

Examples of Urban Waters Federal Partnership Goals & Guiding Principles

National Urban Waters Federal Partnership

- Guiding principles:
 - Promote clean urban waters
 - Reconnect people to their waterways
 - Water conservation
 - Use urban water systems as a way to promote economic revitalization and prosperity
 - Encourage community improvements through active partnerships
 - Be open and honest, and listening to the communities involved is the best way to engage them
 - Focus on measuring results and evaluation to fuel future success
- The Urban Waters Federal Partnership reconnects urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and collaborating with community-led revitalization efforts to improve our Nation's water systems and promote their economic, environmental and social benefits. Specifically, this partnership will:
 - Break down federal program silos to promote more efficient and effective use of federal resources through better coordination and targeting of federal investments.
 - Recognize and build on local efforts and leadership, by engaging and serving community partners.
 - Work with local officials and effective community-based organizations to leverage area resources and stimulate local economies to create local jobs.
 - Learn from early and visible victories to fuel long-term action.

The Lower Passaic Urban Waters Partnership

- Mission: The Lower Passaic River Urban Waters Federal Partnership (LPR UWFP) is a collaboration of federal and state agencies, municipalities, and community-based organizations advancing cleanup, restoration, and stewardship of the Lower Passaic River and equitable, sustainable development along its banks. The Partnership is guided by a steering committee made up of two federal co-leads, from EPA and USACE, as well as representatives from the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program, the Trust for Public Land, Ironbound Community Corporation, and NY/NJ Baykeeper.
- The Partnership enhances existing work on the Lower Passaic through four main avenues:
 - Identifying community-prioritized projects where interagency coordination could accelerate or provide technical expertise in implementation;
 - Breaking down agency silos and improving communication surrounding existing federal project;
 - Connecting community groups with grant opportunities;
 - Growing the constituency for the Lower Passaic River.

Los Angeles River Watershed Partnership

- The Los Angeles River Watershed Partnership will work to protect, restore and revitalize the Los Angeles River Watershed, including:
 - Restore ecosystem functions
 - Balance revitalization with flood avoidance to ensure public safety
 - Maximize multi-benefit watershed goals and reduce reliance on imported water supply
 - Foster sustainable stewardship
 - Foster diverse participation and equitable community benefits respectful of the power of place

Grand River/Grand Rapids Watershed Partnership

Project goals include:

- Expanding public use and access
- Engaging youth, Native Americans, and historically-underserved communities
- Expanding recreational use by anglers, rowers, paddlers and whitewater enthusiasts
- Restoring historic spawning grounds for state threatened Lake Sturgeon
- Improving habitat for mussel species
- Remediating the hydromodification impacts on water quality
- Expanding economic opportunities associated with turning the "face" of downtown back toward the River, while optimizing sea lamprey protection, assuring continued flood protection and maintaining seasonal water levels upstream and downstream

Greater Philadelphia/Delaware River Location Challenge Areas

- Challenges include:
 - stormwater management
 - erosion and flooding control
 - source water protection
 - restoring lost habitat
 - enhancing overall waterway health
 - protecting community investments
 - pursuing environmental justice
 - promoting public access