

Partnerships

Part of Approaches to Clean Water Communication

Partnerships can be just as critical in developing and distributing educational materials and otherwise communicating with the public as they are in other aspects of water quality protection and restoration endeavors. Who those partners are can vary, from the U.S. EPA and other federal agencies, to other state water quality programs and other state agencies, to universities and non-profit organizations.

This document contains information about the communications purposes (bolded and underlined) for which CWA 303(d) programs and other water quality programs have partnered and with whom (bolded) they have partnered for those ends. The information here originates from responses to an Environmental Law Institute questionnaire on communication distributed in the fall of 2019. The examples are not intended to be comprehensive; rather, their collection is meant to facilitate the sharing of ideas among water quality programs, especially CWA 303(d) programs, and generate new ideas about how to seek effective partnerships for better communication.

General partnerships with:

U.S. EPA

- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Washington

Grantees

- Alaska

Unspecified NGOs

- Alaska

Local Governments

- Washington

Conservation Districts

- Washington

Treaty Authorities

- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Regional Fish and Wildlife Commissions

- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Regional Planning Commissions

- Vermont

Citizen Advisory Groups

- Louisiana

Partnerships on exhibits with:

Universities

- Indiana

State Health Department

- Indiana

State Environmental Agency

- [Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa](#)

Aquariums

- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Explaining issues or restoration efforts related to a specific water or watershed via partnerships with:

Coalitions

- [New Mexico](#) (local governments, flood control authorities, a local conservation district, the state transportation department)
- [Pennsylvania](#) (other states, the Army Corps of Engineers)
- [Ute Mountain Ute Tribe](#) (EPA, states, other tribes)

Other States

- Rhode Island

Universities

- [Pennsylvania](#)

Demonstrating/promoting BMPs via partnerships with:

University Extension Office

- Nebraska

Watershed Groups

- [Montana](#)

Partnerships on stormwater education with:

MS4 Organizations

- [Maine](#)

Partnerships on fish consumption advisories/literature with:

U.S. EPA via Chesapeake Bay TMDL Program TCW

- District of Columbia

State Parks/Wildlife Agencies

- [Colorado](#)

State Health Department

- [Minnesota](#)

Partnerships on HABs advisories/education with:

State Health Department

- [Montana](#)
- Nevada

State Parks Agency

- Nevada

State Agriculture Department

- Nevada

Partnerships on nutrient reduction with:

Coalition

- [Indiana](#) (state natural resources department, state agriculture department, USDA, state soil conservation board, county-level soil and water conservation districts, university extension program)

Partnerships on workshops and networks for stakeholders with:

USDA

- [Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa](#)

Partnerships on scholastic programs with:

NOAA

- [Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa](#)

Schools

- [Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa](#)

Developing/disseminating other communications products via partnerships with:

ACWA

- Illinois

State NPS Program

- Kentucky
- Louisiana

State Watershed Management Branch

- Kentucky

Watershed Groups

- Montana

High Schools

- Red Lake Nation

Local Governments

- North Carolina

State Health Department

- [Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa](#)

Partnerships on presentations with:

NOAA Coastal Program

- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

USGS

- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Army Corps

- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Other Tribes

- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa