

2018 Urban Waters National Training Workshop

Final Agenda



Wednesday, October 17, 2018

All sessions on this day in Room 1153

11:30am – 1:30pm

Registration – Room 1153 Foyer

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Welcome and National Training Workshop Overview

Opening remarks will include a welcome and workshop overview, including workshop goals and desired outcomes. Opening remarks will also introduce the three themes: Going Green, Meaningful State and Community Engagement, and Public-Private Partnerships.

Vernice Miller-Travis, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice and Equitable Development, Skeo; **Bob Benson**, Acting Branch Chief, Partnerships Program Branch, Oceans, Wetlands and Communities Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Office of Water/USEPA

2:00pm – 2:30pm

Kickoff Federal Panel

Federal representatives will discuss how EPA, DOI and the Federal Partnership priorities align with Urban Waters priorities. Federal agency partners will reaffirm their commitment to the Urban Waters Federal Partnership.

John Goodin, Acting Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, Office of Water/USEPA; **Owen McDonough**, Senior Science Advisor, Office of Water/USEPA; **Ryan Nichols**, Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water & Science/USDOI

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Environmental Justice Community Revitalization Council Panel

Speakers will discuss the purpose and process of the EPA's newly launched Environmental Justice Community Revitalization Council.

Brittany Bolen, Associate Administrator, Office of Policy/USEPA; **Matthew Dalbey**, Director, Office of Community Revitalization/Office of Policy/USEPA; **Matthew Tejada**, Director, Office of Environmental Justice/Office of Policy/USEPA

3:00pm – 3:15pm

Break

3:15pm – 4:30pm

Charting the Future of the Urban Waters Movement

Speakers representing different viewpoints will share their perspectives on how to grow and sustain the movement for Urban Waters and foster successful and collaborative partnerships.

Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo (moderator); **Jalonne White-Newsome**, Senior Program Officer, Kresge Foundation/Environment Program; **Melissa McCann**, Director, Arizona State University's University City Exchange; **Diana Toledo**, Leadership Development Director, River Network

4:30pm – 5:00pm

Ambassador Ceremony

This session will recognize the crucial role Urban Waters Ambassadors play in the Urban Waters Movement. Ambassadors will walk on stage following short descriptions of their work, announced by the session host, and pose for a group picture.

Benita Best-Wong, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water/USEPA

5:00pm – 7:00pm
(dinner on your own)

Networking Mixer at DC Location – all invited

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
William Jefferson Clinton East Building (WJC East)
1201 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20004

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8:30am – 9:00am **Opening Remarks and Review of Breakout Themes (Room 1153)**

Opening remarks will include a welcome, a recap of previous day and an overview of the logistics for Day 2.

Vernice Miller-Travis, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice and Equitable Development, Skeo

9:00am – 10:00am **Plenary: How to Leverage Funding for Urban Waters Projects, Events and Activities (Room 1153)**

Panelists will discuss effective strategies for identifying and securing project funding as well as tips for leveraging dollars for environmental projects and programs and for human resources.

Patrick O'Rouke, Natural Resources Specialist, Georgia Power; **Jill Erickson**, Urban Waters Ambassador, Middle Blue River Urban Waters Partnership; **Jody Olson**, Director Federal Relations, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; **Steve Heacock**, Board Member, Grand Rapids Whitewater

10:00am – 10:15am **Break**

Breakout Session Themes

Theme #1. Going Green

The breakout sessions for this track will highlight innovative green infrastructure (GI) practices and trends, and offer insights for communicating GI benefits to others to gain support for GI implementation and long-term maintenance. The sessions will also address how communities and partners can develop green jobs and build capacity to become more resilient to natural disasters through community planning. Sessions 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D relate to this theme.

Theme #2. Meaningful State and Community Engagement

Equitable revitalization requires active and authentic engagement with community members and government entities in planning and development efforts. The breakout sessions for this track will highlight success stories, partnership models and opportunities for meaningful engagement with state partners, and offer tips for engaging with historically underrepresented populations in visioning and planning processes for urban restoration initiatives.

Sessions 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D relate to this theme.

Theme #3. Public-Private Partnerships

The breakout sessions for this track will share experiences on how to most effectively combine the strengths and resources of both the public and private sectors in actualizing urban water quality improvement goals. The sessions will break down the nuts and bolts of building mutually beneficial relationships between public and private entities to merge resources and catalyze investment for innovative approaches to partnership projects and programs.

Sessions 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D relate to this theme.

