

# One Water Delegations



**One Water Summit 2022**  
**September 13–15**  
**Milwaukee, WI**

## What is One Water Summit?

One Water Summit is an opportunity for stakeholders across sectors to come together to learn and strategize about pressing challenges and emerging opportunities in sustainable water management. One Water Summit includes three days of solutions-focused conversations on how the nation can better value and manage water to foster economic prosperity, community well-being, and environmental sustainability. Thought-provoking workshops, institutes, site visits, and networking opportunities help spark dialogue and peer-exchange. One Water Summit connects, inspires, and aligns those who are essential to securing our nation's water future.

## What is a One Water Delegation?

Delegations are peer groups that jointly attend One Water Summit and share a common geography, subject matter interest, field of practice, and/or policy goals. We encourage Delegations to identify at least seven individuals to participate in the group. Delegations are formed prior to One Water Summit to enhance and leverage the Summit experience. Delegations maximize peer-exchange facilitation, knowledge building, and networking. Delegations can help participants build on existing collaborations and can be a means to foster new relationships. Whether or not you have a previously established working group, Delegations help groups to identify and develop new strategies to tackle challenges back home.

## What are the Benefits of Being Part of a One Water Delegation?

Being part of a Delegation is a powerful way to work with strategic partners on the implementation of One Water management in your region or communities of practice before and after the Summit. Some of the special features that the US Water Alliance offers through One Water Delegations include:

- **Discounted registration.** All individuals attending One Water Summit as a part of a Delegation will receive a discounted registration.
- **Pre- and post-Summit briefing sessions.** US Water Alliance staff will hold coordination calls with One Water Delegations to connect around shared One Water issues, identify and discuss common challenges, and share progress on commitments to action.
- **Peer-to-peer exchanges at the Summit.** September 13 will feature a half-day of Delegation-only peer-to-peer exchange sessions developed by One Water Delegations. This is a unique opportunity to collaborate and dive deeper with other Delegates on pressing One Water issues.
- **Access to meeting rooms.** Rooms at the venue will be available for Delegations to reserve so they can host their own Delegation meeting during the Summit or meet with other Delegations.
- **Publication in the Summit program.** Delegations will be listed in the Summit program with a description of their work to advance a sustainable water future.
- **Commitment to Action plenary spotlight.** Delegations have the opportunity to make public commitments to action during the closing plenary as well as celebrate success stories from the past year.

## Creating a One Water Delegation

Ready to create a One Water Delegation? The following are suggestions to help you get started. And be sure to let the Alliance know that you are interested by contacting us at [delegations@uswateralliance.org](mailto:delegations@uswateralliance.org).

- **Identify and recruit other One Water leaders.** We encourage Delegations to be inclusive and recruit participants from a range of sectors and backgrounds. Depending on what your community looks like, this could include utility employees, members of local government (elected officials and staff, as well as departments of planning, health, transportation, etc.), and leaders from the private sector, community based-organizations, academia, agriculture, and environmental nonprofits. Continually be asking who is not in the room, what are the barriers to access, and how can those barriers be removed.
- **Identify funding.** Be creative about ways to fund your delegation so that everyone can attend the Summit. The earlier you start to plan for this the better. We can help brainstorm with you!
- **Plan your Summit experience.** After your first meeting as a group, identify the most pressing water needs facing your Delegation and strategize on how to address these needs. Review the Summit program and agenda, which will be available online soon. Begin to identify a goal to accomplish over the next year of working together. Share this goal with Alliance staff ahead of Summit—this will be your commitment to action! Plan on sharing your commitment to action at the Summit closing plenary.

## Learn from Previous Delegations

Forty-four Delegations attended One Water Summit 2019 in Austin, TX. To read more about these Delegations and the issues they were focused on, check out the [2019 One Water Delegation Descriptions](#). During the closing plenary, 27 Delegations made a commitment to action to advance One Water. To read each Delegation's commitment to action, check out the [2019 Delegation Commitment to Action packet](#).

## For More Information

Registration will open in April, and Delegation leads are encouraged to connect with the US Water Alliance as soon as possible if interested in returning to One Water Summit or establishing a new Delegation. Alliance staff can help you design a Delegation, connect with other Delegates, and maximize your Delegation's One Water Summit 2022 experience. If you have any questions, please reach out to Scott Berry, director of policy and government affairs, at [delegations@uswateralliance.org](mailto:delegations@uswateralliance.org).

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