



# **Rural Communities of Color and Federal Funding for Lead Service Line Replacement**

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# The LSL Replacement Collaborative

The Lead Service Line Replacement Collaborative is a joint effort of 29 national public health, water utility, environmental, labor, consumer, housing, and state and local governmental organizations to accelerate full removal of the lead pipes.



**[lsr-collaborative.org](http://lsr-collaborative.org)**

# Collaborative Members

- American Public Health Association
- American Water Works Association\*
- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies\*
- Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
- Black Millennials for Flint
- Blue Green Alliance
- Children's Environmental Health Network\*
- Clean Water Action\*
- Environmental Defense Fund\*
- Environmental Policy Information Center
- Green and Healthy Homes Initiative
- Justice and Sustainability Associates
- Learning Disabilities Association of America
- National Center for Health Housing
- National Association of County and City Health Officials
- National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates
- National Association of Water Companies
- National Conference of State Legislatures
- National Environmental Health Association
- National League of Cities
- National Rural Water Association
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- North East Midwest Institute
- RESOLVE\*
- River Network
- Rural Community Assistance Partnership
- Trust for America's Health
- United Parents Against Lead
- Water Research Foundation

\*Steering  
committee  
members

# Background/Context

- Influx of federal funding for LSL replacements to states
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
  - American Rescue Plan Act
  - Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act Grants
- Agencies
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Nearly than one in four (24%) rural residents are people of color
  - Percent of rural population that is:

• Latino/a/x	10.4%
• Black	7.4%
• Mixed	4%
• Native American	2% (twice the national rate)



# Panelists

- **LaTricea Adams**, Founder, CEO, & President, Black Millennials for Flint
- **Lorette Picciano**, Executive Director, Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural
- **Hope Cupit**, President & CEO, Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (SERCAP)
- **Andy Crocker**, Regional Programs Lead, SERCAP
- **Kenneth Rodgers**, Rural Housing Specialist I, SERCAP



# Thank you!

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