



You are invited to attend an Urban Waters Federal Partnership (“UWFP”) **Meet and Greet for a pre-celebration of World Water Day** on Tuesday, March 21, from 8:00 am to 12pm at the Bronx Children's Museum (“BxCM”). The event will occur at the historic Bronx Powerhouse Building (725 Exterior St., Bronx NY 10451) located in Mill Pond Park. Weather permitting, the event will occur in front of the Building, or as directed. A press conference will occur at 9:30 am. At 10 am the BxCM will host educational activities with local school children. At 2 pm, the Water and Heritage Awareness Shield will be presented in a ceremony at the Angel of the Waters Fountain in Central Park.

As member organizations of the UWFP, including the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Harlem River Working Group, the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, the Bronx River Alliance, as well as the International Committee on Monuments and Sites (“ICOMOS”) International Scientific Committee on Water and Heritage, the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct, and the newly opened Bronx Children's Museum, we will discuss the necessity of local, national, and global clean water and the need for water and heritage communities to work together for the future asset management of water related heritage at the Meet and Greet. These three preview events are scheduled to occur consecutively on the eve of World Water Day and the United Nations' Water Conference. From Mill Pond Park in the Bronx, to the ICOMOS ceremony at the Angel of Waters Fountain in Central Park, we hope you will be able to join us for a day-long celebration of our vision: bringing water management and historic preservation communities together; promoting rivers that are accessible, fishable and swimmable; and teaching future generations about the enduring value of water and water related heritage.

**8:00-9:30 - Meet and Greet, Mill Pond Park**

Meet and Greet with city, state, federal and international partners about the UN Water Action Decade Midterm Review and the Urban Waters Federal Partnership outside in front of the Powerhouse Building in Mill Pond Park (or, in the case of inclement weather, at the Stadium Tennis Reception Area). From the Meet and Greet, we will be holding a short press conference highlighting the achievements of the Urban Waters Program in NYC and its connection to movements across the world with World Water Day. This is an open event, all are welcome. **RSVP - <https://bit.ly/WorldWaterBXNYC>**

**9:30-10:00 - Press Conference, Mill Pond Park**

Deputy Secretary of the Interior, International, Federal, State and Local Partners. **RSVP - <https://bit.ly/WorldWaterBXNYC>**

**10:00-12:00 - Educational Activities with Students, Bronx Children's Museum**

Special guests will read the book, *The Lowdown on the High Bridge: The Story of How New York City Got Its Water*, to the school children. There will also be a musical performance by Highbridge Voices, and the children will participate in bridge building activities and learn about water related heritage in their community. This event is limited to invitees only as space is limited.

**2:00-3:30 - Ceremony at the Angel of the Waters Fountain in Central Park**

Inspirational Ceremony at the Angel of the Water's Fountain at Bethesda Terrace in Central Park. ICOMOS ISC Water will present the Water and Heritage Awareness Shield to the City of New York in recognition of 160+ years of water management (Bethesda Terrace is located in Central Park off of Terrace Drive, which can be accessed from 72nd Street and Fifth Avenue). **RSVP - <https://bit.ly/WorldWaterBXNYC>**

Event organized by the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Water and Heritage and World Heritage USA of ICOMOS, the Central Park Conservancy, the Committee of Religious Non Governmental Organizations at the United Nations, the International Centre on Water and Transdisciplinarity, the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct, the Bronx Children's Museum, the Harlem River Working Group, the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, and the Urban Waters Federal Partnership for the Bronx and Harlem Rivers. This is an open event, all are welcome.

Sincerely,

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