

UWFP Delaware River Location Monthly Call MINUTES

Tuesday December 20th, 2022, 11am-12:00 ET

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88177809370?pwd=UnZiWEpqcE5EWlNlV3cwTUN0Wi9iUT09>
Meeting ID: 881 7780 9370 Passcode: 066218

1. **Introductions** (11-11:05)

- DRBC: Beth Brown
- EPA: Megan Mackey, Cathy Magliocchetti, Irene Purdy
- National Park Service: Sarah Bursky, welcome!
- NJ DEP: Frank McLaughlin
- PA Sea Grant: Zach Nemec
- PDE: Haley Burns, Kathy Klein, Erica Rossetti

2. **Urban Waters Cohort & PDE Summit Update** (11:05-11:20)

- January 30-February 1 at Harrah's in Atlantic City NJ
- On **Monday, January 30th** of the Summit we will have the cohort session AS WELL AS a 1 hour Urban Waters partners session in the afternoon.
- Themes: lack of health and safety and quality of life in overburdened communities through Urban Waters. The value of revitalizing urban land in carbon sequestration, stormwater management, etc. Broadening our definitions of environmental justice. The importance of community planning.
- Please let Erica know if you have any interest in doing a 15 minute presentation or Any interest in being a moderator for either session on 1/30/23.

3. **Annual Location Workplan Final Discussion & Approval** (11:20-11:55)

- Additions from first draft: add community partners in addition to workgroup partners, added a few goals/objectives, added some outcomes
- Discussion that it would be very useful for this workgroup to know who the community groups are, to know who submitted letters of support, and to know what projects need funding/support. Might want to eventually create something similar to the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund which pools money from several organizations and has an advisory committee to select priority projects.
- Erica will send final draft for review, please let her know of any other additions before 1/2/23.

4. **BIL Years 3-5 Project Ideas & Discussion** (11:55-12)

- PDE starting to plan ahead for the BIL funding for years 3-5.
- EJScreen Map of Priority Areas: Use the Supplemental Demographic Index under Socioeconomic Indicators to determine if projects are in the yellow, orange, or red census blocks indicating "disadvantaged" <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>
- Think of any projects that come to mind, even beyond Urban Waters, to be considered for PDE's BIL spending

- Haley will send out more information and a spreadsheet to capture project ideas

5. **Other/Resource Sharing**

- EPA: The EJ Collaborative Problem Solving Grant Program and the Government to Government Grant Program will be accepting applications in January 2023.
- Happy Holidays! We will keep meeting monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Erica will send out a recurring calendar invite. Meetings will remain on Zoom with the hope of having at least one in-person or hybrid meeting in 2023.