

## UWFP Delaware River Location Monthly Call AGENDA

Tuesday February 21st, 11am-12:00 ET

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

1. **Introductions** (11-11:15) – Welcome to the NPS new members!  
<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/whatwedo.htm>
2. **Urban Waters Cohort Review & Next Steps** (11:15-11:35)
  - 11:15-11:20 Erica to share survey results from cohort members at the Summit
  - 11:20-11:35 Discussion on how this workgroup wishes to interact with the Cohort
    - i. Have interested groups in Camden attend the Camden Collaborative Initiative meetings on the second Wednesdays of the month from 2-3pm
    - ii. Some interest in having in-person meetings or “field trips” with the community members. Site visits and opportunities to meet people would be of interest.
    - iii. NOAA emphasized that the community relationship with the ambassador is the most important
    - iv. For email communications, would be preferred that the ambassador facilitates all cross-communication with community members
3. **Community Fund Update** (11:35-11:45)
  - Discussion on the continuation of the Delaware River Location’s Community Fund mini-grant program, the timeline, and the interest in reviewing project applications
    - i. PDE has \$90,000 for mini-grant program through 2024. Guidelines and RFP to be shared and approved at March meeting
    - ii. Other supplemental funding to leverage
      1. FWS – native pollinator plants
      2. NOAA – moving the money out of federal agencies is a huge challenge. One thing that could work is doing purchases
    - iii. Role
      1. Can help promote
      2. Federal agencies need to ask if they can be on a review committee, Can send strategic priorities but might not be able to choose recipients
4. **Resource Sharing / Other** (11:45-12)

### Articles of Interest:

- <https://www.earthshare.org/the-critical-role-of-black-environmentalists-throughout-history-and-today/>
- <https://www.njspotlightnews.org/special-report/waters-edge-multimedia-series-about-delaware-river-watershed/>

- <https://why.org/articles/new-jersey-tree-canopy-inequity-camden-newark-trenton/>
- <https://www.inquirer.com/science/climate/philadelphia-climate-change-partnership-delaware-estuary-20230202.html>

#### Events:

- March 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-5:15 NJ Spotlight News Virtual Roundtable “Water’s Edge: The Delaware River Watershed’s Challenges and Promises for New Jersey” <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/waters-edge-the-delaware-river-watersheds-challenges-and-promises-for-nj-tickets-547969841547>

#### Funding:

- DVRPC Transportation & Community Development Initiative: [dvrpc.org/tcdi/pdf/7593\\_FINAL\\_FY%202024%20NJ%20TCDI%20Program%20Guidelines.pdf](http://dvrpc.org/tcdi/pdf/7593_FINAL_FY%202024%20NJ%20TCDI%20Program%20Guidelines.pdf)
- FWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants: <https://www.fws.gov/service/north-american-wetlands-conservation-act-nawca-grants-us-standard>

#### Hiring:

- NPS looking for a Community Assistance Fellow in Philly office <https://www2.jobdiva.com/portal/?a=ldjdnwzhhb3gn6r5aaohhezef1uz2q470438g5bn2i6dtfsrgcmasd093311hdu2jl&compid=0#/jobs/19022539>