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
      o Convening another brownfields community of practice event
      o Creating outreach materials/content
   c) Helping to coordinate among the Urban Waters locations and highlight the work being done related to youth engagement
      o Coordinating a youth summit with presenters from each of the cities
      o Reconnecting youth to nature and getting kids safely on the water (boating, fishing, kayaking, hiking, etc.)
      o Engaging community leaders/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)
      o Camden RiverGuides Program sponsored by UrbanPromise
      o Boat programs where students paddle out on waterways
      o Stream Stewards program along the Cooper River/water testing
      o Camden Charter School paddling, students river guides for public programs
   • Camden County Parks (Maggie McCann Johns)
   • YMCA Watershed Education by Bike
      o Afterschool program for three Camden City middle schools
      o 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
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**

- Connecting Passaic to the River webinar slides: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Bl1P-UxhS8q3gkSHDFtUMjLchJCCkU/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Bl1P-UxhS8q3gkSHDFtUMjLchJCCkU/view)