



# WORKING WITH NATURE TRAINING SERIES

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*Federal programs and nature-based  
solutions*

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# AGENDA

- Program overview
- FEMA & EPA: Federal opportunities to support nature-based solutions
- Lessons learned: Implementing green infrastructure with federal funding
- Questions





# NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## MAXIMIZE NATURAL FUNCTIONS OF THE FLOODPLAIN

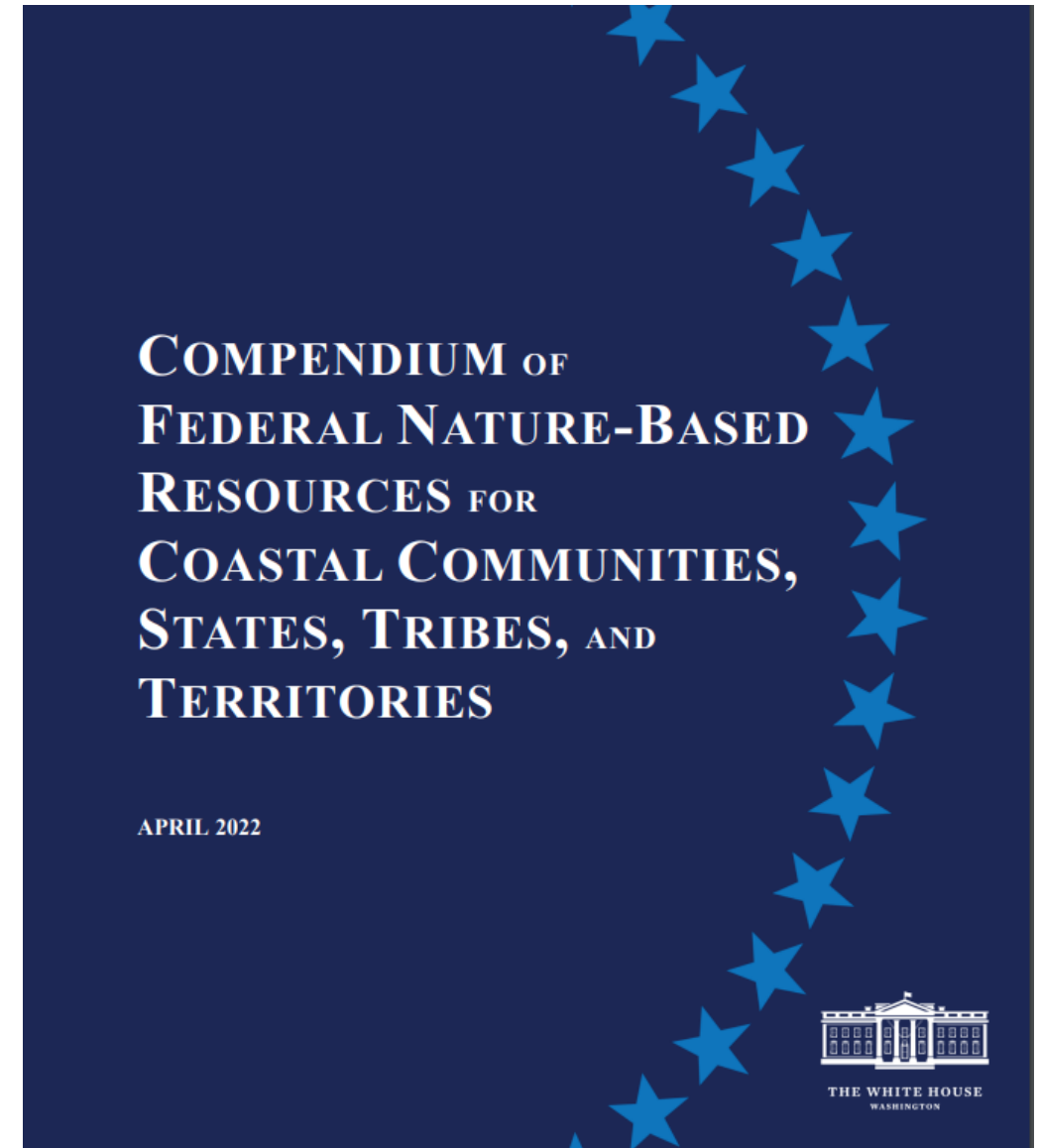
- Fund projects that harness natural features to reduce flood risk, improve water quality and provide additional co-benefits
- Provide training and technical resources to advance understanding and adoption of nature-based solutions
- Prioritize nature-based solutions throughout state programs and projects
- Use tools to quantify benefits and measure performance of nature-based projects