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10:15am – 11:30am

Breakout Sessions

1A. Building Parks and Public Spaces for Resilient Communities (Room 2369A)

Speakers representing federal, national non-profit, Urban Waters Partnership locations, and local perspectives will address the many ways parks support community resiliency and quality of life. Speakers will discuss how to achieve recreational, environmental (stormwater) and economic uses of parks to enhance communities near urban waters.

Kevin O'Hara, Vice President of Urban and Government Affairs, National Recreation and Park Association; **Sara Powell**, Urban Waters Ambassador, Bronx/Harlem Rivers Urban Waters Partnership; **Stephan Nofield**, Deputy Chief of Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Programs, National Lead for Rivers, Trails and Conservation Programs, US National Park Service/DOI; **Shaun Preston**, Camp Small-Yard Master, Baltimore City Forestry Division

2A. Sustaining Effective and Inclusive Local Urban Waters Partnerships (Room 1153)

This session will address how Urban Waters Partnerships can be sustained. Speakers will discuss how, once formed, an Urban Waters Partnership can provide for an inclusive and self-perpetuating operating environment for all stakeholders.

Tracy Stanton, Urban Waters Ambassador, Green-Duwamish Urban Waters Partnership, Seattle, WA; **Sonia Rangel**, Chief Operations Officer, Corazon Latino Inc.; **Ann-Marie Mitroff**, River Program Director, Groundwork Hudson Valley, Co-coordinator, Urban Waters Learning Network, Groundwork USA; **Adele Cardenas**, Urban Waters Regional Coordinator, Region 6/USEPA

3A. Signature Project Case Study: 11th Street Bridge Project (Room 1117A)

A Bridge Park manager will present a case study of how the 11th Street Bridge Park project is coming to fruition. The manager will discuss how the project is being financed and the equitable development and anti-displacement and inclusion strategies they are utilizing. The presenter will discuss how the project is directly related to Anacostia River restoration efforts and the implementation timeline moving forward.

Jessica Smith, Communications and Community Engagement Manager, 11th Street Bridge Park Project

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Breakout Sessions

1B. Green Jobs: Building Futures (Room 1153)

Speakers will discuss initiatives in urban watersheds that create green jobs and build green futures for communities.

Jayme Brown, Jobs Plus Program Manager, HUD; **Jeff Carroll**, Vice-President, Humanim Construction Enterprises; **Eric Letsinger**, CEO, Quantified Ventures (co-presenter with Jeff); **Erika Symmonds**, Director, Workforce Development, GRID Alternatives; **Adriana Caldarelli**, Director, National Green Infrastructure Certification Program, Water Environment Foundation

2B. Achieving Water Equity: Challenges, Tools and Approaches (Room 2369A)

Speakers will discuss local and national examples of water inequities facing disproportionately impacted communities. Speakers will also share approaches and tools to help address these long-standing challenges and strategies to achieve water equity and access.

Everette Bradford, Program Analyst, DC Dept. of Energy and Environment (DOEE)/Equity Taskforce; **Darryl Haddock**, Ambassador, Proctor Creek Urban Waters Federal Partnership, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance; **Jill Witkowski Heaps**, Director of Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic/Assistant Professor of Law at Vermont Law School, Vice-Chair, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council

3B. Role of Public Water Utilities: Partnering with EJ Communities (Room 1117A)

This session will feature presentations and discussions regarding how utilities have addressed environmental justice challenges via local partnerships to increase quality of drinking water, wastewater and surface waters. Speakers will specifically address water challenges in economically distressed communities.

G. Tracy Mehan III, Executive Director of Government Affairs, American Water Works Association; **Michael Davis**, Director of Environmental Justice and Service Equity Division, Seattle Public Utilities; **Andy Kricun**, Executive Director/Chief Engineer, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Lunch on Your Own

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Plenary: How to Measure and Show Success (Room 1153)

Speakers will share effective metrics, data analysis and storytelling tools for communicating your Urban Waters story. Speakers will share ideas and then open up the conversation to the audience to discuss practices that are effective in their locations. The goal of this session is to bring together stakeholders to share best practices, effective analytic tools and strategies for better coordination to avoid duplicative efforts.

Vernice Miller-Travis, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice and Equitable Development, Skeo; **Jennifer Lee**, Director of Policy and Planning, Puget Sound Partnership; **Erin Garnaa-Holmes**, Urban Waters Ambassador, Anacostia DC Urban Waters Partnership; **Justin Yee**, Urban Waters Ambassador, Los Angeles CA Urban Waters Partnership

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Breakout Sessions

1C. Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Management (Room 2369A)

This session will share research and successes in using green infrastructure for stormwater management to provide multiple community benefits.

