

# Urban Waters National Training Workshop

## Detailed Agenda (draft)

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

**8:00am Registration and Networking**

**9:00am Welcome by Michael Shapiro, US EPA**

**Remarks by Gina McCarthy, US EPA Administrator (via video)**

**9:15am Morning Plenary**

*Perspectives on Urban Waters Partnerships and Future Directions*

*Connect, share and learn with other innovators about how to convene, engage, and succeed in our partnership work. Discover the impact and importance of the Urban Waters Partnership. Hear how the Partnership has contributed to local efforts to make cities more livable and sustainable and how it's helping to spur the revitalization of their most distressed neighborhoods.*

9:15am-10:15am

**Leslie Jones**, Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; **Stan Meiburg**, Acting Deputy Administrator, US EPA; **Martin Suuberg**, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection; **Harriet Tregoning**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development

10:15am-11:15am

**Mayor Jaqueline Goodall**, Forest Heights, MD; **Na'Taki Osbourne Jelks**, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance; **Cynthia Martinez**, Deputy Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System, US Fish and Wildlife Service; **Scott Steen**, Executive Director, American Forests

Moderator: **Benita Best-Wong**, EPA

**11:15am Break**

**11:30am-1:45pm Special Topic Lunches or Lunch on Your Own**

*If you are interested in joining one of the special topic lunches, please pick up your lunch and join one of the topics below.*

### Special Topic 1: Emerging Youth Leaders

Location:

*All youth are invited to the Emerging Youth Leaders Lunch. Come together for a discussion and an activity on stewardship and watershed protection. Those under 26 or who work closely with youth get preference for seating and discussion.*

**Dr. Erica Holloman**, Southeast CARE Community Coalition (invited); **Theodore Coopwood**, US EPA Office of Children's Health (invited); **Robert Garcia**, City Project; **Yudith Nieto**, Moving Forward Network

### Special Topic 2: Engaging Elected Officials

Location:

*Learn strategies and tips on how to successfully engage with and build congressional support for local urban waters efforts back home.*

**Sven-Erik Kaiser**, EPA Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

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2:00pm-3:30pm Concurrent Sessions

### Session 1A: Crash Course in Understanding Environmental Justice – EJ 1.0

*This interactive session is geared to those who are relatively new to working with environmental justice communities and will cover basic definitions and principles, and how to transcend language and cultural barriers to build meaningful, authentic partnerships. Join peers in a moderated discussion about environmental justice challenges and discover insights for effectively working in, and with, communities that face a range of economic, social, environmental and organizational capacity challenges.*

**Mustafa Ali**, EPA Administrator's Office; **Dr. Marva King**, EPA Office of Environmental Justice; **Matthew Tejada**, EPA Office of Environmental Justice

Moderator: **Vernice Miller-Travis**, Skeo

### Session 2A: Can Green Infrastructure Provide Community-Based Solutions?

*Learn effective messaging around green infrastructure practices to address community needs and goals. How to communicate the benefits of green infrastructure to broader audiences.*

**Kevin O'Hara**, National Recreation and Parks Association; **Erik Meyers**, Conservation Fund; **David Washington**, Prince George's County Clean Water Partnership; **Tony Torrence**, Community Improvement Association and Proctor Creek Stewardship Council (invited)

Moderator: **Sheila Frace**, US EPA

### Session 3A: How Do You Build Effective Public Private Partnerships to Support Your Work?

*This session will focus on how local urban waters projects can create effective public private partnerships to support community revitalization and urban waters restoration efforts.*

**Judson Greif**, US Water Alliance; **Dave Ives**, US Economic Development Administration; **Jeff Lerner**, American Forests; **Lesly Melendez**, Groundwork Lawrence; **Sharon Bradley**, Bradley Site Design

Moderator: **David Lloyd**, US EPA

3:30pm-3:45pm

Break

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### Session 1B: Conversations with the Funding Partners of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

*Hear from contributors that support NFWF's Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program. Participants will glean tips for approaching local and regional philanthropic partners to support their own Urban Waters efforts. Hear how to make a business case for your urban waters work. Other foundations and corporations will also gain a better understanding in how investing in urban waters can support their interests and goals.*

**TBD**, FedEx (invited); **Leslie Cox**, Southern Company; **Wildlife Habitat Council** (invited); **Carrie Clingan**, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Moderator: **Dan Jirón**, Associate Chief of US Forest Service

