



Reminder!
Northwest Indiana (NWI)
Urban Waters Partnership Meeting
Thursday, July 20

**NWI Urban Waters
Partnership Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2023
9:30-11:30am CDT**

[Indiana Dunes Visitor Center](#)

1215 IN-49, Porter, IN 46304
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This meeting will be held in-person with a virtual call-in option available.

We hope you will join us in person if you are able - we'll enjoy networking and a tour of the Indiana Dunes Indigenous Cultural Trail after the meeting!

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Partner Presentation: "Indiana Dunes Indigenous Cultural Trail Project," Christine Livingston, [Indiana Dunes Tourism](#)
4. Partner Presentation: "Our Once and Future Wetlands: Art, Ecology and Engineering," Lindsay Olson, Artist-in-Residence at [The Wetlands Initiative](#)
5. Partner Updates & Announcements

Questions? Please reach out to [Victoria Wittig](#),
the Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Federal Partnership Ambassador.

Save the Date for the final NWI Urban Waters Partnership Meeting of 2023

Thursday, October 19, 9:30-11:30am CST at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk

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.

[National Fish and Wildlife Foundation \(NFWF\) Chi-Cal Rivers Fund](#)

NFWF is inviting applications for the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund. With a focus on the major waterways of the Chicago and Calumet region, the program will award grants to reduce stormwater runoff with green infrastructure, enhance fish and wildlife habitat and improve public access to and use of natural areas. View the RFP [here](#). View the Applicant Webinar [here](#).

*Award Range: \$150,000 - \$400,000

*Proposals Due: July 18, 2023

[Unity Foundation Power for Good Grants](#)

Power for Good grants are available on a competitive basis to qualified nonprofit organizations, governmental bodies, and teachers serving La Porte County. Applicants may submit one application and are encouraged to contact The Unity Foundation prior to completing their application. Learn more [here](#).

*Award Maximum: \$5,000

*Proposals Due: July 21, 2023

[NFWF Conservation Partners Program](#)

The Conservation Partners Program will fund projects that provide agricultural producers with technical assistance to adopt regenerative agriculture systems and conservation practices on their working lands, including within the Great Lakes Basin. Read the RFP [here](#). View the Applicant Webinar [here](#).

*Award Range: \$100,000 - \$600,000

*Proposals Due: July 26, 2023

[USDA Technical Assistance and Construction for Innovative for Innovative Regional Wastewater Treatment Solutions](#)

The Technical Assistance and Construction for Innovative Regional Wastewater Treatment Solutions (TAC-RWTS) Grant Pilot Program has been established for the study, design or construction of innovative treatment solutions of regional wastewater systems for historically impoverished communities that have had difficulty installing traditional wastewater treatment systems due to soil conditions. Learn more [here](#).

*Applications Due: July 31, 2023

[U.S. Geological Survey \(USGS\) Urban Waters Federal Partnership](#)

USGS UWFP funded activities include a wide range of water-quality related monitoring, assessment, management practice evaluation, and educational activities. These projects are done in cooperation with municipal, state, and regional partners focused on restoring and revitalizing urban waterways. To learn more about how to apply, contact Dave Lampe at dclampe@usgs.gov or 317-416-7448

*Award Range: \$75,000 - \$100,000

*Pre-proposal Due: August 4, 2023

[EPA Great Lakes Environmental Justice Grant Program](#)

EPA's newly created Great Lakes Environmental Justice Grant Program will fund implementation of environmental protection and restoration projects that further the goals of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in communities with environmental justice concerns. To learn more about eligibility criteria and the program description, view the RFP [here](#).

*Award Range: \$2-10 million for regional programs

*Applications Due: August 11, 2023

[U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration - PROTECT Program \(Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation\)](#)

The purpose of the PROTECT Program is to plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters. The vision of the Program is to fund projects that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail. View the Notice of Funding Opportunity [here](#).

*Award Minimum: \$100,000

*Applications Due: August 18, 2023

[National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Resilience Regional Challenge](#)

Track One funding can be used to initiate new, regional-scale collaborations or to advance existing partnerships focused on climate resilience with the goal of collectively moving more coastal communities closer to taking action, especially those that are marginalized, underserved, or underrepresented. Track Two provides funding for applicants to implement coordinated adaptation efforts that support a holistic vision for resilience and build the capacity of the communities in a region to sustain efforts into the future, especially those communities that are marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented. View the the grant notice [here](#). View the Notice of Funding Opportunity [here](#).

*Track One Award Range: \$500,000 - \$2 million

*Track Two Award Range: \$15 million - \$75 million

*Letter of Intent Due: August 21, 2023

*Full Proposal Due: February 12, 2024

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership focuses on the Lake Michigan watershed in Lake, Porter and LaPorte 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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