

JULIE A. UFNER

Julie A. Ufner has served as President and CEO of the National Waterways Conference (NWC) since November 2019, leading the only national organization dedicated to advocating for and educating federal policymakers on the nation's water and waterways infrastructure. Under her leadership, NWC champions issues spanning navigation, flood control, water supply, hydropower, recreation, and ecosystem restoration.

NWC represents a broad and diverse membership, including non-federal sponsors that partner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on civil works projects, as well as ports, shippers, flood and levee districts, water suppliers, agriculture, regional and national associations, and state and local governments. Through advocacy, collaboration, and education, NWC works to ensure sound federal policies that support the responsible management and development of the nation's water resources infrastructure.

With more than two decades of experience in federal policy and advocacy, Ms. Ufner previously spent 17 years at the National Association of Counties (NACo) as Associate Legislative Director for Environment, Energy, and Land Use. At NACo, she was instrumental in shaping national policies affecting America's 3,069 county governments, working on key issues such as water infrastructure, environmental regulations, and disaster resilience. She began her policy career on Capitol Hill as a legislative staffer for former Representative Phil English (PA), gaining valuable experience in environmental policy, energy, banking, and international affairs.

Public service runs in Ms. Ufner's family—her father served multiple terms as a Butler City, PA, Councilman, fostering her early appreciation for the challenges and opportunities facing local communities. Before transitioning into policy, she worked with adolescents, teens, and adults with mental health conditions, an experience that shaped her commitment to public service. A seasoned traveler with a global perspective, Ms. Ufner has lived and studied in Japan and explored numerous countries. She is a graduate of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania and currently resides in Alexandria, VA.

Ms. Ufner has provided expert testimony before Congress on multiple occasions, including:

- **June 2021** – U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works: *The Role of Natural and Nature-Based Features in Water Resource Projects*

- **November 2019** – House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment: *Concepts for the Next Water Resources Development Act: Promoting Resiliency of Our Nation's Water Resources Infrastructure*
- **January 2018** – U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works: *The Role of Counties in Strengthening America's Water Infrastructure and the Importance of the Water Resources Development Act*