

Flooding & Sea Level Rise Work Group

March 4, 2025 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

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Meeting Objectives

- Provide input into the functions of the mapping tool for the Watershed Resilience Tool
- Healthy Watersheds & Thriving Cities (HW&TC) Project
 - Discuss barriers to collaboration and current priorities for nature-based urban greening projects
 - Provide input to guide the benefits analysis

Definitions

- Nature-based urban greening – projects that incorporate natural features to provide multiple benefits in urban areas (e.g., green stormwater infrastructure, parks, urban forests, and green roofs). Benefits could include flood reduction, water quality improvement, heat mitigation, carbon sequestration, and access to greenspace.
- Landscape-scale planning – coordination and collaboration at scales beyond single agency jurisdictions (e.g., city, watershed, operational landscape unit (OLU), or county).

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. NFWF Watershed Resilience Tool Update
- III. Healthy Watersheds & Thriving Cities project
 - Project overview
 - Barriers to collaboration and landscape-scale planning
 - Current priorities for nature-based urban greening projects
 - Recently completed nature-based urban greening projects
- IV. Next Steps

Specific questions during HW&TC discussion (please send appropriate representatives from your organization who can answer these questions, if possible)

Barriers to collaboration and landscape-scale planning

- Do you currently coordinate with other entities on nature-based urban greening projects? If yes, please describe what coordination looks like and any barriers/challenges that you've encountered?
- Are there tools and/or resources that would help foster coordination and collaboration at a landscape scale for urban greening projects?
- Do you currently incorporate community input into urban greening projects? If yes, please give examples.

Current priorities for urban greening projects

- What types of projects are you planning and prioritizing and where are they located?
- What types of benefits (e.g., flood reduction, water quality improvement, heat mitigation, carbon sequestration, and access to greenspace) are you incorporating into your design?

Examples of nature-based urban greening projects that have been recently completed

- What type of nature-based urban greening projects have you recently completed, where are they located, and what are the intended benefits of those projects?