

**UWFP Delaware River Location Monthly Call MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

**11am-12pm ET**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83425487982> Meeting ID: 834 2548 7982

**1. Introductions (11:00-11:10)**

Erica Rossetti (PDE), Julie Bell (NPS), Kim Hachadoorian (TNC PA/DE), Sarah Beganskas (DRBC), Avery Lentini (DRBC), Haley Burns (PDE), Zach Nemec (PA Sea Grant), Roberto Frugone (HUD Newark), Irene Purdy (EPA R2), Kathy Klein (PDE), Flavia Rutkosky (FWS), John Harrod (PDE), Emily Maung-Douglass (DE Sea Grant)

**2. Delaware River Location Letters of Support Update (11:10-11:15)**

- Supported a proposal from Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County to the Regional Foundation, for a neighborhood planning grant in Eastside community, Wilmington DE

**3. Mini-Grants Status Update (11:15-11:20)**

- Erica shared that a review subcommittee scored 47 proposals worth \$436k in requests. Most of the projects were community engagement oriented from non-profits. We should know which projects are being funded by next meeting. Thank you to the subcommittee!

**4. Partner Shareouts (11:20-11:25)**

- NPS is putting together several different types of funding resources for projects in the Philadelphia area that Julie can share with the group
- No EPA R2 Update
- DRBC has upcoming business meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>  
<https://www.nj.gov/drbc/meetings/upcoming/index.html>
- PDE update on September 11 event in DC to show support for the UWFP legislator... briefing is still on, Kathy will share more info. Roberto and Flavia potentially interested.
- PDE will be meeting with William Penn Foundation about additional Urban Waters funding support. We may also be able to fund additional projects with extra money from FWS.

**5. Federal Urban Waters Updates (11:25-11:30)**

- New progress report and metric tracking for nationwide impact measurements: will ask Ambassadors to report on Urban Waters projects (both leading and supporting) and the following metrics:
  - i. # of volunteers/participants
  - ii. # of community members reached through mail or social media

- iii. # of jobs created from projects in work plan
- iv. # dollars secured
- v. Acres of habitat protected/restored (required)
- vi. Miles of river monitored for water quality
- vii. Volume of trash removed
- viii. Square feet of GSI installed
- ix. Numbers of trees/plants planted

**6. Resource Sharing / Other (11:30-11:35)**

- July 25 Delaware River Location Webinar Recording:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Mc60yjWeVD2CLsZQ0emwXFAh8oXqBOFM8AIC\\_d8wya\\_EplafjIDaJ4Xlzy71o0q.ROvKDXBMJJpYf392](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Mc60yjWeVD2CLsZQ0emwXFAh8oXqBOFM8AIC_d8wya_EplafjIDaJ4Xlzy71o0q.ROvKDXBMJJpYf392) Passcode:  
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- Articles:
  - i. <https://www.inquirer.com/life/philadelphia-pollinator-network-bees-birds-flowers-20230730.html>
  - ii. <https://www.landscapeinteractions.com/pollinatenow/pollinate-now-bioregional-strategy-for-habitat-restoration-in-the-hudson-river-estuary-watershed>
- Events:
  - i. Delaware River Fest: September 9 in Philly and Camden! – Please let Erica know BY THIS THURSDAY if you want to have a table/exhibit.  
[www.DelawareRiverFest.org](http://www.DelawareRiverFest.org)
- Funding:
  - i. NOAA’s Climate Ready Workforce for Coastal and Great Lakes States, Tribes, and Territories Initiative due November 30: <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/crw>
  - ii. US ACE Water Resources Act Pilot Program for Small & Disadvantaged Communities due August 21:  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/06/21/2023-13144/request-for-project-proposals-pursuant-to-section-165-of-the-water-resources-development-act-of-2020>
- Other:
  - i. PWD Drinking Water Quality Report: <https://water.phila.gov/drops/2022-drinking-water-quality-report/>
  - ii. Sustain PHL Nominations due August 17:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzt0g5JNcZ6t46SCk\\_R3A0EWQdSfH\\_co-4F9rJLfK9bLZXYQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzt0g5JNcZ6t46SCk_R3A0EWQdSfH_co-4F9rJLfK9bLZXYQ/viewform)

**Meeting adjourned at 11:35am. Next meeting: Tuesday September 19, 2023**