

20TH ANNIVERSARY



GREEN and Urban Water Funders

November 13-14, 2019

Loews Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Overall Meeting Goals:

- Bring together members of the GREEN Working Group and the Urban Water Funders for joint learning and engagement on topics of mutual interest.
- Deepen learning from place and peers with focus on Power Building, Resilience, and Leveraging Public Investment for Community Benefit.
- Provide lots of time for funder discussion, shared learning, and exploring collaborative opportunities
- Address key cross-cutting themes throughout: Power, Equity and Climate Resilience.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019: Learning from Place

Loews Hotel and New Orleans Neighborhoods

300 Poydras St, New Orleans, LA 70130

8:00 Breakfast and Networking | Loews Hotel, *Feliciana* meeting room

8:30 Welcome, Agenda Review, and Lightning Round Introductions

*Jen Somers, Energy Foundation and Mariella Puerto, Barr Foundation, GREEN co-chairs
Ella Delio, Greater New Orleans Foundation and Margaret Waldo, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Urban Water Funders co-chairs | Pat Smith, President and CEO, Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities*

- Welcome from our GREEN and Urban Water Funders co-chairs
- Greetings from Pat Smith
- Funder introductions and exchange: What are you most excited or worried about that you'd like to share with colleagues?

9:30 Introduction to New Orleans and Coastal Region: Setting the Context

- Ella Delio and Liz Williams-Russell, Moderators
- Overview of key climate, water and coastal restoration plans
- Centering climate and water work on frontline communities and advocates
 - **Jessica Dandridge**, *The Water Collaborative of Greater New Orleans*
 - **Monique Harden**, *Deep South Center for Environmental Justice*
 - **Camille Manning-Broome**, *Center for Planning Excellence*

10:45 Site Visit to New Orleans Neighborhoods: New Orleans East, Lower Ninth Ward, Seventh Ward, Gentilly, and Algiers

- New Orleans East: Providing renewable, clean energy for all
- Lower Ninth Ward: Natural and green infrastructure and their multiple benefits to community – Sankofa Wetland Park and Nature Trail
- Lunch in the Community
- Seventh Ward: The Green Block: green infrastructure and solar
- Gentilly Resilience District Urban Water Sites

- Algiers Bike Infrastructure: planning for people-centered mobility solutions
- Climate resilience and sustainability in Gretna

5:00 Return to Hotel

6:30 Reception and Dinner @Calcasieu | 930 Tchoupitoulas Street

Thursday, November 14, 2019: Learning and Strategizing with Peers

Loews Hotel | Feliciana meeting room

300 Poydras St, New Orleans, LA 70130

8:00 Breakfast and Networking

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

*Ella Delio, Greater New Orleans Foundation and Margaret Waldock, Dodge Foundation
Kellie Chavez Greene, Greater New Orleans Foundation, Facilitator*

- Reflections on the Wednesday site visits

9:20 Funder Panel: Equity & Grantmaking: How foundations are institutionalizing equity in their own institutions

- Funder stories:
 - **Lois DeBacker**, *The Kresge Foundation*
 - **Carmen James Randolph**, *Greater New Orleans Foundation*
 - **Margaret Waldock**, *Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation*
- Group discussion and further examples

10:30 BREAK

10:50 Small Group Deep Dives: Opportunities for learning together, aligning strategies, or co-investment

- Co-investing Opportunities: Partners for Places and Urban Water partnerships
 - **Sara Aminzadeh**, *Pisces Foundation*
 - **Diane Ives**, *Kendeda Fund*
 - **Jennifer Patrick**, *JPB Foundation*
- Network collaboration and systems change
 - **Jen Somers**, *Energy Foundation*
- Advancing climate resilience
 - **Darryl Young**, *Summit Foundation*
- Supporting power building and community leadership
 - **Mariella Puerto**, *Barr Foundation*

11:40 Deep Dive Report Outs

12:10 LUNCH

1:00 GREEN and Urban Water Funders Working Group Discussions

2:00 Working Group Report Outs; Opportunities to Work Together/Co-Invest

2:30 Debrief and Reflection

3:00 Adjourn