# Resources

## FEDERAL PROGRAM SUPPORT

The White House Coastal Resilience Interagency Working Group released a summary of federal nature-based resources in April. The document is available at [watershed.la.gov/nature-based-solutions](https://watershed.la.gov/nature-based-solutions).





# EPA: FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT NATURE- BASED SOLUTIONS

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# EPA's priorities to advance green infrastructure



GUEST SPEAKER

<b>Strengthen Partnerships</b>	Strengthen and establish critical partnerships to promote resilient, equitable and vibrant communities
<b>Enhance Public Awareness</b>	Enhance public awareness of green infrastructure's multiple benefits in protecting public health and the environment
<b>Engage Underserved Communities</b>	Actively engage with historically underserved communities to understand their priorities and target EPA resources and expertise to enhance equity
<b>Provide Technical Assistance</b>	Provide targeted technical assistance and funding to improve communities' resilience to climate change impacts
<b>Build Capacity</b>	Build capacity for an inclusive green infrastructure and stormwater workforce to create local jobs in underserved communities



# Green infrastructure funding and federal collaborative



## Navigating Federal Funding for Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions

- On Nov. 2, 2021, seven agencies described 28 funding and technical assistance programs for green infrastructure.
- EPA programs include:
  - Clean Water State Revolving Fund
  - 319 Non-Point Source Grants
  - Overflow and Stormwater Grants
  - Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
  - Environmental Justice Grants

State agencies administer funds for these programs.

Implementation Memo for CW  
SRF and DWSRF

Released March 2022  
March 16 webinar

Other funding opportunities found on EPA's [green infrastructure funding webpage](#).



AGENCY	PROGRAM	PLANNING & DESIGN	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	MONITORING
EPA	<a href="#">Overflow and Stormwater Grants (OSG)</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
EPA	<a href="#">Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
EPA	<a href="#">Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
EPA	<a href="#">Section 319 Non-Point Source Grants</a>	YES	YES	YES	YES
EPA	<a href="#">Environmental Justice Small Grants</a>	YES	NO	NO	YES
EPA	<a href="#">Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
EPA	<a href="#">Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3)</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
USDA NRCS	<a href="#">Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
USDA NRCS	<a href="#">Watershed Rehabilitation Program</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
USDA NRCS	<a href="#">Regional Conservation Partnership Program</a>	YES	YES	YES	YES
HUD	<a href="#">Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
HUD	<a href="#">CDBG Section 108</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
FEMA	<a href="#">Building Resilient Infrastructure &amp; Communities (BRIC)</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
NOAA	<a href="#">National Estuarine Research Reserve System Procurement and Acquisition and Construction Grants</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
NOAA	<a href="#">Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Grants</a>	YES	YES	YES	YES
NOAA	<a href="#">OAA Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Regional Partnership Grants</a>	YES	YES	NO	YES
NOAA	<a href="#">Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)</a>	NO	NO	YES	NO
NOAA	<a href="#">National Coastal Resilience Fund</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
USACE	<a href="#">Floodplain Management Services Program - Technical Assistance</a>	YES	NO	NO	NO
USACE	<a href="#">Planning Assistance to States (PAS)</a>	YES	NO	NO	NO
USACE	<a href="#">Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) Sec 205 - Small Flood Risk Management Projects</a>	YES	YES	NO	YES
USACE	<a href="#">CAP Sec 204 - Beneficial Use of Dredged Material</a>	YES	YES	NO	YES
USACE	<a href="#">CAP Sec 1135 - Modification of Projects for the Environment</a>	YES	YES	NO	YES
USACE	<a href="#">Tribal Partnership Program (TPP)</a>	YES	YES	NO	YES
USACE	<a href="#">Individually Authorized Feasibility Studies and Projects</a>	YES	YES	YES	YES
USACE	<a href="#">Watershed Studies (Sec 729)</a>	YES	NO	NO	NO
EDA	<a href="#">Public Works &amp; Economic Adjustment Assistance Funds</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO
EDA	<a href="#">American Rescue Plan Program: Economic Adjustment Assistance Funds</a>	YES	YES	NO	NO

Note: This list represents the summary given during a webinar on November 2, 2021. There are other federal programs that fund green infrastructure not included on this list.

