

**UWFP Delaware River Location Monthly Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**  
**11:00-12:00 ET on Microsoft Teams**

**Attendance:**

Eve Quinones, PDE

John Harrod, PDE

Kathy Klein, PDE

William Ethridge, FEMA Region 3

Irene Purdy, EPA Region 2

Jordana Cutajar, DNREC

Megan Mackey, EPA Region 3

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

- Welcome
- Overview of meeting agenda

**II. Updates & Discussions (11:10 – 11:40AM)**

- **Artist-in-Residence Program Update**

- i. PDE's Artist-in-Residence, Eurhi Jones, has expanded her team by bringing on two additional artists:
  1. Diana Gonzalez – An accomplished mural artist with 20+ years of experience in community-centered artmaking. She specializes in paint, mosaic, and polytab installations and has collaborated with Mural Arts Philadelphia and other partners to create impactful large-scale public artworks.
  2. Priscilla Rios – A mural artist and member of the *We Live Here* collective, known for vibrant public art throughout Camden, NJ. Her work is rooted in nature, storytelling, and community, bringing color and life to shared spaces.
- ii. The artists have partnered with organizations in Philadelphia, Chester, Wilmington, and Camden to lead workshops that combine clean-water education with hands-on artmaking. These workshops aim to inspire participants to create meaningful pieces that will be incorporated into final artworks for partner sites.
- iii. PDE and the artists are currently leading workshops with the Center for Environmental Transformation (Camden, NJ), engaging Sacred Heart School students in learning about the importance of clean water for their community.
- iv. Eurhi recently participated in a Washington, DC National Estuary Program meeting panel for the Artist in Residence program with representatives from other

AiR program participant locations and EPA staff. NEP Meeting Participants engaged in hands-on activities and created presentations highlighting their community-based work.

- v. PDE emphasized that, unlike some programs that focus solely on temporary engagement, the Delaware River location initiative ensures communities will have lasting artwork that can be used and enjoyed long after the workshops conclude.
  - vi. Kathy Klein shared that she met with Rob Pirani, the program director for the New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program at the Hudson River Foundation, to discuss potential funding opportunities to expand this work nationally across all NEP programs.
  - vii. PDE will share slides from the NEP/ AiR Panel
  - viii. Planning is underway for a National Estuary Week event in Camden (second-to-last week of September) to showcase artwork from Camden and other participating cities in NEP Delaware River Location AiR program.
  - ix. Kathy Klein shared that a visit to PDE's living shoreline project at CCMUA in Camden, NJ may be scheduled in tandem with the AiR end-of-program event.
- **2026 Chester River Fest: Exhibitor Application Form**
    - i. The 2026 Chester River Fest will take place on Saturday, May 9th at Union Yards, near Subaru Stadium.
    - ii. The layout will be the same as last year, with exhibitors located in the Union Yards courtyard.
    - iii. The [Exhibitor Application Form](#) remains open if you'd like to reserve a table and connect with Chester, PA residents.
  - **NFWF-Funded Collaborative Community Projects Update**
    - i. Eve shared that she is moving forward with making amendments to first round of projects to update the original agreements with small changes to scopes of work and redefine the timeline for the projects
    - ii. Eve then shared that she is also working on NEPA Categorical Exclusion checklists for 2<sup>nd</sup> round.
      - 1. There are 5 projects in Philadelphia, 1 project in Chester, 3 projects in Wilmington, and 2 projects in Camden for Round 2 CCPs.
        - a. Eve is finalizing agreements for two Bartram's Garden projects in Philadelphia; compiling the consultations for GAP Youth Mentoring Inc's checklist for Stantec review in Wilmington; submitting federal and state species consultations and SHPO materials for Making a Change Group in Chester; continuing coordination with Riverfront North Partnership in Philadelphia to get their agreement in place; submitting Hunter Elementary's consultations in Philadelphia; awaiting information from Delaware Riverkeeper in Camden to draft their agreement; advancing Green Building United's IJA project in Wilmington; submitting Urban

Promise's materials to Stantec in Camden; and moving forward with U-School's IJA project in Philadelphia.

- iii. Kathy requested approval from NFWF to use remaining funds as stipends for partners to attend PDE's Science Summit and the Coalition for Delaware River Watershed annual watershed summit.

### **III. Partner Updates & Resource Sharing (11:40 – 12:00AM)**

- Roundtable: share updates, events, initiatives, and other opportunities.
  - i. No partner updates were provided during this meeting.

### **IV. Next meeting: May 19, 2026, via Microsoft Teams**