

URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities

Next NWI Urban Waters Meeting April 18th



Join us at the next NWI Urban Waters meeting Thursday, **April 18, 9:30-12 Central, at the PNW Portage Meeting Facility.**

The tentative agenda includes presentations on:

- Gary Green Infrastructure Plan - Jack Eskin, Delta Institute
- Little Cal West Branch Wetland Project - Troy Peters, Audubon

Green Infrastructure Scholarships - **Deadline Extended!**

Northwest Indiana Urban Waters has a limited number of scholarships available for our state and local government, non-profit, and tribal partners to attend an upcoming green infrastructure training and certification. We can cover the tuition (\$700) and, if needed, mileage. You, in turn, commit to attending the entire workshop and to being a resource for the NWI Urban Waters partners.



To apply for a scholarship, complete the [survey](#) by Friday, April 5.

Training: April 22-25, 8:00 - 5:00 pm and April 26, 8:00 - 11:15 am

Exam: April 26, 12:30 - 4:15 pm

Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Cicero, IL

April Volunteer Tree Planting Opportunities with the SCA!

The Student Conservation Association and CommuniTree program will be working with volunteers to plant trees in NWI this spring!

[Harrison Park Tree Planting](#)

Saturday, April 6th; 9 AM-Noon

Harrison Park- Hohman Ave. Hammond, IN

[Edward Valve Park Tree Planting](#)

Saturday, April 20th; 9 AM-Noon

Edward Valve Park- W 143rd St. & Homerlee Ave. East Chicago, IN

[Indiana University Northwest Tree Planting](#)

Thursday, April 25th; 9 AM-Noon

Indiana University Northwest Campus- Gary, IN



[Marktown Park Tree Planting](#)

Friday, April 26th; 10 AM-2 PM

Meet at the Marktown Recreation Center- 3509 Spruce St. East Chicago, IN

**Arrive early for a walking tour of the Marktown Historic District at 8:30.*

[Harrison Park Tree Planting](#)

Saturday, April 27th; 9 AM-Noon

Harrison Park- Hohman Ave. Hammond, IN

Time to Start Planning Your Event to Celebrate the Coast!



June 2019 is Coastal Awareness Month in the State of Indiana! The Lake Michigan Coastal Program and partners are working together to develop a wide variety of events to highlight natural, cultural, and historical resources in the Coastal Region of Indiana's Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties. To submit your event(s) for inclusion in Coastal Awareness Month, please use [this form](#) to submit event details to coastal@dnr.in.gov by May 17, 2019.

Coastal Program Seeks Grants Assistant

The DNR Lake Michigan Coastal program currently has a position open for a Coastal Grants Assistant. It is a seasonal, intermittent position with a lot of flexibility. View the [position posting](#) or contact [Sarah Nimetz](#) with questions.

Funding Opportunities

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership may be able to provide assistance to further your initiatives by exploring grant opportunities, building partnerships, and helping you to developing competitive proposals. Contact [Jen Birchfield](#) to discuss your projects and ways we can help.

[Keeping Communities Flowing Grant](#)

The American Water Charitable Foundation helps empower communities to be strong, vibrant, healthy and environmentally friendly places to live, work and play. Grants support local 501(c)(3) public charities that connect with American Water's core focus areas: Water and the Environment, Water and Healthy Living, Environmental Education, Community Sustainability

*Award Ceiling: \$20,000

* Deadline: April 25

[Partners for Fish and Wildlife](#)

Wetland and associated upland habitat restoration and enhancement projects for conservation of native Great Lakes fish and wildlife populations, particularly migratory birds and, as appropriate, federally-listed species. Projects will be completed on privately owned lands within the Great Lakes watershed. Emphasis on, but not limited to, watersheds of Great Lakes AOC and in

coastal zones.

*Award ceiling: \$100,000

*Deadline: September 30, 2019

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Coastal Program](#)

The USFWS's Coastal Program is focused on on-the-ground coastal habitat restoration, enhancement, and protection that benefits fish and wildlife. Details can be found in the [Coastal Program NOFO](#) (section VI). Contact [Mike Redmer](#).

*Award Ceiling: \$500,000. Match recommended but not required.

*Deadline: Projects accepted on a rolling basis

Webinars, Workshops, and Resources

[Recreational Fishing Seminar](#)

April 2, 6:00 - 8:30 pm Central

Hammond Marina, 701 Casino Center Drive, Hammond IN

[A Thirst for Clean Water: Protecting Our Bodies and Bodies of Water through Knowledge and Engagement](#)

April 6, 2019, 8:15 AM - 1:30 pm

Valparaiso University

[Webinar: Identifying and Prioritizing Environmentally Impacted and Vulnerable Communities](#)

April 16, 2:00 pm Eastern

[Webinar: It rained two feet, now what?](#)

April 23, 2019, 1:30 - 2:30pm

[Chicago Wilderness Force of Nature Awards Nomination](#)

Deadline extended to April 30

[Save the Date: Indiana Tree Steward Program](#)

June 10-11, 2019

Portage, IN

[River Rally 2019](#)

June 21-24, 2019

Cleveland, Ohio

Early bird registration through April 30

[OMB Publishes Free Online Grants Management Training](#)

[Operation and Maintenance of Green Infrastructure Receiving Runoff from Roads and Parking Lots Technical Memorandum](#)

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership focuses on the Lake Michigan watershed in Lake, LaPorte and Porter Counties, Indiana.

Urban Waters works to connect urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened or

economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and state and local partners. The goals are to improve the Nation's water systems and to promote their economic, environmental and social benefits.