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**Revitalizing Urban Watersheds: Innovations from the Urban Waters Federal Partnership**

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Urban Waters Federal Partnership

Vision:
◦ “Through our partnership, we will revitalize urban waters and the communities that surround them, transforming overlooked assets into treasured centerpieces and drivers of urban revival.”

Mission & Principles focus on:
◦ Underserved and distressed communities
◦ Integrating natural resource, public health and community & economic development agencies
Where we work today

**Urban Waters Federal Partnership**
19 Locations

**Partnership Locations**
- Anacostia Watershed
- Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds
- Cano Martin Pena
- Grand River / Grand Rapids
- Greater Philadelphia Area – Delaware River Watershed
- Green – Duwamish Watershed
- Lake Pontchartrain Area – New Orleans
- Los Angeles River Watershed
- Middle Blue River
- Middle Rio Grande / Albuquerque
- Mystic River Watershed
- Northwest Indiana Area
- Passaic River / Newark
- Patapsco Watershed / Baltimore Region
- Proctor Creek Watershed / Atlanta
- San Antonio River Basin within Bexar Co
- South Platte Watershed: Headwaters to Denver
Origin of the Partnership

Demand from local communities and organizations for “one-stop shopping” access to gov. resources. not a federal invention.

Recognition that one agency alone (generally) can’t meet intersectional community dev. goals

Recognition that finding someone in government who can help with a local issue is difficult

Realization that a partnership structure between agencies could address these issues and make a difference.

Perception of Government:
Partnership Impact

Innovative Culture

Flexible Program Structure = responsive to local leadership and priorities

Finding efficient, smart ways to fund projects: Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grants

Urban Waters Ambassadors = sustained partnerships over time, increased transparency, long-term community trust
How to Get Involved in Urban Waters

- **Urban Waters Federal Partnership:** [Urbanwaters.gov](https://urbanwaters.gov)
  - Local partnership contacts are on urbanwaters.gov
  - Comment on or use handbook on “Building and Sustaining Urban Waters Partnerships”
  - Contribute ideas to the 2017 Urban Waters National Training Workshop on [urbanwaters.skeo.com](http://urbanwaters.skeo.com)

- **Grant Opportunities:**
  - Urban Waters Small Grants RFP – September 2017

- **Urban Waters Learning Network:** [urbanwaterslearningnetwork.org](http://urbanwaterslearningnetwork.org)
  - Take advantage of webinars
  - Sign up for email updates from the Learning Network

Questions?
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