

Delaware River Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) Call Agenda

Monday, June 15th at 11:00 a.m.

1. Welcome – **5 min**
2. Reflect on project ideas discussed on last UWFP call – **10 min**
3. Review potential partners for youth engagement and on water activities – **10 min**
4. Review potential contacts for future 'Action Team' – **10 min**
5. Discuss and finalize list of 2020 UWFP activities – **20 min**
6. Wrap-up & Next Steps – **5 min**

(Agenda item discussion points, resources, and contacts are listed below by agenda item number)

2. Projects Discussed on 5/6 UWFP Call:

- a) Convening another annual Urban Waters Federal Partners' meeting
- b) Outreach and education on brownfields community of practice work
 - Convening another brownfields community of practice event
 - Creating outreach materials/content
- c) Helping to coordinate among the Urban Waters locations and highlight the work being done related to youth engagement
 - Coordinating a youth summit with presenters from each of the cities
 - Reconnecting youth to nature and getting kids safely on the water (boating, fishing, kayaking, hiking, etc.)
 - Engaging community leaders/finding funding to reimburse people for their time

3. Potential Partners for Youth Programming (connecting to nature/waterways)

Camden, NJ (and surrounding):

- UrbanPromise in Camden, Office of Experiential Learning (Joann Higgins)
 - Camden RiverGuides Program sponsored by UrbanPromise
 - Boat programs where students paddle out on waterways
 - Stream Stewards program along the Cooper River/water testing
 - Camden Charter School paddling, students river guides for public programs
- Camden County Parks (Maggie McCann Johns)
- YMCA Watershed Education by Bike
 - Afterschool program for three Camden City middle schools
 - Students ride bikes to project/activity locations that teach them how different factors affect the watershed and ecosystem (e.g., PDE freshwater mussel workshops in Cooper River)
- New Jersey Conservation Foundation at Gateway Park (AWE Center, Pennsauken NJ)
- Camden County Environmental Center (AWE Center, Cherry Hill NJ)
- New Jersey Natural Lands Trust, Petty's Island (AWE Center, Pennsauken Township NJ)
- Camden Children's Garden (AWE Center)

- Center for Aquatic Sciences at Adventure Aquarium (AWE Center)

Wilmington, DE:

- Wilmington Parks and Recreation
- Delaware Nature Society (RENEW program – Reaching and Engaging through Nature to Empower Wilmington)
- City of Wilmington
- Wilmington Green Jobs Program (through University of Delaware Water Resources Center)
- Delaware State Parks
- DuPont Environmental Education Center (Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River (AWE) Center)

Philadelphia, PA:

- Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department
- Independence Seaport Museum (AWE Center)
- John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum (AWE Center)
- Bartram’s Garden (AWE Center)
- Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center (AWE Center)
- Fairmount Water Works (AWE Center)
- Discovery Center (AWE Center)
- Tacony Creek Park (AWE Center)
- Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education (AWE Center)

Chester, PA:

- City of Chester
- Chester Parks and Recreation Department
- Boys & Girls Club of Chester
- Chester Youth Collaborative

4. Potential ‘A-Team’/Workgroup Contacts

- Julie Bell, National Parks Service (Julie_bell@nps.gov)
- Flavia Rutkosky, US Fish and Wildlife Service (flavia_rutkosky@fws.gov)
- Lindy Nelson, Department of Interior (lindy_nelson@ios.doi.gov)
- Frank McLaughlin, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Frank.McLaughlin@dep.nj.gov)
- Mike Slattery, US Fish and Wildlife Service (michael_slattery@fws.gov)
- Erica Smith Fishman, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Department (Erica.Smith@phila.gov)
- Matthew Harris, City of Wilmington Planning Department (mharris@WilmingtonDE.gov)
- Paul Racette, Pennsylvania Environmental Council (pracette@pecpa.org)
- Maria Dziembowska, The Nature Conservancy (mdziembowska@TNC.org)
- Julie Slavet, Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (julie@ttfwatershed.org)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Delaware River City Corporation
 - Riverfront North
 - City contacts to identify location needs (Wilmington, Philadelphia, Chester, Camden)
5. 2020 Urban Waters activities (see draft ideas below)
- a. Host a fall 2020 virtual tech transfer session for groups located in the four cities to:
 - share stories about youth on the water programming
 - share stories about innovative programs that have had success connecting underserved communities to the watershed
 - b. Choose city in urban waters locations for pilot program, apply for funding
 - c. Coordinate a tour where leaders from the four cities showcase successful on-the-ground projects (e.g., UWFP locations bus tour, virtual tour by leaders on projects in each of the cities)
 - d. Increase UWFP web presence (currently on EPA website, but could add information to other websites including a page on PDE website)

Resources for Community Engagement/Connecting Youth to Nature and Waterways

- https://www.hudsonriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/PublicAccess-Draft_Print-Full_smallerfile.pdf
- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169204619307911?dgcid=author>
- https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/jrnl/2016/nrs_2016_mcmillen_001.pdf
- Connecting Passaic to the River webinar slides:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Bl1PUxhS8q3gkSHDfEftJMjLchJCCkU/view>