

URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities



Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Meeting:

Thursday, October 3, 2019 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Central
[NIRPC, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN](#)
Lake Michigan Room

The [agenda](#) includes presentations on:

- NIRPC's Green Streets and Climate Vulnerability projects
- LaPorte County Property Transfer Ordinance, and
- [Green Infrastructure Shared Services](#)

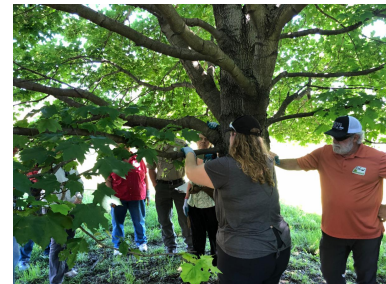
If you have significant project updates, needs, or announcements that you would like to share with the group, please e-mail jbirchfield@pnw.edu to be added to the agenda.

Tree Pruning Workshop

Friday, November 8, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Central Time
Portage, Indiana

Join CommuniTree for a free pruning workshop!

Proper pruning is critical to the long-term health of the urban forest and safety of communities. This free half-day workshop will include presentations on the principles of proper pruning followed by field demonstration and hands-on practice. Pruning from the ground level will be covered. A limited quantity of tools (hand pruners, saws, pole pruners, etc.) will be available for practice, but participants are encouraged to bring their own tools and eye protection.



Participants will learn proper pruning techniques at a free workshop on November 8.

Who should attend?

This workshop is intended for anyone interested in learning the basics of proper pruning from the ground level. Target attendees include municipal staff and officials (arborists, tree board members, parks staff, public works, engineers, planners, etc.) and volunteers interested in helping to maintain their community's urban forest. Pre-approval for 3 Continuing Education Units from the International Society of Arboriculture is pending.

Registration

Space is limited and [registration](#) is required.

Thank you to our workshop presenter:

Plant Trees with SCA this Fall!

The Student Conservation Association will be planting trees in parks and schools throughout Northwest Indiana this fall with the help of volunteers.

At each planting event, the SCA demonstrates proper tree planting techniques. Volunteers then help to plant, mulch, and water trees. All tools are provided, and plantings will take place rain or shine. Volunteers should wear long pants and closed-toe shoes and bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.



Volunteers plant a tree with SCA.

Visit the Student Conservation Association Eventbrite site to register.

- [Saturday, October 5; 9AM-Noon, Dowling Park, Hammond, IN](#)
 - [Saturday, October 12 9AM-Noon, Memorial Park, Hammond, IN](#)
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Have an Outdoor Adventure next Weekend!

A promotional banner for the Indiana Dunes Outdoor Adventure Festival. The top part features the text "Indiana Dunes" with a dune icon, followed by "OAF Outdoor Adventure Festival" in large, bold letters. A small evergreen tree is integrated into the letter 'A'. To the right, it says "OCT 4-6 2019". Below the text is a collage of four images: a person's feet in red hiking boots on a rocky shore, a person paddling a yellow kayak on a body of water, a hand holding a green tent peg, and a person riding a red mountain bike on a dirt trail.

Spend the weekend outdoors at the Indiana Dunes Outdoor Adventure Festival, which takes place Friday-Sunday, October 4-6, 2019. Packed with a multitude of outdoor adventures, the festival brings together over 70 events in one weekend. The festival takes place across the region with activities in Porter, La Porte, and Lake Counties. Highlights of the weekend include paddling trips on the Little Calumet River, Lake Michigan, and Lake George, dozens of hikes across the region led by experts, and access to natural areas not normally open to the public.

[Registration](#) for the festival is required. There is a \$10 festival fee per adult good for all three days. Children 17 and under are free.

Submit Proposals Now for Chicago Wilderness Congress 2020

Chicago Wilderness (CW) is now accepting presentation [proposals for CW Congress](#) on April 2, 2020. This is a great opportunity to share local success stories, case studies, research, and lessons learned with colleagues and students from around the region. Proposal deadline is October 31.

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.

[IDEM Pollution Prevention Program](#)

Proposals should strive to increase pollution prevention, water and energy conservation, and source-reduction activities through demonstration projects and measurable results. For example, proposals that address material substitution, product reformulation, process changes, or in-process recycling of wastes are types of projects that are eligible for grant funding.

*Applications due November 1, 2019

Award range: \$10,000 to \$25,000 with 1:1 match

[Next Level Trails](#)

Next Level Trails will invest \$90 million toward the development of regionally and locally significant trails throughout Indiana. As part of Governor Holcomb's broader infrastructure program, Next Level Trails (NLT) is designed to incentivize collaborative efforts to accelerate trail connections.

*Applications due November 1, 2019

*Award Range: \$200,000 - \$5 million with 20% match

Webinars

[Webinar: Opportunities and Challenges to Address Stormwater Financing Needs](#)

October 1, 2019 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT

[Webinar: Rural Water Issues: Progress and Challenges in Implementing California's Human Right to Water](#)

October 8 at 1:00-2:30 pm EDT

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.