## Navigating Federal Funding for Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions Master Summary





# Enhance awareness of stormwater and green infrastructure needs



Clean Watershed Needs Survey is a comprehensive assessment of capital investments necessary to meet the nation's wastewater and stormwater treatment and collection needs, **including green infrastructure.**

## CALL TO ACTION

March 1, 2022: CWNS data collection begins

May 31, 2022: State specific approach and state survey submission due

September 2022 – February 2023: Various reporting deadlines

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# Reporting stormwater/green infrastructure for Clean Watershed Needs Survey



- **Request project and/or cost documentation** from local communities and provide to the state CWNS coordinator
- **Provide regional or statewide documents** to the state CWNS coordinator that may include needed projects or cost data
- Work with state CWNS coordinator to **develop state-specific approach** to estimate costs that are not documented
- Work with state CWNS coordinator to **amend an existing state-specific approach** already approved by EPA





# Program requirements



## STATE AGENCY ADMINISTERING PROGRAMS

### Clean Water State Revolving Fund

- Minimum **10%** of federal grant **MUST** go to Green Project Reserve projects.
- 20% state match is required.
- Low interest loan: 0.45%/30-year repayment rate in most cases
- Some projects may qualify for additional subsidy.

[deq.louisiana.gov/page/clean-water-state-revolving-fund](http://deq.louisiana.gov/page/clean-water-state-revolving-fund)

### Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant Program

- State must provide a 20% cost-share.
- State must use **20%** of the allocation for **green infrastructure**, water and energy efficiency improvements and other environmentally innovative activities, when possible.

[epa.gov/cwsrf/sewer-overflow-and-stormwater-reuse-municipal-grants-program](http://epa.gov/cwsrf/sewer-overflow-and-stormwater-reuse-municipal-grants-program)



# Green Project Reserve categories



## Water Efficiency

- Most common category for Louisiana
- Almost half of Louisiana's GPR projects have been water meter upgrades and installations (St. John the Baptist Parish, 2019).

## Energy Efficiency

- Solar panel installation at WWTP (West Monroe, 2016)
- Broilers and biogas to conserve natural gas (EBRSCO, 2013)
- Infiltration/Inflow detection equipment (Abita Springs, 2017)

## Environmental Innovation

- Projects include those that demonstrate new and/or innovative approaches to delivering services or managing water resources in a more sustainable way.

## Green Infrastructure

- Water efficiency projects are frequently categorized as green infrastructure in R6.
- Nonpoint source projects have been categorized as green infrastructure in the past.
- Permeable pavement parking lot (Winn Parish, 2014)

## Clean Water Act: CWSRF

### Construction of publicly owned treatment works

Assistance to any municipality or intermunicipal, interstate or state agency for construction of publicly owned treatment works as defined in CWA section 212

### Nonpoint source

Assistance to any public, private or nonprofit entity for the implementation a state nonpoint source pollution management program, established under CWA section 319

### National estuary program projects

Assistance to any public, private or nonprofit entity for the development and implementation of a conservation and management plan under CWA section 320

## Clean Water Act: OSG

Program will provide funding for critical stormwater infrastructure projects in communities including combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows.





# Green infrastructure projects



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS TO INTERCEPT, TRANSPORT, CONTROL, TREAT OR REUSE STORMWATER AND SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE, INCLUDING:

- **Planning and design activity** related to an eligible capital project
- Plant or soil systems
- Permeable pavement or surfaces
- Stormwater harvest and reuse
- Landscaping to store, infiltrate or evapotranspire stormwater and reduce flows to sewer systems or to surface waters
- Green roofs, blue roofs, green streets and green walls
- Rainwater harvesting collection, storage, management and distribution systems
- Real-time control systems for harvested rainwater
- Bioretention/bioswales (e.g., rain gardens, tree boxes)
- Wetland/riparian/shoreline creation, protection, restoration
- Constructed wetlands, including surface flow and subsurface flow (e.g., gravel) wetlands
- Establishment/restoration of urban tree canopy
- Infiltration basins
- Replacement of gray infrastructure with green infrastructure including purchase and demolition costs



