

URBANWATERS

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Restoring Urban Waters, Revitalizing Communities



The Urban Waters Program helps urban and metropolitan areas, particularly those that are under-served or economically distressed, connect with their waterways and work to improve them.

Working with a diverse set of partners, we seek to help communities restore and protect water quality and revitalize adjacent rural, suburban, and urban neighborhoods throughout the watershed.

Through this partnership program, communities gain economic, environmental, and social benefits, and collaborate with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as community-led efforts, to achieve common goals.



National Reach, Local Results

- 15 federal agencies
- More than 28 non governmental organization partners
- 20 partnership locations.

Advancing Environmental Justice:

- **65%** of Five Star grants in low-income/minority communities
- Funded 12 U.S. EPA Environmental Justice grants in 2018 and 2019 (**\$540K**)
- Supported four local **environmental justice projects** in 2020 (over \$125K)
- Hosted two national training **workshops on equity**

Environmental Results Snapshot:

Reached
164,349

community members through events and campaigns

Removed
258,000

cubic yards of contaminated sediment and soil

Prevented
500,000

gallons of stormwater from entering waterbodies

Restored
155

acres of marshes, wetlands and fields

Collected
23,139

pounds of trash and 106 pounds of recycling

Engaged
3,550

volunteers and participants at events

The UW Program:

Funded Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grants to watershed projects that:

 Engaged more than **30,000 volunteers** across over **270 organizations** implementing dozens of projects across the country, which resulted in over **10,000 trees** and **20,000 marsh plants**, seeds and native grasses planted, preventing over **500,000 gallons** of stormwater from entering waterbodies.

Facilitated Information Exchange through the Urban Waters Learning Network:

 More than **580 members** in the online network connected to share best practices through seven webinars, five newsletters and **700 website visitors** per month.

Leveraged Funds:

 Secured more than **\$33 million** in grants and federal funding for Urban Waters projects.

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Delaware River Location



The Delaware River has its very own designated Urban Waters Federal Partnership location, established in 2012. This location includes 4 major cities and the surrounding urban areas spanning 3 states that all drain to the Lower Delaware River.

- Camden, New Jersey
- Chester, Pennsylvania
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Wilmington, Delaware

This urban corridor of the Delaware River has a long history of **industrialization** and disconnection. Many cities and developed areas face similar issues affecting the health of humans and habitats: **pollution, flooding, environmental injustice, economic disparity, and the brunt of climate change** impacts. The Urban Waters Federal Partnership Delaware River Location includes many levels of partners working together to help **restore and reconnect urban waterways with their communities**. Ultimately, we can do this by supporting urban projects that improve water and habitat, engage with community members, and stimulate recreation and the economy.

How can we help you?



We plan **events** such as webinar series, cleanups, community festivals, plantings, and more. We can help you plan your event as well!



We can write **letters of support** for your local environmental stewardship projects.



Through our **Urban Waters Community Fund**, we provide small grants to assist local leaders and community groups to do your own environmental stewardship projects.



We can **connect** you to resources and collaborative partners.