



Agenda

Making Ends Meet: A Workshop on Water Affordability

Location: Energy Forum, Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, Fisher Fine Arts Building
4th Floor, University of Pennsylvania, 220 S. 34th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19104

Wednesday, May 30

4:30 – 5:00pm Check-In

5:00 – 6:00pm **The Philadelphia Story**
How has Philadelphia Water successfully approached water affordability, and what are the takeaways for your community?
Keynote: Michael Nutter, Former Mayor, Philadelphia, PA
Debra McCarty, Commissioner, Philadelphia Water Department
Rob Ballenger, Community Legal Services
Sonny Popowsky, Former Consumer Advocate of Pennsylvania
Moderator: Howard Neukrug, The Water Center at Penn

6:00 – 7:00pm Reception

Thursday, May 31

8:00 – 8:30am Breakfast & Check-In

8:30 – 8:45am **Welcome**
The Water Center at Penn and Mayors Innovation Project

8:45 – 10:15am **The Affordability Crisis**
Rising utility bills have tangible negative impacts on households. We will discuss those impacts and the ways communities are organizing around them.
Mustafa Ali, Hip Hop Caucus
Professor Emily Kutil, We the People of Detroit
Jerome Shabazz, Overbrook Environmental Educational Center
Moderator: Jessica Loya, Green Latinos

10:15 – 10:30am Break

- 10:30 – 12:00pm **Creating Stormwater Fees**
Stormwater fees are being used more and more to address runoff.
What are communities doing to keep them fair and affordable?
Rick Gray, Former Mayor, Lancaster, PA
Andy Kricun, Camden County
Alicia Smith, The Junction Coalition
Darryl Haddock, Western Atlanta Watershed Alliance
Adam Ortiz, Prince George’s County, MD
Moderator: Gary Belan, American Rivers
- 12:00 – 12:30pm Lunch
- 12:30 – 2:30pm **Addressing Affordability**
What can utilities and cities do to promote efficiency, develop
customer assistance programs, and/or rate based solutions?
Stacey Isaac Berahzer, University of North Carolina - Environmental
Finance Center
Roger Colton, Fisher, Sheehan & Colton
Mohamed Balla, Atlanta Department of Watershed Management
Debra McCarty, Philadelphia Water Department
Moderator: Matthew Braunginn, Mayors Innovation Project
- 2:15 – 2:30pm Break
- 2:30 – 3:30pm **Overview: What’s happening at the Federal Level around Water
Infrastructure**
National infrastructure policies, how can we work together to
adequately support the repair and construction of water infrastructure
in a manner that is socially equitable and environmentally sustainable
to ensure safe and affordable water for all.
Larry Levine, Natural Resources Defense Council
Gary Belan, American Rivers
Chad Lord, National Parks Conservation Association
Rosemary Enobakhare, Clean Water for All
- 3:30 – 4:00pm Wrap-up & Adjourn