

Delaware River Urban Waters Federal Partnership Regional Meeting

Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia

April 4, 2014

– Agenda Overview –

- 8:00am Registration and Light Breakfast Networking**
- 8:30am Welcoming Remarks**
8:30 Roland Wall, Academy of Natural Sciences
8:35 Rachel Jacobson, Principal Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Dept of the Interior
8:50 Nathan Boon or Andy Johnson, William Penn Foundation
- 9:00am Overview of Urban Waters Initiative and Orientation to Today’s Meeting**
Three “lightning round” presentations and brief panel discussion on each of five topics below.
Moderators: Michael Leff, Ambassador, USFS/Davey Institute; Dave Lange, National Park Service (Urban Waters co-lead)
- 9:30am Panel 1: Water Quality and Quantity**
1. Engaging Stewards in Green Stormwater Management (Alix Howard or Julie Slavet, Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership)
2. Using Policy to Change Behavior (Erin Williams, Philadelphia Water Department)
3. Green Infrastructure (Amanda Tolino, City of Wilmington)
- 10:00am Panel 2: River Protection and Restoration**
1. Daylighting a Stream in Camden (Meishka Mitchell, Cooper’s Ferry Partnership)
2. Federal Role in Dam Removal and River Restoration (Heather Jensen, Army Corps)
3. Creating Living Shorelines (Jennifer Adkins, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary)
- 10:30am Break**
- 10:45am Panel 3: Climate Resilience**
1. Federal Resources for Climate Resilience (Rachel Muir, USGS)
2. Chester Prepares for Storm Surges (Jaclyn Rhoads, PA SeaGrant)
3. Bringing Climate Resilience into Practice at the Municipal Level (Sarah Wu, Philadelphia Office of Sustainability)
- 11:15am Panel 4: Brownfields Revitalization**
1. Creating Phoenix Park (Andy Kricun, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority)
2. Greening Delaware Brownfields (James Poling, DNREC)
3. Superfund Philly (Bruce Pluta, Environmental Protection Agency)
- 11:45am Panel 5: Trails, Parks, and Open Space**
1. The Circuit (Chris Linn, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission)
2. Chester Parks (Lisa Gaffney, Chester Planning and Shade Tree Commission)
3. Urban Wildlife Refuge Initiative (Mariana Bergerson, John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge)
- 12:15pm Lunch and Networking @ Moore College of Art** (next door to Academy)
- 1:15pm GreenTreks short film on “Green City, Clean Waters”** (back at Academy)
- 1:20pm Developing Communities of Practice – Facilitated Breakout Discussions**
Participants will self-assign to specific groups, one for each of the five panel topics:
▪ Group 1: Water Quality and Quantity
▪ Group 2: River Protection and Restoration
▪ Group 3: Climate Resilience
▪ Group 4: Brownfields Revitalization
▪ Group 5: Trails, Parks, and Open Space
- 3:30pm Closing Summary and Next Steps**
- 4:00pm Adjourn**