### Session 2B: Effective Strategies for Working with Environmental Justice Communities – EJ 2.0

*Join peers in a moderated discussion about environmental justice challenges and discover insights for how agency staff and organizations can effectively work in and with communities that face a range of economic, social, environmental and organizational capacity challenges. Learn how to build relationships and get to know the communities you are trying to work in and how to identify and work with authentic / credible community leadership. How do you build mutual capacity for long-term success? What are some of the tensions speakers have encountered and how did they overcome them? This session provides an opportunity to hear from representatives of other EJ communities about how partnerships have been most useful for them and lessons learned.*

**Derrick Evans**, Gulf Coast Community Initiative; **Brenda Thomas**, Marlborough Community Coalition; **Sabrina Johnson**, EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality; **Robert Garcia**, City Project

Moderator: **Michael Wenstrom**, EPA Region 8

### Session 3B: Successful Partnering between National NGOs and Local Partners (Table Top Conversations)

*This will be an interactive session to provide participants with opportunities to directly interact with established NGO representatives and community-based partners. Participate in roundtable discussions on building stronger, more effective and successful collaborations between national NGOs and community-based organizations.*

Representatives from National NGOs including the National Wildlife Federation, the National Recreation and Parks Association, the Conservation Fund, the Arbor Day Foundation, Wilderness Inquiry and more!

Moderator: **Dave Evans**, US EPA

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8:00am Registration and Networking

8:45am Morning Plenary

*Partnering with Community-based Organizations – Lessons from Philanthropy*

*In the age of public private partnership increasing in our work, what are the lessons learned from Foundations about working with community based organizations and communities of color on environmental issues? Private foundation representatives will share their approach for engaging local communities, lessons learned and provide location-based examples.*

Opening Remarks: **Christy Goldfuss**, the White House Council on Environmental Quality (invited)

**David Beckman**, President, Pisces Foundation and Co-Founder of the Blue Sky Forum

**Lois DeBacker**, Managing Director, Kresge Foundation

Moderator: **Mark Van Putten**, President and CEO, Wege Foundation

10:00am Break

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### Session 1C: Making a dollar go further: Ambassadors and the Triple Bottom Line

*Every funding dollar is expected to work harder these days, to provide a return on multiple local priorities at once. Urban Waters Ambassadors are navigating their partnerships through the crossroads of competing demands and complicated funding environments towards deeper placed-based impact and more sustainable outcomes. Join this conversation about why each location should have a "quarterback," how an Ambassador can be key to facilitating the intersection of local issues and identifying resources for sustaining local urban waters work.*

**Carol Armstrong**, City of Los Angeles Mayor's River Works; **Dr. Jalonne White-Newsome**, Kresge Foundation; **Adam Kent**, LISC and more to come!

Moderator: **Pauline Louie**, Los Angeles River Watershed Ambassador

### Session 2C: Addressing Public Health Challenges

*Hear how communities respond innovatively to public health issues through their urban waters efforts. From the first urban waters Health Impact Assessment to preparing for the Zika Virus to addressing the impacts of living next to a large port, speakers will deliver insights that can be deployed across the country.*

**Dr. Hector Villanueva**, HealthmedPro, Puerto Rico (invited); **Florence Fulk**, EPA Office of Research and Development; **Dr. Erica Holloman**, Southeast CARE Community Coalition; **Hannah Kett**, Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

Moderator: **Peter Grevatt**, EPA

### Session 3C: Crash Course in Understanding Environmental Justice – EJ 1.0

*See Session 1A description – this is a repeat offering to ensure everyone can participate in one of these sessions.*

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**11:45am-12:45pm Lunch and Urban Waters Tools Expo**

*Please pick up your lunch and join us in the foyer to see project displays and demos of urban waters tools that can support you in your work. See list of displays and tools on last page.*

**1:00pm-1:45pm Participants Choice**

*Join us for open discussion on topics chosen by you! Please submit your topic ideas using the index cards provided in your packet and at the registration table.*

Moderators: **Ann-Marie Mitroff**, Groundwork USA and **Diana Toledo**, River Network

