

for the communities in those areas. Both are on track for meeting the year-end deadline. The team benefitted from a robust peer review process, including input from the Calumet Stormwater Collaborative, which was much appreciated. Once these materials are approved by EPA and IEPA, they will be posted on MWRD's website as additional materials for the existing Detailed Watershed Plans (DWP), and outreach to communities about this grant opportunity will begin.

John Watson from MWRD announced the following 20 projects that will receive funding and/or other assistance in 2018 for implementation of green infrastructure projects:

Chicago Park District – improving stormwater infiltration through the establishment of native habitat at 3 Chicago Parks	City of Chicago – Dept. of Planning and Development – Garfield Park Community Eco Orchard with 3' underground storage & tree planting	City of Chicago – 10th Ward – green alleys: 99 th -100 th & S Ave H and 10300 S Ave & Ewing Ave	Commuter Rail Division of the RTA/Metra – green infrastructure for new Peterson Ridge Metra station, permeable pavement, naturalized plantings	Village of River Forest – Gale Avenue green alley improvements
University of Illinois at Chicago – green infrastructure at Arthington Mall and Parking Lot B2, including pavers, rain gardens	Village of Calumet Park – Winchester Avenue green infrastructure – detention pond, bioswale, permeable pavement, rain garden	Village of Forest Park – green alley improvements	Wheeling Park District – Chamber Park parking lot reconstruction (rain garden)	City of Palos Heights – Lake Katherine commuter parking lot (permeable pavers)
Village of Arlington Heights – Arlington Heights Police Station; permeable parking lot pavers, bioinfiltration basin)	City of Des Plaines – Pervious concrete alley improvement projects	Village of Orland Park – Orland Park Village Hall Green Roof	Village of Orland Park – Village of Orland Park Nature Center (permeable pavers, limestone trail, naturalized plantings, detention/wetland)	Village of Midlothian – Midlothian permeable parking lot/GI demonstration project; permeable pavement, bioswale, rain garden
City of Harwood Heights – Harwood Heights green alleys project	Village of Posen - Posen Goes Green (rain garden, permeable parking lot)	Village of Maywood – Village of Maywood green alleys	Village of Riverside – Metra commuter Lot #1 green parking lot (permeable parking lot pavers)	Forest Preserve District of Cook County – Dam No. 4 Woods East – Porous unit paving parking lot retrofit (parking lot pavers, pavement removal and naturalization)

Rebecca Raines from CNT announced they have officially moved offices and are now located downtown at 17 N State Street, Suite 1400. Congrats and welcome to the neighborhood, CNT!

Moira Zellner from UIC shared a recap of the GIS Day 2017 event in mid-November, which provided an opportunity to celebrate innovative projects that use these techniques, network with other users and participate in hands-on applications of the technologies. For a full recap and to access the presentation slides, please visit this [link](#).

Moira also shared that the Government of the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina is implementing the Voceros (Spokesperson) Program with the goal of generating a network of honorary representatives from cities around the world to help strengthen collaborations. Moira was appointed a Buenos Aires Spokesperson and will be working to identify opportunities for exchange and cooperation between Buenos Aires and Chicago.

Andy Donakowski from Friends of the Chicago River reminded everyone that [Chicago River Day](#) is Saturday, May 12, 2018 which will be the 26th Chicago River Day. Save the Date and stay tuned for more information, including the opportunity to organize a CSC-led clean-up in the Calumet region.

Justin Keller from UIC gave an update that he and Moira Zellner are partnering on a project with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to build a stormwater park in the Village of Robbins to address its flooding problems. UIC will help with the planning process and coordination with the Village, its residents, and other partners who are leading various economic development, transportation, and green infrastructure efforts around the industrial corridor.

Work Group Meetings

During the first part of the December meeting, each of the four work groups held working sessions to advance their respective initiatives in this year's work plan (from April 2017-April 2018).

For CSC members who are still looking to join a work group, or for those newly-arrived to the CSC, please refer to the [2017-2018 CSC Work Plan](#) where each of the work group's initiatives are listed at the end of the document. Danielle (P+P), Sarah (E+E), Bob (T+M) and Shehara (D+M) from MPC are each liaisons with respective work groups and would be happy to answer any questions.

Work Group Initiative Update – Education + Engagement

Lisa Cotner, IDNR

Lisa reminded the group about the Member Spotlight initiative that aims to collect consistent information on agencies and organizations that participate in the CSC for use in outreach, onboarding of new members and reporting of the CSC's real world success stories.

*****Please take 5 minutes to complete your Member Spotlight form by clicking [here](#).**

Holiday Social, CSC #Hashtag Competition

The holidays are around the corner—and—the CSC needs a social media presence! Putting these two together, Education + Engagement work group member Rebeca Bell from Bluestem Communications led a fun, interactive activity with the CSC during the holiday socializing time to come up with a Twitter handle and hashtag that best represents the CSC. The activity started with a lively discussion about what do we tweet about, who is our audience, when do we tweet and by whom? Members divided into small groups to brainstorm ideas, which the E+E work group collected, and will announce a winning handle and hashtag at the January 2018 meeting.

The year-end and holiday socializing also included prizes in recognition of commitment and diligence of members who attended the most monthly CSC meetings in 2017. The awardees included Carol Kim, Lisa Cotner, Melissa Custic, Jeff Edstrom and Kate Evasic. This year, the annual MVP award was given to an agency: the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), as the Most Volunteered Partner Agency for its stellar leadership and engagement in the CSC. Congrats, All!

Meeting Wrap-Up and Final Remarks

After awards were given out Danielle thanked everyone for their hard work and continued collaboration on the CSC, and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Next Meeting

Friday, January 5, 2018
10:00am to 12:00pm
Metropolitan Planning Council
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