

UWFP Delaware River Location Monthly Call MINUTES

Tuesday January 17th, 11am-12:00 ET

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

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

DCBAC: Simeon Hahn, Jeff Richardson

DRBC: Sara Sayed

EPA R3: Megan Mackey, Cathy Magliocchetti

EPA R2: Irene Purdey, Valerie Askinazi

HUD: Roberto Frugone

PDE: Erica Rossetti, Haley Burns, Kathy Klein

PA Sea Grant: Zach Nemec

NJ DEP: Frank McLaughlin

NPS: Sarah Bursky

TTF Watershed: Doryan De Angel, Julie Slavet

2. **Urban Waters Cohort Members & PDE Summit Update** (11:10-11:30)

- Erica to share the list of cohort member organizations

3. **Project Ideas for Delaware River Location** (11:30-11:50)

- Capacity Building at the Local Level
 - i. DCBAC is in process in doing EJ outreach around the Port of Wilmington expansion re: pollution, giving the community a voice to protect environment, housing, transportation, health, etc. Something that would be useful would be to develop a cohort of local EJ communities. Interest in developing a capacity building grant to help smaller NGOs in Wilmington.
 - ii. Funding small organizations to help them hire grant writers
 - iii. Coordinate funding between other agencies like FEMA, HUD, DEPs, as well as EPA. Help LOCAL organizations become experts in watershed issues so we can all better interact with local organizations. Have public webinars and technical assistance trainings for the communities so that they can better defend their interests and enact plans.
 - iv. Way to inform people of public meetings and funding. Perhaps the UWFP email list could help with this.
 - v. Education and mobilization about watersheds and the difference between outdoors and lead poisoning, for example

- On-the-Ground Projects
 - i. Because we are an NEP, PDE is encouraged to do on-the-ground projects. This can also be an opportunity to engage with the community, connect with legislatures, and build capacity.
 - ii. Residents in Chester and working with the 9th Street YCC / Shade Tree Commission / others
 - iii. Tacony Park in Philadelphia working with TTF
 - iv. Help capacity building by engaging the community at on-the-ground projects
 - v. Restoring fishing access to communities.
 1. Fox Point?
 2. Establish place to fish on the Delaware in North Brandywine
 3. Street Signage to direct people to the new fishing pier at Barry Bridge Park in Chester
 4. TTF and Riverfront North: Working with Todd Pride to teach people how to fish and also talk to them about water quality and outdoor recreation
 - vi. Rain gardens in Camden that need refreshing – talk to Frank

4. Other/Resource Sharing (11:50-12)

- <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-availability-100-million-through-inflation>
- Workplan: <https://delawareestuary.s3.amazonaws.com/UWFP+Delaware+River+Location+2023+Workplan.pdf>