**1:45pm-2:00pm Break**

**2:00pm-3:30pm Concurrent Sessions**

**Session 1D: Building an Effective Program: How'd they do it? Lessons Learned**

*This session will focus on a range of perspectives on building an effective program and how the Urban Waters Federal Partnership has helped local efforts be more effective. Speakers will also provide insights on cultivating champions, paths to securing funding and developing reportable metrics.*

**Dennis Chestnut**, Groundwork Anacostia; **Michelle Melendez**, First Choice Community Health; **Claire Robinson**, Amigos de Los Rios; **Deborah Scott**, Georgia Stand-Up; **Bobby Cochran**, Willamette Partnership (invited)

Moderator: **Corita Waters**, National Park Service

**Session 2D: How to Build a Broader, More Diverse, More Culturally Competent Coalition**

*Hear how a coalition of regional funders and their grantee network of local and regional watershed organizations are thinking differently about how to reach new constituents. Learn about the need to identify a new approach to diversifying communities of practice and how these watershed organizations are thinking differently about engaging with broader constituencies.*

**Jamie Baxter**, Chesapeake Bay Funders Network; **Chante Coleman**, Choose Clean Water Coalition; **Elise Bruner**, Blue Water Baltimore; **Angie Rosser**, West Virginia Rivers Coalition

Moderator: **Vernice Miller-Travis**, Skeo

**Session 3D: Lessons from Other Place-Based Partnerships**

*The Urban Waters movement can gain strength and stability by gathering lessons learned from other place-based partnerships. Come hear about these efforts and answer questions like: How do you ensure benefits for local partners, and how do you initiate project ideas and mobilize resources, partners and momentum to implement urban waters projects over time?*

**Danielle Arigoni**, Department of Housing and Urban Development; **Dr. Marva King**, EPA CARE Initiative; **Sally Sears**, Southfork Conservancy; **Yudith Nieto**, Moving Forward Network

Moderator: **Tara McGuinness**, OMB Community Solutions

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3:30pm-3:45pm Break

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### Session 1E: What Social Science Research is Telling Us – Nexus Between Health, Nature and Community Quality of Life

*Hear from researchers how their findings support efforts in the urban waters movement. Topics include environmental strategies for improving urban health and safety; barriers to homeowner maintenance to septic systems; urban sustainability; and ethnic perceptions of natural environments; outdoor recreation behavior and preferences for minority groups.*

**Michelle Kondo**, US Forest Service; **Natalie Johnson**, Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Ambassador; **Dwane Jones**, University of the District of Columbia; **Cassandra Johnson Gaither**, US Forest Service Southern Research Station

Moderator: **Carl Lucero**, US Forest Service

### Session 2E: Citizen Science, Monitoring and Engaging Youth

*Practitioners share lessons learned from developing citizen science and volunteer monitoring programs. Hear how to meaningfully engage youth, and learn about efforts that have led to job creation, especially in environmental justice communities.*

**Fred Tutman**, Patuxent River Keeper; **Lynn Youngblood**, Blue River Watershed Association; **Theodore Coopwood**, US EPA Office of Children's Health (invited); **Michelle Luebke**, Bronx River Alliance

Moderator: **Betsy Sutherland**, EPA

### Session 3E: The Need for Partnerships and Collaboration

*Hear about the nuts and bolts of building effective partnerships and innovative ideas used for problem solving. Session will showcase diverse federal agencies that are supporting Urban Water projects in various ways to encourage more federal agencies to participate.*

**Liz Madison**, Managing by Network (tentative); **Lance Davisson**, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council; **Ed Reyes**, former Los Angeles City Councilor (invited); **Joe Rieger**, Elizabeth River Project

Moderator: **Donna Myers**, US Geological Survey

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Thursday, July 28, 2016

**8:00am Registration and Networking**

**9:00am Morning Plenary**

*Authentic Community Engagement*

*Join peers in a moderated discussion about opportunities and challenges for working with underserved communities on Urban Waters and community revitalization efforts. Discover insights for effectively working in, and with, communities that face a range of economic, social, environmental, and capacity challenges. Speakers will share their personal experiences of meaningfully, successfully and authentically engaging with local communities and why this is important.*

Opening Remarks: **Adam Kent**, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

**Katrina Lashley**, Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum; **Michael Brady**, South Bronx Overall Development Corp. (SOBRO) Port Morris - Harlem River, Bronx, NY; **Deborah Scott**, Georgia Stand-Up; **Mathy Stanislaus**, EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management