# CWSRF and OSG contacts



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# Urban Waters Grants



Annual request for proposals through the Five Star UW Grants

- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation runs the Five Star UW Grants RFP.
- About \$2.6 million is available nationwide for projects meeting program priorities (typical award: \$40,000).
- RFP lists some specific partner priority geographies.
- Financial contributors for RFP include EPA, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southern Company, FEDEX and BNSF Railway.

## PRIORITIES:

- On-the-ground restoration such as restore and/or create wetlands and address key species and habitats
  - Design and/or implement green infrastructure
- Environmental outreach, education and training
- Partnerships and measurable results



# Urban Waters Grants



## Typical Timeframe



## Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program





# Building Blocks Program – Office of Community Revitalization



- Free, direct technical assistance from EPA-hired consultant teams
- Competitive, national solicitations (typically one in the fall and spring)
- Technical assistance designed to move a community through assessment, convening and action planning

## Consists of:

- Public engagement through a two-day workshop (focus on issues and priorities determined by applicant)
- Direct consultations with relevant stakeholders, decision-makers and possible partners
- Memo outlining specific next steps generated during the workshop that the community can use to achieve its goals

OCR technical assistance opportunities are announced on its [home page](#), or email [epa\\_cmtty\\_revital\\_subscribe@lists.epa.gov](mailto:epa_cmtty_revital_subscribe@lists.epa.gov) to receive announcements.



# Green infrastructure and nature-based Building Blocks workshops in Louisiana



## 2017 Linking Land Use and Water Quality Workshop – Denham Springs

- Workshop addressed green infrastructure (what it is/is not), land use and water quality, as well as rural, small town quality development and policy
- Action items incorporated in the Denham Springs Long-Term Recovery Plan
- USACE Silver Jackets project to expand BB workshop by evaluating and developing green infrastructure alternatives for future implementation

## 2022 Building Blocks Projects

- Lafayette: three to five projects—retention ponds and constructed wetlands
- Vermilion Economic Development Alliance: water and wastewater infrastructure assessment
- Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District: regional watershed planning framework—incorporating flood resilience





# EPA contacts for green infrastructure and nature-based solutions



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# FEMA: FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT NATURE- BASED SOLUTIONS

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a forest. The top half shows tall, thin tree trunks reaching up into a canopy of green leaves, with sunlight filtering through. The bottom half shows a dense forest floor with green ferns and several purple iris flowers in bloom. A semi-transparent teal band covers the middle section of the image, where the title is placed.

# FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE



# FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance



FEMA has several programs that provide funding for mitigation projects and encourage climate resilience—one offered post disaster and two offered annually.

## **Post Disaster:**

### **Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP/404)**

- Cost Share
  - 75% Federal
  - 25% Nonfederal

### **Public Assistance Mitigation (PA/406)**

- Cost Share
  - 75% Federal
  - 25% Nonfederal

## **Annual Competitive Grants:**

### • **Flood Mitigation Assistance**

- Community Flood Control Cost Share
  - 75% Federal
  - 25% Nonfederal

### • **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities**

- 75% Federal
- 25% Nonfederal
- 90% Federal
  - for small and impoverished communities





# BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES

*FY 2021 funding: \$1 billion*



# Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities: Nature-Based Solutions



- BRIC is a nationwide competitive pre-disaster hazard mitigation grant program with an emphasis on climate resilience.
- Project applications are allotted points for incorporating nature-based solutions.
  - 10 points for FY 2021
- FEMA benefit-cost analysis has been revised to make nature-based projects more cost effective.
- Nature-based solutions provide many ways to help adapt to the effects of climate change.

**Nature-based solutions** are sustainable environmental management practices that restore and/or mimic nature and natural systems that can support natural hazard risk mitigation, as well as economic, environmental and social resilience.





# BRIC FY 2020: Nature-based solutions



- FEMA received 991 supplications for BRIC funding, of which 406 were selected for further review.
- The projects selected total the \$500 million that was made available for funding, with total project costs exceeding \$1.18 billion.
- Under the national competition, 18 out of the 22 mitigation projects selected include nature-based solutions.



