

Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) – Delaware River Location Environmental Justice and Brownfields Communities of Practice

Virtual 3-Part Webinar Series

Background: The goal of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) is to restore and reconnect urban communities to waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and communities. Environmental Justice is a major focus of the Urban Water Federal Partnership.

(<https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners>). The UWFP at the Delaware River location encompasses four major urban areas: Philadelphia, PA; Chester, PA; Wilmington, DE; and Camden, NJ.

<https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners/urban-waters-and-greater-philadelphia-areadelaware-river-watershed-pennsylvania> . The Brownfield Community of Practice last met in August of 2019;

<https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners/greater-philadelphia-areadelaware-river-watershed-brownfields-revitalization>

Objectives: The purpose of this virtual series is to (1) provide background information and updates on environmental justice policy and discuss how the UWFP is attempting to support environmental justice. (2) have representatives from Brownfield projects, and community activities related to environmental justice (EJ) in the UWFP area, share experiences, including challenges, successes, and needs, and have the opportunity to virtually connect with other Brownfield practitioners. (3) focus more broadly on projects and community activities related to environmental justice (EJ) and review current economic, social, and environmental issues faced by communities and approaches that can be used to increase project coordination, engagement, and overall success.

Webinar 1: Environmental Justice in Urban Waters

Thursday, March 25th – 12:00 – 1:30PM

- Welcome and Urban Waters Overview & Updates – 15 min
 - Emily Baumbach, Simeon Hahn, Frank McLaughlin
- Federal Perspectives on Environmental Justice – 20 min
 - Andrew Dinsmore, Staff to US Senator Chris Coons of Delaware
- Overview of New Jersey's Groundbreaking Environmental Justice Legislation – 20 min
 - Olivia Glenn, Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Justice & Equity, NJDEP
- Environmental Justice at EPA – 20 min
 - Need to get someone from EPAR2 or R3 to give EPA updates on this. Will ask Megan and Irene on next Urban Waters call (Reggie Harris?)
- Q & A Session – 15 min

Webinar 2: Brownfields Updates by City

Thursday, April 1st – 12:00 – 2:00PM

- Philadelphia Brownfield Programs Updates
 - Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority – 15 min?
 - Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development – 15 min?
- Camden Brownfield Project Updates - 20 – 30 min (depending on if one or two updates)
 - NJDEP
- Wilmington
 - South Wilmington Wetlands – Brightfields, Inc. & DNREC – 30 min
- Q & A – 15-20 min

Webinar 3: Environmental Justice Initiatives

Thursday, April 8th – 12:00 – 2:00PM

- Port of Wilmington Expansion / DuPont Edgemoor Brownfield Property – 30 min to 1 hour?
 - Jeffrey Richardson, Delaware Community Benefits Agreement Coalition (DCBAC)
- Food Justice in the Delaware Bay: Equitability of Access for Oysters – 20 min
 - Edward Hale Ph.D., Delaware Sea Grant
 - Christina Sandolo, PSM Candidate Ocean Food Systems University of New England
- John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge – 20 minutes
 - Bart Wilson and Lamar Gore
- Environmental Justice on the Elizabeth River – 20 minutes
 - The Elizabeth River Project staffer (Dave Koubsky or Casey Shaw)
- Q & A Session – 15-20 min