Moderator: TBD

**10:30am Break**

**10:30am-11:45am Future of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership**

*Open discussion on the future of the partnership (a Discussion Guide will be provided).*

Opening Remarks: **Michael Shapiro**, EPA

Moderators: **Roy Simon**, EPA Urban Waters and **Vernice Miller-Travis**, Skeo

**11:45am-12:15pm Bringing It Home**

*Participants are asked to sit by location or region for a group discussion:*

- *Reflecting on your experiences this week, what do you plan on taking home to implement or integrate into your work?*
- *A year from now, what is one thing you hope to have accomplished in your Urban Waters work?*

**12:15pm-12:30 pm Farewell by Surabhi Shah, EPA Urban Waters (invited)**

**1:30pm-5:00pm Mobile Tours and Time for Optional Side Meetings**

Mobile tours (see packet for more information about specific tours and timing)

1:30pm-3:30pm: Urban Waters Ambassadors (closed meeting)

1:30pm-3:30pm: Federal Urban Waters Partners Meeting

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### Urban Waters Tool Expo

Please join us in the hotel foyer for an expo of tools and resources to support your Urban Waters work. Materials will be available throughout the day and stations will be staffed during lunch on **Wednesday, July 27 from 11:30am – 1:30pm**. Don't miss this opportunity to see some of the latest resources!

- **Native Plant Finder** is a tool that will allow people to put in their zip code and get a list of the best native plants for wildlife based on their ability to host caterpillars. Naomi Edelson ([edelsonn@nwf.org](mailto:edelsonn@nwf.org))
- **EnviroAtlas** is an online mapping resource for assessing urban and regional ecosystem services supply, demand, and drivers of change. Laura Jackson (EPA) ([Jackson.laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jackson.laura@epa.gov))
- **EJSCREEN** is EPA's environmental justice mapping and screening tool that provides a nationally consistent environmental and demographic data to support environmental justice analyses. Kevin Olp ([olp.kevin@epa.gov](mailto:olp.kevin@epa.gov))
- **EPA Office of Environmental Justice** provides tools, resources and grants to support environmental justice communities. Matt Tejada ([Tejada.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Tejada.matthew@epa.gov)) (invited) & Sheila Lewis ([lewis.sheila@epa.gov](mailto:lewis.sheila@epa.gov)) (invited)
- **iTree Tools** is a state-of-the-art, peer-reviewed software suite from the USDA Forest Service that provides urban and rural forestry analysis and benefits assessment tools. Julie Mawhorter, USFS ([jmawhorter@fs.fed.us](mailto:jmawhorter@fs.fed.us))
- **National Certification for Green Infrastructure**  
Hye Yeong Kwon, Center for Watershed Protection ([hyk@cwpp.org](mailto:hyk@cwpp.org))
- **Community College, NonProfits and Water Quality Monitoring:** collaborations between community college and non-profits for problem based learning in creating sampling and monitoring plans for field monitoring and analysis. Ying-Tsu Loh from City College of San Francisco ([ying-tsu.loh@mail.ccsf.edu](mailto:ying-tsu.loh@mail.ccsf.edu))
- **The Message & Story Telling Guidebook:** how to tell stories in a way that generates traction on your projects in communities. Ellie Sandmeyer, Hattaway Communications on behalf of Ford Foundation ([esandmeyer@hattaway.com](mailto:esandmeyer@hattaway.com))
- **Food Insecurity mapping tool:** <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/go-to-the-atlas.aspx>
- **Resources for River Access from the National Park Service and Partners:** new tools for river access both online and in print. Come view the tools and share your own lessons learned about urban river access.  
Corita Waters, National Park Service River Partnership ([corita\\_waters@nps.gov](mailto:corita_waters@nps.gov))
- **Urban Waters @ EPA:** will have information on the Urban Waters Small Grants program, the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program, and a new resource being offered by the Urban Waters Learning Network. Terri Johnson, EPA ([Johnson.terri@epa.gov](mailto:Johnson.terri@epa.gov))
- **Denver's Water Quality Assessment Tool** is a robust water quality assessment tool for the Denver metro area. Groundwork Denver [http://thewaterconnection.org/wq\\_tool/](http://thewaterconnection.org/wq_tool/)
- **Trash Free Waters:** will show what this EPA program is doing to make our nations waterways truly trash free and discuss how you can engage. Laura Johnson, EPA ([Johnson.laura@epa.gov](mailto:Johnson.laura@epa.gov))
- **BRIGHT Program:** will discuss their latest efforts to combat urban blight, featuring efforts in the Anacostia Watershed. Brett Korte, ELI ([korte@eli.org](mailto:korte@eli.org))
- **Watershed Data Tools:** includes information on using the Water Quality portal, How's my Water? mobile app, and more! Tom Wall, EPA ([wall.tom@epa.gov](mailto:wall.tom@epa.gov))
- **Green Infrastructure Wizard:** helps you use natural landscapes to manage water and provide environmental and community benefits. Jamie Piziali, EPA ([Piziali.jamie@epa.gov](mailto:Piziali.jamie@epa.gov))
- **Low Impact Development & Green Infrastructure:** features publications and free information about utilizing LID and GI in your projects. Anne Weinberg, EPA ([Weinberg.anne@epa.gov](mailto:Weinberg.anne@epa.gov))