# Southwest Washington, D.C.

## STORMWATER FLOOD MITIGATION – \$18.61M



FEMA

- **BENEFITS: REDUCES FLOODING, HEAT AND HEAT ISLAND EFFECT**
- Flooding in southwest Washington, D.C., regularly results in local structural damages and impacts critical facilities, such as a police station serving over 100,000 people.
- This project will incorporate subsurface (blue) and landscape (green) mitigation strategies to create a greenway corridor between two parks that collects, treats and moves water away from low-lying areas—enhancing the parks’ public amenities and diverting sewer overflow.
- The resulting co-benefits will include a local reduction of heat and a heat island effect, enhancement of the parks’ amenities, opportunities to raise public awareness of stormwater mitigation and the diversion of sewer overflow that impacts the Chesapeake Bay.



# Oyster Lake outfall improvement



- Oyster Lake outfall, critical for regulating water levels and mitigating flooding, was severely degraded, and the overall health was strained from major storms and urban growth.
- Outfall was reinforced, while preserving natural vegetation with 2,000 sea oats planted.
- Selected system provided slope stabilization and erosion control.

## Mitigation Action Portfolio



Multiple beach front homes are located at the mouth of the outfall  
Source: Proper Geosolutions, <https://propergeosolutions.please.com/oysterlakestabilization/>





# Resources and information




- [BRIC website](#)
- [BRIC resources](#)
- [Mitigation Action Portfolio](#)
- [Building Community Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions: A Guide for Local Communities](#)
- [July 2020 webinar on BRIC and Nature-Based Solutions presentation](#)
- [HMA Guidance](#)
  - [HMA Guidance Addendum](#)

## Other resources:

- FEMA Go Helpline: [femago@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:femago@fema.dhs.gov) or 1.877.611.4700
- BCA Helpline: [BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov) or 1.855.540.6744
- Building Science Helpline: FEMA-[BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov)
- Environmental and Historic Preservation: [EHPHelpline@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:EHPHelpline@fema.dhs.gov) or 1.866.222.3580
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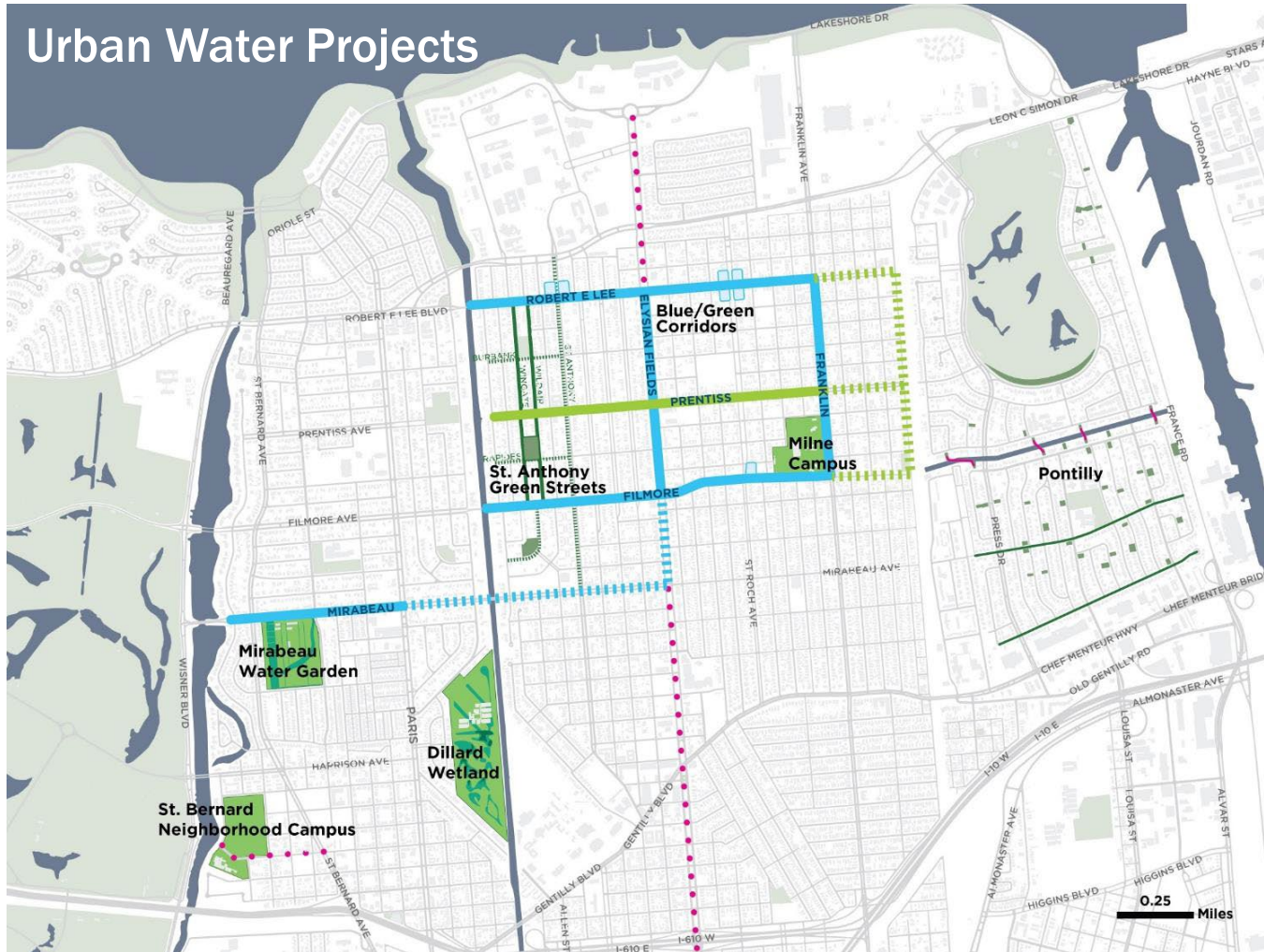
# LESSONS LEARNED: IMPLEMENTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH FEDERAL FUNDING

