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## Urban Waters Flagship Update

FY2010 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter



### Description of Flagship Effort

- ✓ The Urban Waters effort falls under the “Expanding the Environmental Conversation with Communities” Flagship Theme
- ✓ The goal is to help communities, especially disadvantaged communities, access, restore and benefit from their surrounding waters
- ✓ EPA is working to develop new Web 2.0 tools for community-to-community information sharing, reach out to non-digital audiences, and provide technical assistance to communities
- ✓ Why this effort?
  - Urban waters are especially important as they impact large populations and influence land-use decisions in an entire watershed
  - When urban rivers, lakes, streams or wetlands are inaccessible or degraded, the surrounding communities may not view them as valuable and worth restoring
- ✓ There is a special emphasis on environmental justice

### Stakeholders

- ✓ Public
- ✓ Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)
- ✓ State, Tribal and Local Governments
- ✓ Academia
- ✓ Other Federal Agencies

### Milestones/Status

- ✓ Launched the Coming Together for Clean Water Discussion Forum:  
<http://blog.epa.gov/waterforum/>

### Highlights of Progress this Quarter

- ✓ Conducted National River Rally (May 21-24)
- ✓ Led the Urban Waters Federal Partners Meeting (June 9)
- ✓ Coordinated the Brownfields Lessons Learned Meeting related to their “Showcase Communities” Federal Partnership Program (June 17)

### Planned Activity for Next Quarter

- ✓ International Coastal Clean-Up (ICC) Event (September 25, 2010)

### Metrics

- ✓ Number of workshops: 3
- ✓ Target audiences reached: Public, Federal Agencies, NGOs, State and Local government, Academia
- ✓ Number of partnerships: 4