



NWI's Flagship Urban Forestry Program CommuniTree Celebrates 10,000 Trees & Counting

On October 5th, NWI partners came together at Gabis Arboretum in celebration of Northwest Indiana's flagship urban forestry program, CommuniTree - a partnership program that surpassed an astonishing milestone this year: **10,000 trees and counting** have been planted in communities across the region!

The celebration included inspiring, heart-felt remarks from many partners, supporters and communities. It goes without saying that all involved see the incredible success that CommuniTree has had and will continue to have! The sky is the limit!



Above: Participants gathered around a newly planted burr oak tree on a bright sunny day at Gabis Arboretum.

[Times of Northwest Indiana Article](#)

[Congratulatory Letter from US Senator Braun](#)

[Congratulatory Letter from US Representative Mrvan](#)

US Environmental Protection Agency Celebrates 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act

"The Clean Water Act has played a transformational role in protecting people's health and safeguarding our natural resources for the enjoyment of future generations," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "From establishing legal policy to driving technological innovation, the Clean Water Act has led to landmark standards, regulations, and protections for waterways across this country. Combined with other key initiatives and historic resources flowing to EPA, the Clean Water Act will continue to reduce pollution, restore and protect precious waters throughout the United States." Read



Above: A windy day over Lake Michigan showing marram grass covered dunes in the foreground, large white-capped waves on the lake and puffy clouds overhead.

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](#) to discuss your projects and ways we can help.

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers \(EJ TCTAC\) Program](#)

EJ TCTAC will serve as a resource for environmental and energy programs, policy development, and understanding and utilizing environmental and energy grant programs to advance environmental and energy justice. EJ TCTAC will provide training, assistance and capacity building on writing grant proposals, navigating federal systems such as Grants.gov and SAM.gov, and effectively managing grant funding. To view the full request for applications, click [here](#).

*Applications due November 1, 2022

*Award Ceiling: \$6 million over three years

[AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps \(NCCC\)](#)

What could you accomplish with a team of young adults for 6-8 weeks? NCCC teams address community needs including land and water conservation and climate resiliency projects. Contact Jeff Moeur (jmoeur@cns.gov) or click [here](#) for more info.

*Applications due November 1, 2022; January 5, 2023; March 2, 2023; May 5, 2023

[U.S. Forest Service \(USFS\) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative \(GLRI\) Forest Restoration Grant](#)

The USFS announced GLRI funds for reforestation, ecosystem restoration and forest health improvement in the Great Lakes Basin through projects that mitigate forest insect and disease impacts; reduce runoff from degraded sites through green infrastructure; and restore and connect coastal and riparian forest habitats. More info [here](#).

*Applications due November 14, 2022

*Award range: \$50,000 to \$300,000

[USFS GLRI Cooperative Weed Management Grant](#)

The USFS announced GLRI funds for projects that detect, prevent, eradicate, and/or control invasive plant species to promote resiliency, watershed stability, and biological diversity on Federal, State, or other public or private land. More info [here](#).

*Applications due November 14, 2022

*Award range: \$25,000 to \$50,000

[US EPA Brownfields Grants](#)

Grants offered by the Brownfields Program may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. To learn more click [here](#).

*Applications due November 22, 2022

*Award range: \$500,000 to \$2 million

[Indiana Clean Water State Revolving Fund \(CWSRF\) Loan Program](#)

Indiana's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan Program provides low-interest-rate financing to construct water quality protection projects, including sewer line extensions to existing unsewered properties. Click [here](#) to access the application. Contact Jacob Schmicker for more information by email (jschmicker@ifa.in.gov) or phone (317) 232-4396.

Partner Opportunities & Resources

[Indiana Watershed Leadership Program](#)

The Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy is designed for anyone with watershed management responsibilities that is interested in building their leadership capacity. Please contact Sara Peel (speel@purdue.edu) if you have questions about enrolling. To view the application form, click [here](#).

*Enrollment Deadline: November 4, 2002

Save the Date **The Next Urban Waters Partnership Meeting is January 19th**

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

Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/95966897614?pwd=SUtWcy8zeTRDUWIMRHgwalf4QjNIZz09>
Meeting ID: 959 6689 7614
Passcode: 629480

Save the Dates for the 2023 NWI Urban Waters Partnership Meetings

Thursday, January 19, 9:30-11:30am
Thursday, April 20, 9:30-11:30am
Thursday, July 20, 9:30-11:30am
Thursday, October 19, 9:30-11:30am

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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