

UWFP Delaware River Location Monthly Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
11:00-12:00 ET on Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

Eve Quinones, PDE

John Harrod, PDE

Haley Burns, PDE

Tomas Deza, NPS-RTCA

Gabriel Levitan, NPS-RTCA

Megan Mackey, EPA Region 3

Irene Purdy, EPA Region 2

William Ethridge II, FEMA Region 3

Emily Maung-Douglas, DE Sea Grant

Avery Lentini, DRBC

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

- Welcome
- Overview of meeting agenda

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

- **PDE's Artist in Residence Program Updates**

- i. **Site Visits & Connections**

- 1. PDE's artist, Eurhi Johns, has visited three of the four Urban Waters locations and has begun establishing local partnerships.

- a. **Camden:** Met with photographer Eric James Montgomery, who operates a gallery in the city.

- b. **Chester:** Connected with the Ruth Bennett Community Farm, which is fenced to protect the grounds. They are interested in incorporating art into the front-facing fence to create a more welcoming entrance.

- c. **Philadelphia:** Visited The Watershed, a new community hub in Germantown (approximately 1.5 years old), developed in partnership with PWD, Mural Arts, and the Academy of Natural Sciences. The director is enthusiastic about the possibility of a mural.

- d. **Wilmington:** A visit with the DuPont Environmental Education Center is scheduled for February 19th.

- ii. **Workshop Structure**

- 1. PDE and Eurhi plan to host **three workshops at each location:**

- a. **Workshops 1 & 2:**

- i. Focus on clean water education and why it matters.

- ii. After the lesson, participants will receive an art prompt from Eurhi and create their own pieces.

- iii. Participants may either take their artwork home, have it photographed, or donate the piece for inclusion in the final site-specific installation.
 - b. **Workshop 3:**
 - i. A volunteer day inviting community members to help complete the on-site final art piece.
 - **NFWF-Funded Collaborative Community Projects: Progress & Next Steps**
 - i. **Reengagement of Round 1 Projects**
 - 1. Eve has been working on reengaging all Round 1 Collaborative Community Projects. The final reengagement meeting is scheduled for today with the Round 1 CCP based in Wilmington, DE.
 - ii. **Project Status & Upcoming Actions**
 - 1. Partners have been excited to learn that their projects are approved to move forward toward completion. For one project in particular, Eve will be meeting again in late February to confirm whether they were able to secure site permissions for a new proposed greening project location.
 - a. NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CatEx) has not yet been completed for this project due to questions around the organization's capacity. Once site permissions are confirmed, Eve will proceed with developing the NEPA CatEx; this is the final Round 1 project that still requires completion of that step.
- **2026 Chester River Fest: Save the Date**
 - i. Eve Shared the following information with the workgroup:
 - 1. Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
 - 2. Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - 3. Location: Union Yards near Subaru Park
 - 4. Address: 12 Reaney Street, Chester, PA 19013
- **Climate Resiliency Hub Overview**
 - i. PDE is developing a regional climate change web-based hub with resources and information to support practitioners.
 - 1. This information can include regional plans, reports, climate planning and action-oriented initiatives in our region, websites that have resilience-related info, teacher resources, local success stories, etc. Also, if partners have seen good examples or regional climate resilience websites from other parts of the country, PDE requests to please share those with us.
 - ii. Partners can provide suggested information to include on the new climate web hub using this link: [Resource Information Collection for Climate Hub.xlsm](#) .
- **Next In-Person Meeting Planning**
 - i. Timing: Tomas, Meaghan, and other workgroup members agreed that August–September would be the ideal window for the next in-person meeting.
 - ii. Suggestion from Haley of PDE: Since the Artist-in-Residence program will host its major press event in September, Haley recommended aligning the in-person meeting with that opportunity.

- iii. Next Steps: Eve will look into other events happening during this timeframe and gauge interest from the group before proposing a final date.

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

- Roundtable: share updates, events, initiatives, and other opportunities
 - i. **Update provided by Avery of DRBC:**
 1. The Water Resources Resiliency Plan is nearing completion of Phase 1 and preparing to transition into Phase 2.
 2. Phase 2 will focus on integrating stakeholder feedback with technical analysis. Stakeholder input continues to be a key component throughout every stage of the project.
 3. Avery will continue to share updates as the project advances through each phase.

IV. Next meeting: March 17, 2026, via Microsoft Teams