

## UWFP Delaware River Location Monthly Call Minutes

Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 11am-11:45 ET

Join Zoom Meeting

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### 1. **Introductions, Icebreakers, & Land Acknowledgement** (11-11:15) – All

- CDRW: Kelly Knutson
- DRBC: Sarah Beganskas
- EPA Region 2: Irene Purdy
- EPA Region 3: Megan Mackey, Catherine Magliochetti
- FWS: Flavia Rutkosky
- HUD: Roberto Frugone
- NOAA: Nicole Bartlett
- PDE: Erica Rossetti, Kate Hutelmyer, Haley Burns, Kathy Klein

### 2. **UWFP Delaware River Location Funding Updates** (11:15-11:20) – Kathy

- BIL - \$50,000 written in for Urban Waters work for 2023
- NFWF – nearly \$100,000 to support Urban Waters work
- Flavia: managed to get some end of the year funding (\$3000) for small pollinator gardens. Would like to focus on Chester PA because work is already going on in Wilmington and Philadelphia. Will order some plants for the spring, need to identify sites. Ultimate goal is a pollinator corridor from Philadelphia to the Delaware Bay.

### 3. **Project Updates** (11:20-11:30) - Erica

- Chester River Festival (<https://www.delawareriverfest.org/chester>) (11:15-11:20)
  - i. Sat. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 11-2, Subaru Park in Chester PA
  - ii. Still one-two tables available if any other Urban Waters partners would like to attend
- Science & Environmental Summit (<https://delawareestuary.org/delaware-estuary-science-and-environmental-summit/>)
  - i. January 30-February 1 at Harrah's in Atlantic City NJ
  - ii. Going to move forward with sponsoring local leaders to attend the summit and a fishbowl style panel session as part of a cohort (registration, travel, lodging, food)
  - iii. Goal: fund one organization member and one emerging community leader from each of the 8 funded organizations

### 4. **Other Opportunities** (11:30-11:40)

- Support for an in-person meeting / tour in October or November
- Interest in forming subcommittees or community-agency meetings as a mechanism for connecting federal partners with community partners that have project needs?
  - i. An interesting idea to purposefully respond to a community need
  - ii. Similar to “office hours” with RASCL or the CCI in New Jersey
  - iii. Urban Waters would coordinate the sessions via PDE

5. **Other/Resource Sharing** (11:40-11:45)

- Nicole: partnered with Bronx/Harlem location to mentor a student to work with an Urban Waters living shorelines project and using satellite imagery to assess the efficacy of living shorelines projects in terms of flooding. Students are paid through NOAA as an internship. NOAA has a mentor but there can also be a co-mentor. The website will open soon for students to look through activities and decide which ones they want to apply for. Any opportunities for an undergraduate intern in this location?
- Upcoming local conferences:
  - i. Governors Housing Conference in AC
  - ii. PDE Experience the Estuary Celebration
  - iii. CDRW Forum
  - iv. PDE Science & Environmental Summit