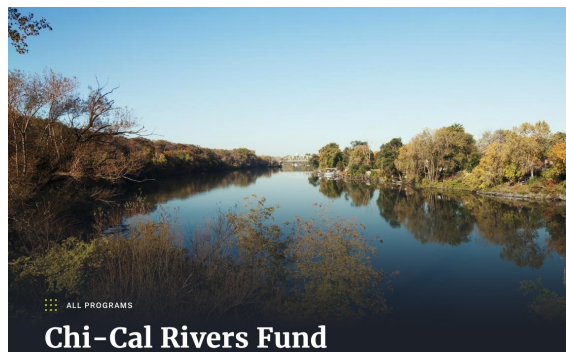




The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Announces 2023 Chi-Cal Rivers Fund Request for Proposals (RFP)

[The Chi-Cal Rivers Fund](#) is inviting applications for competitive grant funding. 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](#). Register for the Applicant Webinar [here](#).



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

*Proposals Due: July 18, 2023, 10:59 PM Central Time

*Applicant Webinar: Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 1:00-2:00 PM Central Time

Watering Alert from CommuniTree Partners

According to the [Indiana Drought Monitor](#) we are in an abnormally dry period. If you've received trees through the CommuniTree program in the past few years, please make sure to water them thoroughly during dry spells.

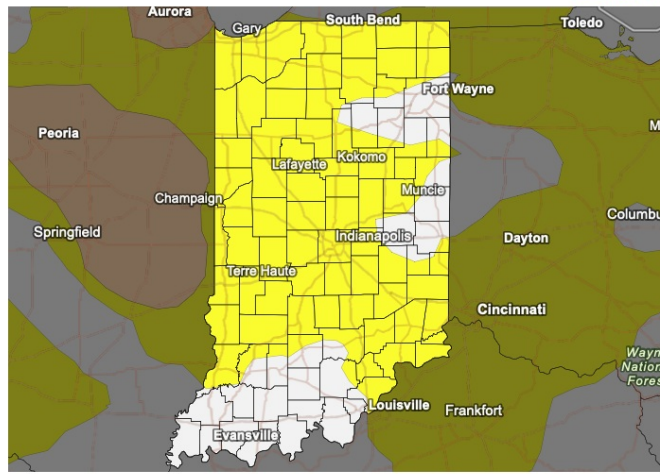
Newly planted trees must be watered with 10-15 gallons per week throughout the growing season for the first 2-3 years.

Please be especially diligent watering all trees planted within the last 3 years. Make sure your trees are well mulched (remember- mulch donut, not mulch volcano) to help retain moisture. This care in the early years will help the trees you've invested in to live long lives and

deliver the many community benefits associated with healthy trees.

For more information on how to care for your trees, view the United States Forest Service (USFS) Tree Owner's Manual [here](#) or Davey Residential Blog [here](#).

U.S. Drought Monitor: Indiana



Drought & Dryness Categories		% of IN
	D0 - Abnormally Dry	74.2%
	D1 - Moderate Drought	0.0%
	D2 - Severe Drought	0.0%
	D3 - Extreme Drought	0.0%
	D4 - Exceptional Drought	0.0%

Total Area in Drought (D1-D4) 0.0%

The U.S. Drought Monitor depicts the location and intensity of drought across the country. The map uses 5 classifications: Abnormally Dry (D0), showing areas that may be going into or are coming out of drought, and four levels of drought (D1-D4). This map is used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to trigger some disaster declarations and loan eligibility. Individual states and water supply planning may use additional information to inform their declarations and actions. Learn more([link is external](#)). How has drought impacted this state in the past? View examples of past drought impacts or explore historical Drought Monitor maps. Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA

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Data Valid: 05/30/23

[Drought.gov](https://drought.gov)

Funding Opportunities (from May Newsletter)

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.

[US EPA Pollution Prevention \(P2\) Grant: Environmental Justice in Communities](#)

The EPA P2 Grant aims to provide technical assistance to businesses (e.g., information, training, expert advice) on source reduction. Grantees must demonstrate that the project will improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities by implementing P2 approaches. Read the RFP [here](#). View the applicant webinar [here](#).

*Applications due June 6, 2023

*Award Range: \$100,000-800,000 for individual projects or up to \$1.2 million for multi-state or multi-tribal projects

[Land Trust Alliance Land and Climate Grant Program](#)

The Land and Climate Grant Program aims to support and build the capacity of land trusts and other groups that conserve and steward land to integrate climate change into land protection and management decisions. To view the RFP click [here](#).

*Applications due June 8, 2023

*Award Range: \$5,000-15,000

[EPA Pollution Prevention \(P2\) Grant: Environmental Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products](#)

The purpose of the Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice Through Safer/Sustainable Products is to provide P2 technical assistance to businesses (e.g.,

information, training, expert advice) in order to improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities by increasing the supply, demand and use of safer and more sustainable products. To view the RFP click [here](#).

*Applications due June 20, 2023

*Award Range: \$100,000-800,000 for individual projects or up to \$1.2 million for multi-state or multi-tribal projects

[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

*Pre-proposal due August 4, 2023

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

[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](#).

*Applications due August 11, 2023

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

[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](#).

*Applications due August 18, 2023

*Award Minimum: \$100,000

Join Us In-Person for the July 20, 2023 Northwest Indiana (NWI) Urban Waters Partnership Meeting

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

[Indiana Dunes Visitor Center](#)

1215 IN-49, Porter, IN 46304

View on map [here](#).

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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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 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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