

UWFP Delaware River Location Monthly Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
11:00-12:00 ET on Zoom

Attendance:

Avery Lentini, DRBC

Eve Quinones, PDE

Irene Purdy, EPA

John Harrod, PDE

Kefeni Kejela, FSA

Megan Mackey, EPA

Tomas Deza, NPS - RTCA

I. Welcome & Introductions (11:00-11:10AM)

II. Event Updates & Discussions (11:10 – 11:50AM)

- 2025 UWFP Delaware River Location Work Plan – Working Draft
 - Rebranded the first paragraph of IV. Overall Goals and Objectives
 - Included more equitable language such as changing “paying” to “providing financial support” when it comes to Collaborative Community Projects
 - Still needs updating:
 - Change photos to represent recent projects/ meetings/ gatherings
 - Currently going through partners and seeing who is involved and participating as we progress through the year
 - Small scale projects with the four urban waters cities instead of low-tech or just under resourced
 - Give past UW Del River Location documents to provide scope for workgroup members who are reviewing working draft of 2025 Work Plan
- Artist in Residence Update
 - We have gotten approval from EPA to choose an artist in/from each of the four UWFP cities would be an acceptable approach to the project
- Sponsorship and Abstracts are still being accepted for the Delaware Estuary Science and Environmental Summit
 - Abstract submission deadline is October 1st
 - Contact Haley Burns of PDE at hburns@delawareestuary.org for more information or if you have any questions
- Delaware River Fest
 - <https://www.delawareriverfest.org/>
 - September 28 from 10AM to 4PM
 - Penn’s Landing, Philadelphia, PA and Wiggins Park, Camden, NJ
 - Please promote this amazing & FREE event with their constituents (Flyer will be sent out with meeting minutes)
 - RiverLink Ferry Rides between Philadelphia and Camden, Independence Seaport Museum Entry (special exhibits excluded), Pedal Boat Rides in the

Penn's Landing Marina, Face Painting, Fun activities from environmental groups, and Games, Crafts, Prizes, etc

III. Partner Updates & Resource Sharing (11:50 – 12:00AM)

- Opportunities to share with the group
- Call for photos- Send Eve the photos you take as you experience watershed-wide events to include in future UW Delaware River Location Documents
- Kefeni question: Urban producers – have land but no water access can grant monies be utilized to provide irrigation?
 - Funding PDE has now is provided by NFWF, so we would have to ask and see if it qualifies
- EPA R2 - Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center and the Grantmaker below
 - WE ACT - (West Harlem Environmental Action - NJ, NY, and eight Indian Nations) TC TAC (Tech Assistance Collaborative intake form) If you are interested in receiving assistance, please fill out this short intake survey and our team will follow up to schedule an introductory call. <https://www.weact.org/tctac/funding-opportunities/> Contacts are Jordana Vanderselt (jordana.vanderselt@weact.org) and Sarah Salem (sarah.salem@weact.org). Jordana presented at the Bx-Harlem UWFP Spring All-Partner's meeting.
 - Fordham University serves as the grant manager under the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking program for EPA Region 2 for 2023, which includes New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. <https://www.fordham.edu/about/living-the-mission/center-for-community-engaged-learning/community-and-ccel/environmental-justice-thriving-communities/>
- 28th of October from 10am – 4pm DRBC along with EPA Region 3 at the Discovery Center
 - <https://www.epa.gov/climate-adaptation/2024-delaware-river-climate-practitioners-workshop>
 - The purpose behind this event is to provide Delaware River Basin tribal, state and local climate implementors and influencers with practical information about how to build and execute climate adaptation projects that reduce exposure to climate impacts, while strengthening networks of practitioners to address climate impacts at the watershed scale.
- Allen Hunt, Tomas Deza, and a few other colleagues will have a presentation of equitable access at CDRW forum
 - PDE is speaking on regional collaboratives SAN, RASCL, UWFP Del River Location at CDRW as well
- Farm Service Agency is planning to organize urban producers/ farmers across PA that work with indoor gardening/ farming to share resources and information some time in November
 - All are welcome to join; more information to follow
- Chester Homegrown Habitats -Share the flyer with your networks and constituents if you can! (Flyer will be sent out with meeting minutes)

IV. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 from 11-12 ET on Zoom.