

# Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) – Delaware River Location Environmental Justice and Brownfields Communities of Practice

## *Virtual 3-Part Webinar Series*

**Background:** *The goal of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) is to restore and reconnect urban communities to waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and communities. Environmental Justice is a major focus of the Urban Water Federal Partnership*

*(<https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners>). The UWFP at the Delaware River location encompasses four major urban areas: Philadelphia, PA; Chester, PA; Wilmington, DE; and Camden, NJ (<https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners/urban-waters-and-greater-philadelphia-areadelaware-river-watershed-pennsylvania>). The Brownfield Community of Practice last met in August of 2019; (<https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners/greater-philadelphia-areadelaware-river-watershed-brownfields-revitalization>).*

**Objectives:** *The purpose of this virtual series is to (1) provide background information and updates on environmental justice policy and discuss how the UWFP is attempting to support environmental justice, (2) have representatives from Brownfield projects, and community activities related to environmental justice (EJ) in the UWFP area, share experiences, including challenges, successes, and needs, and have the opportunity to virtually connect with other Brownfield practitioners, and (3) focus more broadly on projects and community activities related to environmental justice (EJ) and review current economic, social, and environmental issues faced by communities and approaches that can be used to increase project coordination, engagement, and overall success.*

## Webinar 1: Environmental Justice and Urban Waters

**Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 – 2:00PM**

- Urban Waters Overview & Updates – 15 min
  - Emily Baumbach, PDE; Simeon Hahn, NOAA; Frank McLaughlin, NJDEP
- Defining Environmental Justice – 10 – 15 min
  - Jeffrey Richardson, Delaware Community Benefits Agreement Coalition (DCBAC)
- Federal Perspectives on Environmental Justice – 30 - 40 min
  - Scott Lundgren, NOAA
  - Andrew Dinsmore, Staff to US Senator Chris Coons of Delaware
  - Bob Benson and Chris Orvin, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Overview of New Jersey's Environmental Justice Legislation – 15-20 min
  - Olivia Glenn, Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Justice & Equity, NJDEP
- Q & A Session – 20-30 min

## Webinar 2: Urban Waters City Brownfields Updates

**Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 12:00 – 2:00PM**

- Brief Welcome & Introductions – 5 min
  - Emily Baumbach, PDE; Simeon Hahn, NOAA; Frank McLaughlin, NJDEP
- Camden Updates - Cramer Hill Waterfront Park and Habitat Restoration – 20 min
  - Frank McLaughlin, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
  - David Bean, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- Philadelphia Updates from Delaware River Waterfront Corporation – 30 min
  - South Wetlands Park – Christopher Dougherty
  - Graffiti Pier Park – Karen Thompson
- Philadelphia Brownfield Grant Updates – 20 min
  - Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC)
    - Stephanie Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3
  - Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation (PHDC)
    - James L Brown, Housing Development Officer
- Wilmington Updates - South Wilmington Wetlands Park & CBR4 Sediment Remediation Planning - 30 min
  - John Cargill, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
  - Marian Young, Brightfields, Inc.
- Q & A Session– 15 min

## Webinar 3: Environmental Justice Community Initiatives

**Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 – 2:00PM**

- Brief Welcome & Introductions – 5 min
  - Emily Baumbach, PDE; Simeon Hahn, NOAA; Frank McLaughlin, NJDEP
- Port of Wilmington Expansion / DuPont Edgemoor Brownfield Property – 30 min
  - Jeffrey Richardson, Delaware Community Benefits Agreement Coalition (DCBAC)
- Regional Considerations within Food Justice in the Oyster Industry – 20 min
  - Edward Hale Ph.D., Delaware Sea Grant
  - Cristina Sandolo, PSM Candidate Ocean Food Systems University of New England
- John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge Updates – 20 minutes
  - Bartholomew Wilson and Lamar Gore
- Environmental Justice on the Elizabeth River – 15 minutes
  - Dave Koubsky or Casey Shaw, The Elizabeth River Project
- Reconnecting Camden Residents to their Historic Waterfront – 15 min
  - Meishka Mitchell, Cooper's Ferry Partnership
  - Armando Alfonso, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- Q & A Session – 20 min