



IIJA RASCL Conference 2022
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TNC in Delaware: federal, state and local



Working with partners, TNC has conserved over 30,000 acres since 1990. Merged with TNC in PA in 2020.

Coastal resilience and climate adaptation

Forest restoration and management

Community science, youth engagement, and public education

Diversity, equity, inclusion and justice: water and air contaminants

DE Enviro: IIJA work group

Sea Grant	Partnership for the DE Estuary	RASCL
Center for the Inland Bays	DE Wildlands	Delaware Nature Society
UD Water Resources	Coalition for the DE River Watershed	UPenn Water Finance Center
Ducks Unlimited	American Rivers	



DE Enviro and IJA



Information Sharing



Encouraging nature-based solutions, an overarching vision, and sharing strategy goals with gov't partners



Advocating for supports for cities and counties to access funding



Accessing funding

IIJA: Implementation is challenging



Not enough staff or time (everywhere)



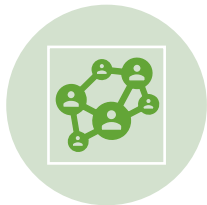
Bipartisan at passage.
Future appropriations:
more complicated



Combo of existing and new programs. New programs roll out may be slower. Streamlining federal permitting.



Shovel worthy
v. shovel ready
projects
challenge

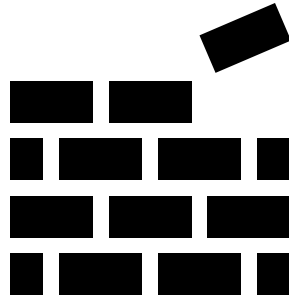


Information overload



Tips for Accessing IJA Funding and Information Resources

- Seek Assistance from the UD GAP Program
- Attend Resilient and Sustainable Communities League (RASCL) Programs
- Identify Your Community's Needs and Create a Project Pipeline: what plans already exist?
- Access planning funds
- Network, get on listserves & attend webinars
- Establish relationships with Regional, Federal and State Agencies





IJA Information Resources

National Governors Assn: **Best for upcoming opportunities**

www.nga.org/iija-implementation-resources/

Government Finance Officers Assn:

www.gfoa.org/the-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act-iija-was

National Assn of Counties:

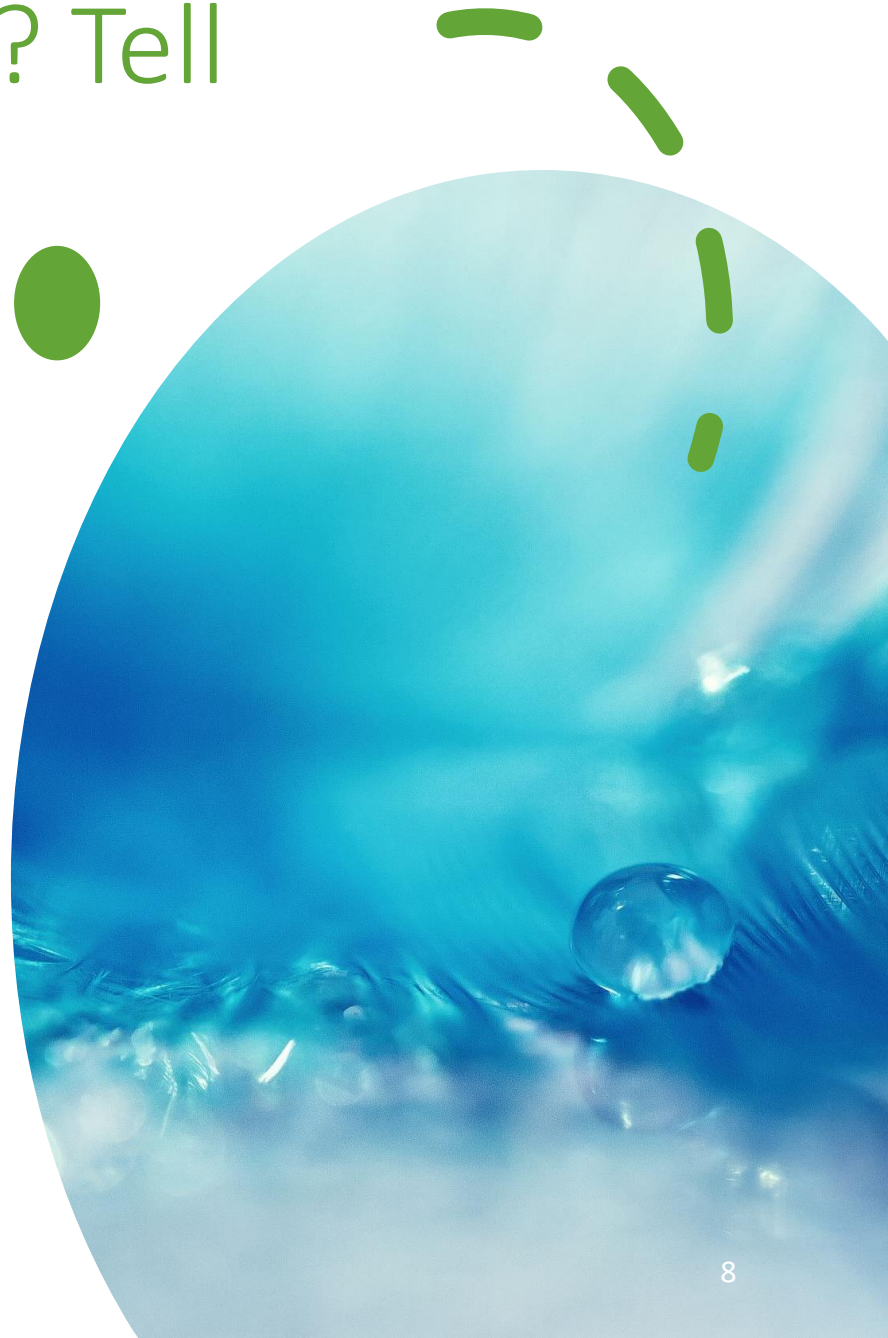
www.naco.org/resources/legislative-analysis-counties-bipartisan-infrastructure-law

Gov's office webpage: governor.delaware.gov/infrastructure/

Federal Grants: www.grants.gov

What do you need? Tell us!

- Share with the Delaware delegation
- State agency partners
- Federal agency partners
- RASCL
- UD Gap Program
- Your professional organizations
- Partner organizations





Thank you!

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