

### Funding Opportunities

#### ★ 2013 Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program

**Due: September 6, 2013**

These grants can be used for projects that reduce sedimentation into the Great Lakes.

[More Information Here](#)

#### ★ Commission for Environmental Cooperation: North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action (NAPECA)

**Due: September 10, 2013 (preliminary proposals)**

NAPECA grants can be used to empower and build the capacity of local peoples and organizations to improve their health and environmental quality. NAPECA supports projects at the community grassroots level that support healthy communities and ecosystems, encourage climate change activities through the transition to a low-carbon economy, and advance innovative projects that assist in greening economies.

[More Information Here](#)

#### ★ U.S. EPA Great Lakes Shoreline Cities Green Infrastructure Grants

**Due: September 15, 2013**

These GLRI grants will be used for green infrastructure projects that reduce urban runoff and sewer overflows that foul beaches and impair Great Lakes water quality.

[More Information Here](#)

#### ★ Chi-Cal Rivers Fund

**Due: September 17, 2013**

This fund is a public-private partnership working to restore the health, vitality and accessibility of the waterways in the Chicago and Calumet region by supporting green stormwater infrastructure, habitat enhancement, and public-use improvements.

[More Information Here](#)

#### ★ Lake Michigan DNR Coastal Program (Large Grant)

**Due: September 20, 2013 (preliminary proposals)**

Indiana Coastal Grants Program  
Indiana receives an annual allotment from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for projects to protect and restore natural, cultural and historic resources in Indiana's Lake Michigan coastal region.

[More Information Here](#)

## Make Connections: September 20th, 2013 Urban Waters Quarterly Meeting

The next Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership meeting will be **September 20th**, from **9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Central** at the **East Chicago Pastrick Marina**. A draft agenda can be found [here](#). **Optional field trip to Grand Calumet River Revitalization Projects** will follow at **1:00PM\***.

*If you have suggestions for what you would like to see discussed, please contact Natalie Johnson, [natalie@savedunes.org](mailto:natalie@savedunes.org), with your feedback.*

#### Directions

Highway 80/94 (Borman Expressway): Take 80/94 to Cline Avenue (912) North. Take exit 5B, following the signs for Pastrick Marina/Ameristar. At the first light (the casino will be directly in front of you), make a left and then a right into the marina parking lot. Security at the Marina guard shack will further direct you. The East Chicago Marina is located directly next to the Ameristar Casino.

**Robert A Pastrick  
East Chicago Marina**

3301 Aldis Avenue East  
Chicago, IN 46312  
219-391-8482

#### \*Optional Field Trip: Grand Calumet River Revitalization Projects

Please join us for one hour to explore the revitalization of the Grand Calumet River. We will tour Roxana Marsh, where a cleaner, more diverse habitat welcomes waterbirds and insects. We will also visit the current dredging project occurring from Kennedy to Cline Ave to see live action on the water.

*If you are considering joining the tour, please wear/bring long pants, socks, hiking shoes or boots, water, bug spray, and binoculars. Also, please bring a lunch if possible so that the tour may start on time.*

## Upcoming Opportunities

### Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant Workshop

**Date:** August 29, 2013

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Location:** Crown Point Community Library  
122 N. Main St.  
Crown Point, IN 46307



Eager to learn about Lake Michigan Coastal Program grants? Come to one of several workshops on funding opportunities. An additional workshop will be held in LaPorte County-- date, time, and place to be determined.

For more information, contact Maggie Byrne, Grant Specialist, 219-983-9912 or [mbyrne@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mbyrne@dnr.in.gov).

### Improving Water Quality with Green Infrastructure: A Tour of Local Best Management Practices

**Date:** September 10, 2013

**Time:** 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Valparaiso University- Room 269  
1509 Chapel Drive  
Valparaiso IN, 46383



This exciting event, sponsored by Save the Dunes, will showcase water quality best management practices (BMPs) in the Salt Creek Watershed. Topics discussed on-site include design details, economic considerations, environmental benefits, and lessons learned along the way. This full day tour is free, but [registration](#) is required. For more information, contact Shaena at Empower Results ([sreinhardt@empowerresults.com](mailto:sreinhardt@empowerresults.com)).

## Volunteers & Team Leaders Needed: International Coastal Clean Up Day, Sept. 21

September 21st is International Coastal Cleanup Day. Alliance for the Great Lakes' Adopt-a-Beach Program is looking for volunteers to help lead and participate at various beaches, removing trash and collecting valuable data on site. **Team leaders are still needed for the following beaches:**

Buffington Harbor Beach	Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk
Central Beach	Porter Beach
Cowles Bog Beach	Sheridan Beach
Dunbar Beach	Shoreland Hills
East Chicago Marina	Wells Street
Jeorse Park Beach	West Beach
Long Beach	Whiting Park
Michiana Shores	

**How Do I Learn to Lead a Group?** A training session through the Adopt-a-Beach Program will take place in Chesterton, IN on Thursday, September 5, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at the National Park Service Headquarters: [1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Chesterton, IN 46304](#). Leaders will receive training in organizing the event and will receive necessary supplies.

To register to be a team leader or to volunteer for a scheduled event, visit [www.greatlakesadopt.org](http://www.greatlakesadopt.org). To lead an event not yet listed, contact Katie Hanson, Adopt-a-Beach™ Program Assistant, at [khanson@greatlakes.org](mailto:khanson@greatlakes.org) or 312-445-9760.

## Urban Waters Mapping Tool

The USGS is working with local Northwest Indiana partners to develop an interactive mapping tool. Information now on this map is based on feedback from Urban Waters partners. The newest data layer includes active combined sewer overflow outfalls. To view the map, visit <http://lcat.usgs.gov/nwindiana/>. To provide feedback regarding other information you would like to see included, contact [natalie@savedunes.org](mailto:natalie@savedunes.org).



#### Reminder:

*Considering applying for a grant and need a hand? The Urban Waters Federal Partners can help your group, organization, or agency prepare funding proposals. Contact Natalie Johnson, Urban Waters Ambassador, for more information.*

#### Questions? Comments?

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