establishment of a new Marine and Coastal Area-based Management Advisory Committee to advise the agency on science-based approaches to area-based protection, conservation, restoration, and management in coastal and marine areas, including the Great Lakes. The scope of the Committee's advice will include, but not be limited to, efforts consistent with the America the Beautiful initiative.

*Nominations due January 17, 2023

[Chicago Wilderness Alliance \(CWA\) Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion \(JEDI\) Audit](#)

The CWA JEDI Audit will help inventory and amplify JEDI work across the CWA region and find ways to better support and connect partners to further this work. The JEDI Audit is also a useful tool to help organizations take stock of JEDI practices and identify areas for improvement. Questions? Contact Dani Abboud at dabboud@brushwoodcenter.org

*Audits due January 18, 2023

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.

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