

Urban Waters Federal Partnership: Delaware River Location Monthly Workgroup Call

Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 from 11am-12pm on Zoom

<https://delawareestuary.org/save-the-estuary/urban-waters/>

1. Introductions (11:00-11:10) – Frank McLaughlin (NJDEP); Sarah Beganskas (DRBC); Chris Anderson (PWD – thank you!); Zach Nemec (PA Sea Grant); Kim Hachadoorian (TNC) – welcome!), Kathy Klein, Erica Rossetti, and Haley Burns (PDE); Roberto Frugone (HUD), Flavia Rutkosky (FWS).
2. UWFP Letters of Support Update (11:10-11:15)
 - a. Wrote letter of support for the BrandywineShad Capacity Building Grant – goal is to remove all 10 dams, so far 1 has been completed. This group is a relatively new non-profit that is volunteer led at the moment but seeking funds to improve capacity and engagement. Both TNC and PDE are involved partners to help plan ShadFest on May 22.
3. Urban Waters Community Funds Update (11:15-11:20)
 - a. Now publically available to accept applications! **Please share the guidelines with community organizations in our four cities:**
<https://delawareestuary.s3.amazonaws.com/UWFP+Delaware+River+Location+-+Community+Funds+Guidelines.pdf>
4. Project Funding Needs (11:20-11:30)
 - a. CCMUA Living Shoreline - \$1-1.5 million dollars needed for installation
 - i. CCMUA applied for a NFWF grant, PDE also hoping to contribute some BIL money
 - ii. CCMUA still willing and able to do the project and oversee and maintain the project
 - b. Other
 - i. There are large waterfront parcels in Kramer Hill and North Camden neighborhoods that NJDEP and Camden County are hoping to secure before they are developed by the private sector. This issue is being seen in Philadelphia and Chester as well.
5. Federal Update (11:30-11:35)
 - a. Water Equity Mapping project report now available from EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners/urban-waters-wrap-river-system-project-report>
 - i. *Potential to have a presentation on this from EPA at a future meeting.*
 - ii. *Something to consider for the Delaware River Watershed. This would be maps for visualization in addition to pre-existing tools such as EJSCREEN and the new Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool*
[\(https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/\)](https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/)

6. Other: News, Upcoming Events, Resources, Stories, Needs (11:35-11:45)
- a. UWFP in CDRW Blog: <http://www.delriverwatershed.org/news/2022/2/1/cdrw-priorities-urban-waters-partnership>
 - b. Events
 - i. **Camden Eco Showcase** – Friday April 22nd, 9-2 at Liney Ditch Park
<https://ccp1984.survey.fm/camdenstrong-cci-ecoshowcase-signupform>
 - ii. Camden Center of Aquatic Sciences community calendar:
<https://centeraqsci.my.salesforce-sites.com/Community/eventcalendar>
 - iii. **Wilmington Earth Day** – Saturday April 23 - <https://delawareestuary.org/news-and-events/earthday/>
 - iv. **Wilmington Shad Fest** – Sunday May 22, still seeking vendors, volunteers and [attendees!](#)
 - v. **PDE Science Summit** – January 30th-February 1st 2023 @ Harrah's Conference Center Atlantic City
 - 1. *Will likely include an Urban Waters / community engagement track at this summit*
 - 2. *Using some of PDE's BIL funds for Urban Waters (expected around \$25,000) we would like to sponsor local community leaders to attend the summit and connect with each other from all four cities, featuring a track to help address the needs of partners, creating a strong Urban Waters cohort. Then we could work with these groups in the future.*
 - c. Other
 - i. Schuylkill Action Network accepting applications for 2 Racial Diversity Scholarships and 1 Steward Scholarship to attend the **2022 Schuylkill River Sojourn** for free! Applications due May 1:
<https://www.schuylkillwaters.org/projects/sojourn-steward>
 - ii. **CDRW** seeking proposal for sessions AND field trips for their annual forum November 3-4: <http://www.delriverwatershed.org/2022-forum>
 - 1. *Is this something we wish to participate in again, either as a session or as a field trip? – Erica is reaching out to Chester partners to potentially do a cleanup/planting at the waterfront and align it with CDRW forum.*

7. *Meeting adjourned 11:45am.*

8. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 on Zoom from 11am-12pm EST. We will have Nathan Boon from William Penn Foundation to talk about overlap with the Climate Corps.