



URBAN WATERS LEARNING NETWORK

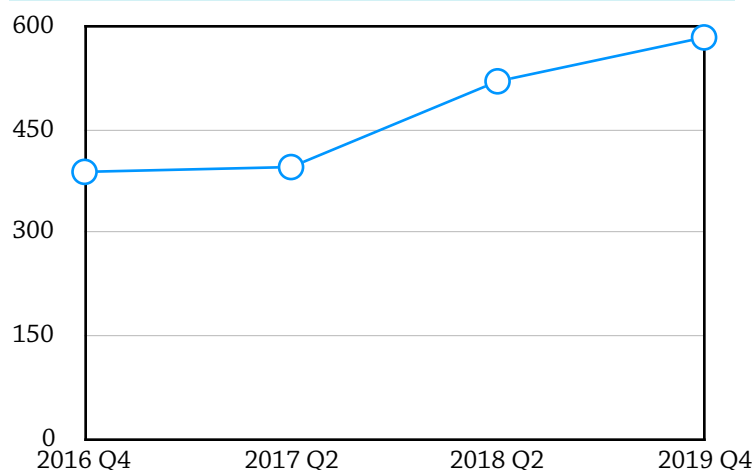


The Urban Waters Learning Network is a peer-to-peer network of people and organizations that share practical on-the-ground experiences in order to improve urban waterways and revitalize the neighborhoods around them. Groundwork USA and River Network are partners in coordinating the Learning Network, providing support and opportunities for members to share successes, challenges, and technical resources.

UWLN engages its members through workshops and activities at **the annual River Rally conference**, the **UWLN website** (urbanwaterslearningnetwork.org), a **quarterly newsletter**, and **webinars**.

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MEMBERSHIP and OUTREACH

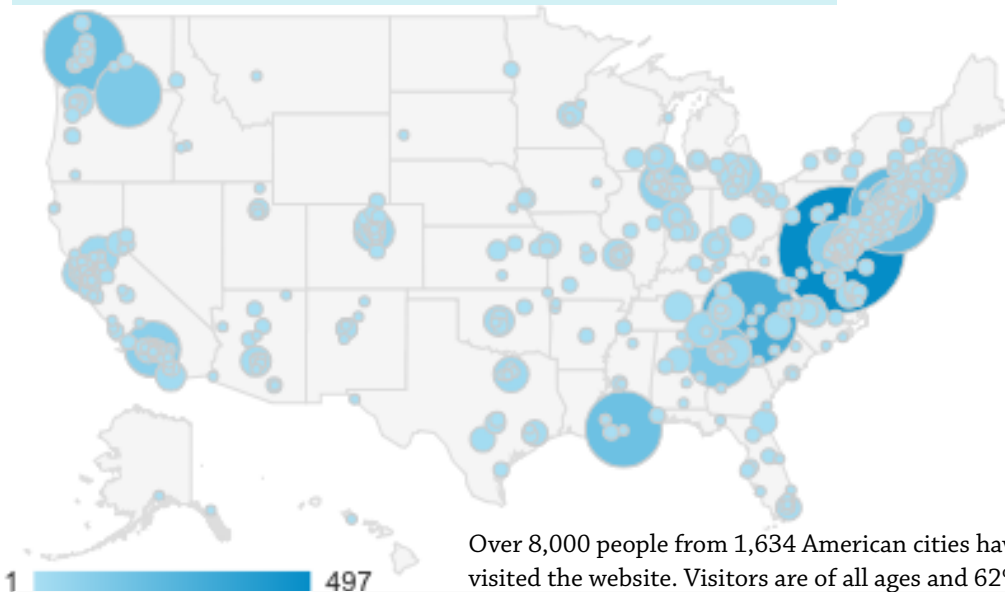


- * UWLN comprised 585 members on Basecamp.
- * Basecamp participation included 110 posts and 25 responses.
- * Members of the Basecamp channel for Urban Waters Ambassadors and the Federal Partnership had 53 conversations.
- * 5 UWLN newsletters reached 80 out of 381 recipients, with a click rate ranging 15-30% throughout the year.
- * UWLN hosted 7 webinars, reaching 764 people, including Youtube views.

RIVER RALLY and ONE WATER SUMMIT

- * UWLN administered 41 scholarships in the amount of \$18,805 to help members attend River Rally 2019 (June 21-24 in Cleveland, OH); sponsored 3 Groundwork trust workshops, promoted 20 urban waters-focused sessions, held an Urban Waters Learning Forum for approximately 65 members; and issued Expert and Signature Awards to 5 recipients at the Learning Forum.
- * The *Urban Waters Delegation*, comprising 24 members, attended the U.S. Water Alliance One Water Summit, Sept 18-20 in Austin, TX. Delegates made goals for the year and participated in strategic discussions before, during, and after the Summit.

WEBSITE



- * UWLN received in-kind support from designer Collette Lane to develop a new logo and color scheme for the UWLN website and materials.
- * The UWLN website reaches an average of 700 people per month, a 17% increase from last year's average.
- * A new feature—UWLN Story Maps, which highlight the work of the UWLN members in an interactive way—drew a significant amount of new traffic to the website and resulted in an increase in the average amount of time spent on the website.

UWLN-SUPPORTED COLLABORATIONS

- * The second edition of *Learners to Leaders: the Environmental Justice Literacy Curriculum* was developed by Groundwork USA and Groundwork Denver, to be published in Jan 2020. The curriculum incorporated feedback from 75 Green Team students employed throughout the Groundwork network, as well as professionals who attended workshops at Groundwork Assembly 2017, the 2018 Environmental Justice Workshop and Training, and River Rally 2018.
- * Based on a survey at the beginning of 2019, the UWLN initiated the development of two Collaboratives focused on Anti-Displacement Strategies and Community Resilience. Resources provided for UWLN members throughout the year included webinars, reports, guides, manuals, guest blogs, and in-person discussions at the UWLN Forum about these topics. Expanding on this work, the UWLN will work to create peer-led groups interested in understanding and implementing the strategies that surfaced in the resources and conversations.



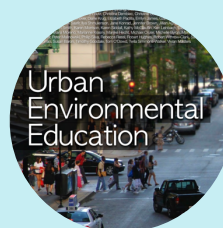
Impact Stories

64 total stories highlight successful Urban Waters restoration projects around the country.

Network Blog



The website now has 37 blog posts.



Resources

This online searchable database contains up-to-date reports, manuals, studies, and other informational and training resources.



Meet the Network

This section provides an "online rolodex", enabling members to connect with each other directly based on interests.