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# Gentilly Resilience District



- Competitive grant from HUD
- Allows synergies of climate adaptation techniques and creates a model of neighborhood-scale transformation
- Stores 20 million gallons of water
- Improves access to green space in network of complete streets improvements
- Reduces property damage from subsidence
- Builds on city legacy of FEMA HMGP green infrastructure projects
- Leverages FEMA PA and HMGP funds





# Project scoping



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- Know your grant programs. What does each fund? What are the priorities? What are the restrictions? What is the match requirement?
  - FEMA BRIC
  - FEMA PA
  - HUD Disaster Mitigation
  - FEMA Hazard Mitigation
  - Land and Water Conservation Fund
  - FHWA Recreational Trails
- If a project is approved for hazard mitigation, use other funds to improve surface transportation or connection to transit.
- Use hazard mitigation funds in connection with disaster recovery funds to improve drainage.





# Procurement stage

- Consider an individual RFQ if existing pools are older or not federally compliant
- Ensure scope of RFQ is flexible and includes all disciplines for ability to add future funds
- Ensure RFQ states project may be funded with multiple funding sources and request Section 3 plan if HUD funding may be used
- Ensure selection is open and technical in nature
  - Publish the scoring system in the RFQ
  - Ensure guidelines for scoring are sufficiently clear and detailed to avoid wide variation in scoring
  - Convene a selection committee of technical and contracting expertise

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# Procurement stage

- If the agency does not have expertise in applying for funding, issue an RFQ for grant application assistance **and** design—with the stipulation that if the grant application is successful, the design contract will be awarded through amendment.

**WHEREAS**, the Consultant and the City acknowledge that if the City is awarded the National Disaster Resilience Competition funding, the parties will execute an amendment to this Agreement to implement the design strategy provided by the Consultant. Implementation of the design strategy provided by the Consultant is contingent on the City's receipt of the award funding and the parties acknowledge and agree that the application to the National Disaster Resilience Competition contemplates and may require services provided by Consultant after grant award.



