



## Toledo area awarded urban waters grant

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is awarding \$1.3 million in [Urban Waters Small Grants](#) to 22 organizations in 18 states to help protect and restore urban waters and to support community revitalization and other local priorities.

The University of Toledo will receive a \$59,988 grant to incorporate “Green Stormwater Management at Low Income, Multi-Family Housing Sites in Toledo.” The University of Toledo, in collaboration with North Toledo community members, Vistula Management, United North and the Toledo-Lucas County Sustainability Commission, will develop a plan to incorporate green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) at low income, multi-family housing sites in Toledo. The project aims to educate and engage community members and regional stakeholders on green urban stormwater management practices and benefits.

Through a community-based planning process, the University will host quarterly design meetings to resolve conflicts and map solutions on GSI planning and design, as well as develop educational materials and demonstrations for residents. The University of Toledo believes that GSI presents an increasingly attractive, affordable and effective stormwater management option for Toledo that will include other benefits such as drinking water protection, flood mitigation and green space for community activities, which is often lacking in urban areas. [Read more...](#)