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### Mobile Tour Descriptions – Thursday, July 28

Tours will meet and depart from the hotel lobby. Information on advanced registration coming soon!  
Space will be limited.

#### Tour A: 1:30 pm - Earth Conservation Corps



Join us for a tour of the 1903 Old Capitol Pumpphouse that supplied steam heat to the US Capitol and now houses the Earth Conservation Corps. The ECC's mission is to save our endangered youth, the Anacostia River, their communities and their lives. The tour will include a visit to our turtle beach site where the wetland habitat is being restored. The trash trap is also a part of the tour that demonstrates how trash is captured to prevent it from flowing down the Anacostia River. Diamond Teague Park (named after one of our fallen Corps members) has a board walk that leads to the Navy Yard. The osprey and eagle cams will be available as well as bird watching from the deck of the pumphouse. The address of the Earth Conservation Corps at the pumphouse is 1350 First Street, S.E. WDC 20004.

#### Tour B: 1:30 pm – East Capitol Urban Farm



Join the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) at University of the District of Columbia (UDC) for a tour of [East Capitol Urban Farm](#) (ECUF), a multi-functional, three acre farm located in southeast Washington, DC. The unique, urban space offers opportunities for education, access, and community engagement for aquaponics system, walking trails, community art, a play space for children and, coming soon, a farmers market.

ECUF addresses the lack of healthy food access for the 71,000 residents of Ward 7. To help address these and other challenges, in 2015, CAUSES partnered with the DC Housing Authority to lease a vacant three acre lot located at 5900 East Capitol Street SE DC. Other partners include the Urban Waters Federal

Partnership, several District of Columbia government agencies, community organizations, churches, and businesses.

East Capitol Urban Farm is one of several Urban Food Hubs pioneered by UDC CAUSES to improve Food Security and Sustainability in DC neighborhoods through food production, food preparation, food distribution, and waste and water management. The land has been transformed into the District's largest-scale urban farm and aquaponics facility that serves as a national model for temporary use of vacant lots while demonstrating on-site stormwater management and local food production. The goal of the ECUF is to promote urban agriculture, improve food access and nutrition through a community-centered farmers market, offer nutrition education, provide community gardening, create opportunities for entrepreneurship, and provide a research and demonstration site for UDC.

The site is located directly across the street from the [Capitol Heights Metro Station](#) at 5901 East Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC.

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*Alternative Tour: 1:30 pm – Self-Guided Bike Tour (on your own)*



Stretch your legs and bike around DC! The National Mall is deceptively large and hitting all of the spots by foot can be physically draining. The best way to see it all is on a bike! You can use Capital Bikeshare to rent just for a day, or bring your own bike. Go at your own pace and visit the highlights including the Lincoln Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the Washington Monument, the White House, the WWII Memorial, and the Reflecting Pool. This route also takes you along the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River, two of our local urban waters!

Learn how to use Capital Bikeshare: <https://www.capitalbikeshare.com/home>

*You can pick up a bike just out front of the hotel!*

Use our Google Map to self-navigate, it's safe and easy: <http://tinyurl.com/UW-Bike-Tour>

*(Note: click on the bike icon in the map legend for the bike route)*