Chris Bason, Executive Director, Delaware Center for Inland Bays; **Harris Trobman**, Green Infrastructure Project Specialist, University of District of Columbia; **Stacey Eriksen**, Urban Waters Regional Coordinator, EPA Region 8; **Heather Ambrose**, Project Manager, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services; **James Duncker**, Hydrologist, USGS - Central Midwest Water Science Center

2C. Upstream-to-Downstream: Nutrient Challenges (Room 1117A)

This session will address the many challenges of nutrient pollution of waterways, the possible solutions, and a few case studies.

Jeff Seltzer, Associate Director, Water Quality Division (WQD), DC DDOE; **Amelia Letnes**, Water Quality Trading Technical Expert, Office of Wastewater Management/OW/USEPA; **Danielle Stephan**, Watershed Based Permitting Technical Expert, Office of Wastewater Management/OW/USEPA; **Adam Schnieders**, Water Quality Resource Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

3C. Lessons Learned: Best Practices for Public-Private Partnerships (Room 1153)

Speakers will present and discuss merging public and private resources to actualize environmental projects. The session will address the benefits of engaging with private for-profit companies for job creation and environmental progress near urban waters in low-opportunity communities.

Brian Van Wye, Associate Director, Regulatory Review Division, DC DOEE; **Patrick O'Rourke**, Natural Resources Specialist, Georgia Power; **Adam Ortiz**, Director, Prince George's County Department of Environment; **Tedd Grain**, Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation of Indianapolis

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Friday, October 19, 2018

8:30am – 9:00am Opening Remarks and Recap of Day 2 (Room 1153)

Opening remarks will include a welcome to the final day, short highlights from the day before, and a run-through of logistics for the day.

Vernice Miller-Travis, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice and Equitable Development, Skeo

9:00am – 10:15am Breakout Sessions

1D. Building Capacity for Natural Disaster Planning, Response and Recovery (Room 2369A)

This session will include presentations and a discussion of natural disaster preparedness, vulnerability and response. It will also showcase an online tool and highlight the role of Estuary Programs.

Monty C. Dozier, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service; **Brandon Sweeza**, Mitigation Programs Specialist, Grants Implementation Branch, Mitigation Division, FEMA; **Brenda Torres**, Director, San Juan Bay Estuary Program

2D. Engaging States in Urban Waters Partnerships (Room 1117A)

This session will include a discussion of the significance of engaging and involving state agencies in local Urban Waters Partnerships.

Hamid Karimi, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Natural Resources Administration, DC DOEE; **Anna Kasko**, Senior Regulatory and Compliance Engineer, Maryland Department of the Environment; **Gregorio Sandi**, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Section Head, Maryland Department of the Environment; **Adam Schnieders**, Water Quality Resource Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources; **Jacqueline Guild**, Director of the Office of Environmental Policy, City of Annapolis; **Claire Robinson**, President and Managing Director, Amigos De Los Rios, CA

3D. Economic Development and Equitable Land Development (Room 1153)

This session will include presentations and a discussion of innovative approaches to addressing vacant land in ways that support restoration and revitalization. The session will also highlight strategies for mitigating the effects of gentrification in watershed area redevelopment.

Mike Galvin, Urban Waters Ambassador, Baltimore Urban Waters Partnership; **Mandy Griego**, Leader, Middle Rio Grand Urban Waters Partnership and HUD Analyst; **Adam Kent**, Senior Program Officer, LISC DC; **Harold Pettigrew**, Executive Director, Washington Area Community Investment Fund

10:15am – 10:30am Break – all remaining sessions after the break will be held in Room 1153

10:30am – 10:45am Plenary: The Need for Partnerships and the Future of the Urban Waters Movement

Lead Urban Waters Federal Partnership representatives will discuss future of the Federal Partnership, including a possible new self-affiliation approach and draft Urban Waters Futures Framework.

Roy Simon, Federal Analyst, USEPA; **Ryan Nichols**, Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water & Science/USDOJ

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10:45am – 11:30am Strategic Roundtable Discussions

Roundtable discussions at each table to discuss the Urban Waters Futures Framework and possible Affiliation Approach.

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11:30am – 12:00pm Report Out

A representative from each roundtable will share a recap of their table's discussion and recommendations on how the Urban Waters Futures Framework and Affiliation Approach can be successful for advancing the Urban Waters movement.

Vernice Miller-Travis, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice and Equitable Development, Skeo

12:00pm – 12:30pm Bringing it Home and Closing Remarks

During closing remarks, speakers will share roundtable insights, discuss workshop highlights, and identify follow-up actions and timelines.

Bob Benson, Acting Branch Chief, Partnerships Program Branch, Oceans, Wetlands and Communities Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Office of Water/USEPA; **Vernice Miller-Travis**, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice and Equitable Development, Skeo