## Seeking K – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers to Participate in a <u>Paid</u> Professional Development Event: **Project WET Training and Certification**

When? Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 9:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

<u>Where?</u> - 25 Park Place, Atlanta, GA 30303 (Google Maps Pinpoint: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/kVzdhMCbnLuBRAXRA">https://goo.gl/maps/kVzdhMCbnLuBRAXRA</a>). The training will take place in room 2608 (26<sup>th</sup> floor) with a terrific view of metropolitan Atlanta to inspire the day of work!

<u>Who is involved?</u> The Project WET training will be led by Monica Kilpatrick and Hannah Penn from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR). Funding and support are provided by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) through a grant awarded to Principal Investigator Luke Pangle at Georgia State University. Trainees will include  $K - 12^{th}$  grade educators from Fulton and DeKalb Counties in Georgia. We can support a maximum attendance of 30 trainees.

<u>What is Project WET?</u> Project WET is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing educational instruction about water as a critical natural resource (<a href="https://projectwet.georgia.gov/">https://projectwet.georgia.gov/</a>). They develop and share "hands-on, science-based water education resources with formal and non-formal educators around the world." Participants in Project WET training and certification receive, and plan the application of, resources and curriculum models that are aligned with state and national education standards.

<u>How will the training be organized?</u> The training will involve some content delivery by the training leaders in a presentation format. The majority of the training will involve group work, where teachers work collaboratively to review and develop strategies for implementation of hands-on exercises included in the Project WET Curriculum Guide. These activities will be guided by the training leaders.

## What will participants take away from the training?

- \$175 stipend paid for full participation in the training<sup>1</sup>
- Hard copies of the Project WET Curriculum Guide (<a href="https://www.watereducation.org/general-information/project-wet-guide">https://www.watereducation.org/general-information/project-wet-guide</a>), the supplemental Urban Watershed Stormwater Edition, and the supplemental Climate, Water, and Resilience Edition (\$50+ retail value)<sup>1</sup>
- New resources, plans, and collegial-networks for implementing water-focused, science-based lessons that are aligned with state and national education standards
- Free lunch and morning/afternoon coffee and refreshments provided
- Project WET Certification certificate<sup>1</sup>

<u>Who to contact and how to get involved:</u> Questions and correspondence are welcome. Please send any correspondence by e-mail to <a href="mailto:lpangle@gsu.edu">lpangle@gsu.edu</a>, <a href="mailto:Monica.Kilpatrick@dnr.ga.gov">Monica.Kilpatrick@dnr.ga.gov</a>, and <a href="mailto:hannah.penn@dnr.ga.gov">hannah.penn@dnr.ga.gov</a>. Collectively we will promptly address your questions. To register as a participant in the training, please complete and submit this brief web-<a href="mailto:form">form</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Receipt of this benefit requires full participation in the training, so please plan to be in attendance for the entire duration of the event.