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SUMMIT

THE GARY AQUATORIUM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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**Outline of the Northwest Indiana Water Summit
Wednesday, November 8 -Thursday, November 9, 2017**

Agenda

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

- 3:30 pm **Networking with Appetizers**
4:00 pm **Remarks from the Honorable Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor-City of Gary**
Remarks from Rev. Curtis Whittaker, CEO, FAITH CDC
Remarks from Brenda Scott-Henry, Director, Department of Environmental Affairs and Green Urbanism-City of Gary
4:30 pm **Dinner and Networking**
6:00 pm **Closing Remarks & Information for Event on Thursday, November 9, 2017**
6:30 pm **Adjourn**

Thursday, November 9, 2017

- 8:30 am **Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **Welcome**
Rev. Curtis Whittaker
Brenda Scott-Henry
Acknowledgement of Sponsors
 1. Healing Our Waters Coalition
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- 9: 20 am **Kathy Luther, Chief of Staff, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)**
- 9:30 am **Session #1: Panel Discussion on the State of Water Issues in Northwest Indiana, the state of Indiana and in the United States**
Moderator: Cameron Davis, Vice President, GEI Consultants
Speakers:
 • **Dr. George Nnana, Professor & Head, Department of Mechanical & Civil Engineering, The Francis and Elsie Meyer Professor & Director, Water Institute, Purdue University Northwest**
 • **Paul Schwartz, Campaign for Lead Free Water Organizing Committee**
 • **Jennifer Birchfield, Urban Waters Coordinator, Purdue University**
- 10:45 am **Break (15 minutes)**

- 11:00 am **Session #2:** Panel Discussion on Funding Mechanisms, Resources and Best Practices that Can Be Used to Increase Water Accessibility, Improve Water Quality and Modernize Water Infrastructure in Northwest Indiana
- Moderator: Brenda Scott-Henry**, Director of Environmental Affairs, City of Gary
Speakers:
- **Joe Exl**, Senior Water Resources Planner, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
 - **Rachel Havrelock**, UIC Freshwater Lab
 - **TBD**, Indiana American Water
- 12:15 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm **Session #3:** Water Equity for All: Creating Policy and Building Partnerships to tackle our Shared Water Challenges (2-3 panelists and one moderator)
Moderator: Tammi Davis, Director of Compliance & Policy Engagement, Gary Sanitary District/Gary Storm Water Management District
Speakers:
- **Simone Lightfoot**, Director of National Urban Initiatives, National Wildlife Federation
 - **The Reverend Cheryl Rivera**, Northwest Indiana Federation of Interfaith Organizations/Community Strategy Group-East Chicago
 - **Thomas Frank**, Community Strategy Group- East Chicago/350 Indiana/Southeast Environmental Task Force
- 2:30 pm **Session #4:** A Case Study of FAITH CDC and How Local Governments Can Assist in Urban Agriculture Efforts (Keypad Polling)
What unique approaches is your community taking regarding Urban Agriculture?
What regulations, challenges and funding opportunities does FAITH CDC need to know about going forward?
What projects should FAITH CDC implement relating to water to be a successful urban agriculture business?
- 4:15 pm **Closing Remarks**
Healing Our Waters Coalition, FAITH CDC and City of Gary
NIRPC
- 4:30 pm **Adjourn**