

DWRC Director Gerald Kauffman Invited to White House Water Summit on World Water Day

On March 22, 2016, University of Delaware Water Resources Center (DWRC) Director Gerald Kauffman was invited to participate at the White House Water Summit at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.



UD Water Resources Center Director Gerald Kauffman outside the White House Water Summit on March 22, 2016

On UN World Water Day, the White House hosted this first-ever national Water Summit to shine a spotlight on cross-cutting, creative solutions to solving the water problems of today and announced nearly \$4 billion in private capital committed to investment in water-infrastructure projects nationwide, more than \$1 billion from the private sector over the next decade to conduct research and develop new technologies, and nearly \$35 million this year in Federal grants from the EPA, NOAA, NSF, and USDA to support cutting-edge water science. *(Continued on next page)*



Gerald Kauffman attends World Water Day reception after the White House Water Summit near the Lincoln Memorial and the U.S. Institute for Peace at the George P. Schultz Great Hall.

At the White House, Dr. Kauffman and 200 attendees heard from the Administration and five U.S. Congressmen that water science and policy research at universities such as UD is especially pertinent because water is one of America's top domestic public policy challenges right now, and the push is on to invest more in this economic and environmental resource to reduce the chances of future disasters similar to Flint River, the California drought, or coastal Delaware flood emergencies.

The White House announcement highlighted national initiatives such as research conducted by the University of Delaware Water Resources Center (DWRC) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) into economic incentives to promote watershed restoration and explore the feasibility of a Brandywine Christina Healthy Watershed Fund as part of a \$35 million William Penn Foundation Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DWRI).

The DWRC is one of 54 National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) supported by the US Department of Interior and U.S. Geological Survey at land grant universities in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and the three island territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands. The DWRC is hosted at the University of Delaware by the Institute for Public Administration, within the School of Public Policy and Administration in the College of Arts and Sciences, and in association with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



Meeting citizen scientist Gayle Hedquist at World Water Day reception overlooking the Lincoln Memorial



Meeting Gregory McAdams, MD, from the American College of Cardiologists at World Water Day reception