Urban Waters Federal Partnership

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The 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.”

**Partnership Principles**

- Promote clean urban waters
- Reconnect people to their waterways
- Promote water conservation
- Use water to promote economic revitalization
- Encourage community improvements through active partnerships
- Be open & honest; Listen to communities to learn.
- Measure success & evaluate to fuel future success
Steering Committee

- Environmental Protection Agency
- United States Forestry Service
- USGS
- National Park Service
- Mid Americ Regional Council
- KC Water Services
- KC Planning
- KC Brownfields
- Kansas City Parks
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Heartland Conservation Alliance

Middle Blue River Urban Waters Federal Partnership
Is there an opportunity here?
NEW NATIONAL STRATEGIC WORKPLAN

I. STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL CROSS-PROGRAM STRUCTURE.
Ensure that the 14 Federal agencies, 19 Partnership Locations and supportive Non-Governmental organizations are working in tandem.

II. EXPAND RESOURCES FROM PARTNER AGENCIES.
Ensure that all Federal Partners of the Federal Partnership strive to contribute to the national resources used for the effort and all resources are used in a most effective way.

III. INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP.
Ensure the best approaches implemented by the current 19 Partnership Locations are exported to any urban location across the country, optimizing utilization of federal resources.

IV. ENHANCE QUALITY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH.
Ensure that all work nationally and at the Partnership Locations, and best information from many other sources, are provided to all interested audiences nationwide.

V. MEASURE AND COMMUNICATE RESULTS.
Ensure the national story of the Federal Partnership is being told using key quantitative and qualitative measures adopted by the Federal Partnership.

VI. LEVERAGE RESEARCH TO ASSIST URBAN WATERS PARTNERSHIPS.
Increase Accessibility of the Federal Partnership and its Program Actions to Any Location with Urban Waters, Nationwide

B. ESTABLISH A NATIONAL PROCESS FOR NEW LOCATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO AFFILIATE WITH THE FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP.

Develop and implement a process, beginning with a pilot phase, for state and local governments as well as for private organizations that: (1) maximizes the number of urban locations creating successful Urban Waters Partnerships; (2) provides tangible assistance from Federal agencies to any new Urban Waters Partnership; and (3) assists all entities in a new Urban Waters Partnership to band together, share resources and avoid duplication. This process would maximize use of available federal expenditures.
Is this worth exploring next meeting?