# Project design



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- Are agency staff members trained in federal procurement procedures?
- Do project managers have expertise to ensure quality of designs and review model results?
  - Develop internal staff as well as employ consultant expertise.
  - Convene a review committee from multiple departments. Green infrastructure crosses multiple disciplines.
  - Consider making a local university a subrecipient if higher technical review is needed.
- Peer networks like the Green Infrastructure Leadership Exchange offer forums to exchange information with other cities.
- Organizations like the Institute for Public Procurement offer training in procurement and government contracting.



the **green** infrastructure  
leadership exchange





# Project design



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## Contracting

- Ensure and document that costs are reasonable
- Include applicable terms and conditions of various funding sources, such as Section 3 compliance, record retention, lobbying
- Consider schedule protection to ensure grant deadlines are met

## Community Engagement

- Build community input into design
- Include hands-on activities and demonstration mockups
- Document outreach activities with photos, videos, sign-in sheets, attendance tallies and flyers



# Construction



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- Watch your schedules. If one grant requires completion ahead of others, break your project into more than one construction package and complete that activity first.
- In the design phase, create discrete items to separate quantities of similar materials used for different grants (e.g., “Bioswale choker zone aggregate” for hazard mitigation and “Roadway base coarse aggregate” for disaster recovery).
- Ensure adequate staffing to provide resident inspection and construction supervision. Require contractor to provide a two-week look ahead of work zones and activities.
- Keep up with community engagement! Federally funded projects have a lot of eyes on them.





# QUESTIONS?

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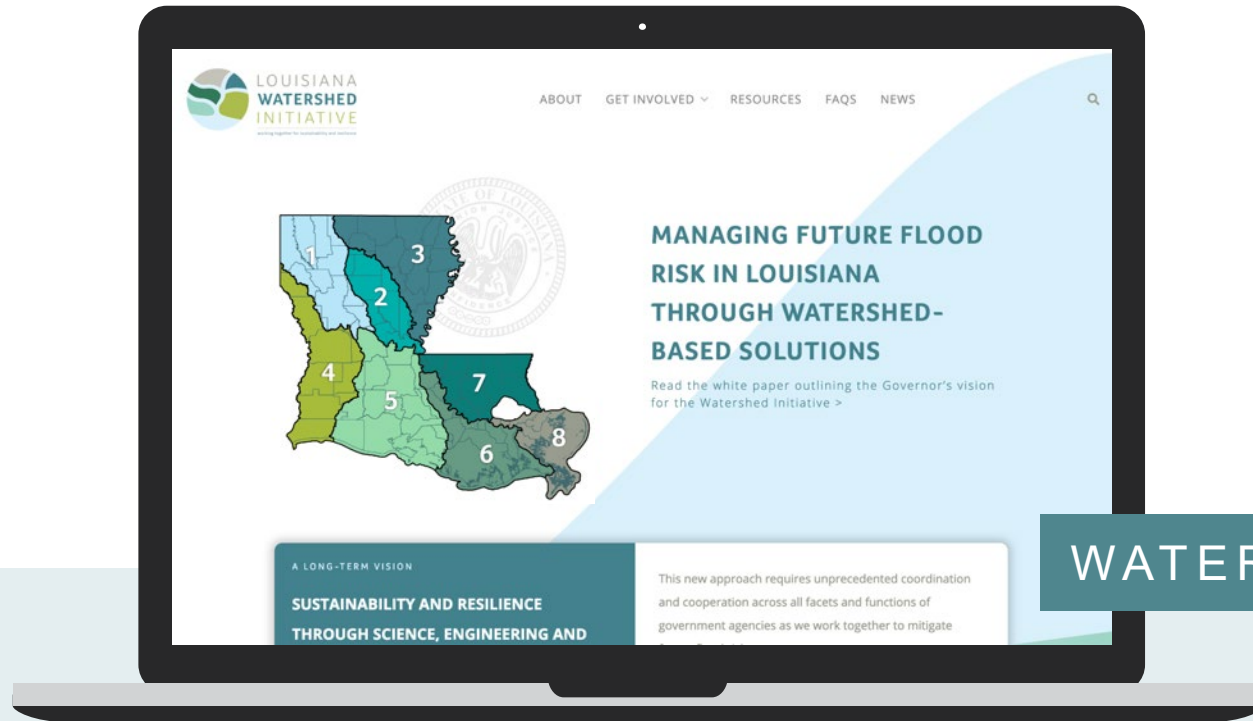
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