

Urban Waters Mentors

Need advice on a specific topic? Go to Office Hours with Urban Waters Mentors!

Tuesday, July 26th 12-1:45 (Foyer) or by Appointment (Meet at Registration)

Sign up by the registration desk.

As a multi-sector urban waters movement, we learn the most from our peers – practitioners working on the ground – in ways that build our capacity and expand our knowledge. Meet with experienced Urban Waters Mentors with deep expertise on topics that can advance our collective work to improve urban waterways and the communities that surround them.

Meet our Mentors! Bios on the back of this sheet.

NAME:	TITLE & ORG.:	TOPIC EXPERT IN:	Additional OFFICE HOURS by APT:
Andy Hrycyna	Mystic River Watershed Association	Watershed Science, Citizen Monitoring, Nutrients, Working with Municipalities, Stormwater, TMDLs	Wed: 8-8:45 am Thurs: 8-9 am
Dart Westphal	Co-Chair of the Water Committee and former President of the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality. Senior Associate Consultant	Public Private Partnerships, Non-profit Management, Finance, Resource Development	Tues: 5:15-6:15 pm Wed: 8-8:45 am
Arrie Porter	Senior Manager for Neighborhood Revitalization, Choice Neighborhoods Initiatives San Antonio Housing Authority	Working with HUD, Neighborhood Revitalization, Working with Local Government	Tues: 8-9 am Wed: 1-1:45 pm Thurs: 8-9 am
Aaron Young	Manager of Sustainability and Planning, East-West Gateway Council of Governments	Urban and Regional Planning, Watershed Planning, Sustainable Development	Tues: 8-9 am 5:15-6:15 pm Wed: 8-8:45 am 1-1:45 pm *by apt only, no lunch hours.
LaVale Curry	Environmental Steward, the Heartland Conservation Alliance	Local Stewardship and Engagement, Community-led Solutions in the Urban Core, NGO Start-ups, Urban Community Service	Tues: 12-1:45 pm
Roger Paul	Deputy County Manager, Albuquerque Department of Public Works	Incorporating Transportation, Working with EJ Neighborhoods, Working with Fish & Wildlife Service	Tues: 8:15 – 9 a.m. 5:15 – 6 p.m. Wed: 8:15 – 9 a.m. 5:15 – 6 p.m.
Edward Hill	Executive Director, Groundwork Portland	Green Infrastructure, Air Toxics, Green Jobs, Equitable Development, Training and Employing EJ Communities for Superfund clean-up	(TBC)

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Mentor Biographies

NAME:	BIO:
Andy Hrycyna	Andy has been a watershed scientist with MyRWA for the past two years. He has a Master's Degree from Harvard Extension School in Sustainable and Environmental Management. Andy has recently developed lessons learned from MyRWA's baseline monitoring program, a multi-year phosphorous TMDL modeling project on the Mystic River, and a green infrastructure advising and feasibility analysis completed in partnership with local municipalities.
Dart Westphal	Dart is an organizational development consultant with 30 years of experience helping community organizations achieve their goals. He was instrumental in developing the Bronx River Alliance, developed new funding methods for supportive housing, and created a Business Improvement District.
Arrie Porter	Trained as a public administrator and political scientist, Arrie is committed to developing healthy and vibrant neighborhoods through listening to residents and utilizing her knowledge, influence and expertise to broker relationships that yield dynamic partnerships. She has worked in Neighborhood Revitalization, Policy and Community Development and created the Complete Streets Policy for the City of San Antonio. Her current work with the San Antonio Housing Authority involved identifying and building relationships with city and neighborhood stakeholders and leading implementation of the several community and transit development plans.
Aaron Young	Aaron Young, AICP, is Manager of Sustainability Planning, at East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG), where he led the development of OneSTL, a plan for a vibrant, healthy, and prosperous St. Louis Region. He is currently working on implementation of the OneSTL plan as well as other projects related to food access and watershed planning. A former Peace Corps Volunteer in Kenya, Aaron has a graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning from University of Illinois Urban Champaign. Before coming to EWG Aaron worked on numerous municipal comprehensive plans over a decade as a planning consultant. He is active in the American Planning Association, having served in several leadership positions with the St. Louis Metropolitan Section.
LaVale Curry	LaVale works with the Heartland Conservation Alliance to protect natural resources across the Kansas City Region. Their current project focus is on the Blue River Watershed, an Urban Waters Federal Partnership location. LaVale has extensive experience working to engage community members with their local natural resources and environment.
Roger Paul	Roger A. Paul, P.E., is a professional civil engineer and the Deputy County Manager for Public Works, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Bernalillo County is an urban/rural area that includes the City of Albuquerque. After spending 20 years in the private sector serving as a design engineer and project manager for municipal and military projects throughout the Southwest, Roger started his 20-year government service career. At the County, he rose to the top management position at the Public Works Division with responsibilities overseeing Fleet & Facilities Management including vertical infrastructure and park design/construction, Operations and Maintenance including roads, drainage, traffic, and solid waste, Infrastructure Planning and Geo-resources, Technical Services including horizontal infrastructure design/construction and code enforcement/development review, and emergency operations.
Edward Hill	As Executive Director for Groundwork Portland, Edward plans, designs, and implements demonstration projects, builds partnerships throughout the community, and secured resources to lead and ensure the organization's success. He has over six years of experience in direct planning and design, affordable housing development, transit planning, and product delivery. He has over fifteen years of experience building programs for community capacity and development. Edward is currently completing a Master's in Urban Planning and Design at the University of Washington.