

THE GREEN-DUWAMISH URBAN WATERS FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP 2020 EPA OVERVIEW

The Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) is an EPA program with 20 sites designated across the country. The Green-Duamish is the only designation in EPA Region 10. The GD-UWFP is focused on delivering needed on-the-ground projects working to aid communities in the watershed. We hope to fill gaps and not duplicate efforts. Specifically, efforts are non-regulatory, community focused and works achieving water quality goals. **Our program serves as a partnership resource for many different EPA efforts – connect with us!**

Strategy:

- Impact with small amounts of money
- Spend reflecting community identified needs
- Partnering communities and organizations with federal and non-federal governments
- Substantial match and leveraged in-kind contributions (3:1 over the past 3 years)
- Volunteerism and adoptability focus

Priorities:

- Watershed and community benefits, environmental justice focus
- Building on Clean Water Act core programs, TMDLs, and permits
- Work in partnership with the NEP
- Transferable lessons/tools beyond G-D to sites throughout the PNW
- Holistic project scope: engage end users, land managers, and community stakeholders

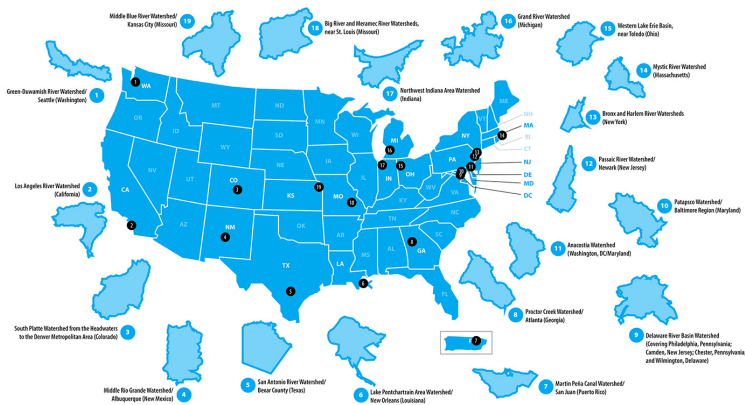
Funding:

Project funds are directed to community and non-profit organizations. Typically, \$40-45K goes towards 4-5 community entities annually, focused towards immediate impact, equitable needs, and project competition. Administration of the GD-UWFP is provided by USDA Forest Service and EPA Region 10 with staff support time.

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Project Successes include:

- Pollution indicators with youth and community organizations
- Ecosystem services analysis with non-profits, university, and other federal partners
- Community engagement and information dissemination
- Green infrastructure and environmental restoration

