

WEDNESDAY, February 20, 9:00 am - 9:30 pm

9:00 - 10:10 Plenary Session (Michigan)		<i>Sponsored by Stantec</i>	
9:00	Welcome & Opening comments		
9:20	Conference Keynote: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow in U.S. Wetland Policy: How Did We Get Here, Where are We Headed, and Is It Enough? Jeanne Christie, Christie Consulting Services, LLC		
10:10 - 10:40 Break (Superior)		<i>Sponsored by Merjent</i>	
10:40 - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions			
	Location: Wisconsin Watershed Approaches Moderator: Kyle Magyera	Location: Mendota Invasive Species: The Big Picture Moderator: Nicole Staskowski	Special Sessions
10:40	Wetland restoration and protection decision support: Lower Fox/Green Bay wetlands & water quality Grimm	Wetland first aid toolbox: Strategies to combat invasive species in challenging wetlands Angerhofer	Location: Geneva Career Development & Continuing Education in Wetland Science Moderator: Susan Schumacher
11:00	Wetlands for tomorrow: Maintaining resilient, connected, and functional landscapes as climate changes Miller	Lessons learned in the field: Short-term observations on managing invasive grasses in wetlands using herbicides Loftus	
11:20	The Floodplain Explorer: A decision tool to prioritize floodplain restoration in the Mississippi River Basin Lent	Evaluating the success of restoration and management techniques for prairie fen sites in Michigan McGowan-Stinski	Location: Geneva Tribal Wetland Programs Working Group Facilitator: Randy Poelma (by invitation only) <i>Sponsored by Forest County Potawatomi Foundation</i>
11:40	The role of wetlands in a watershed approach to restoring the Little Plover River in Wisconsin Gaffield	Invasive species early detection surveys and management recommendations in coastal wetlands of Lake Superior Bates	
12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (provided - Michigan)		<i>Sponsored by GEI Consultants, Inc.</i>	
1:30 - 3:10 Concurrent Sessions			
	Location: Wisconsin Wetland Flora and Plant Communities: ID and Assessment Moderator: Pat Trochlell	Location: Mendota Invasive Species: Species-Specific Control Moderator: Kelly Kearns	Workshop Location: Geneva Don't Talk Like A Scientist **Pre-registration required** Instructor: Cindy Crosby
1:30	Development of a key to wetland plant communities O'Connor	A cryptic invasion: Lessons learned attempting to control southern cattail (<i>Typha domingensis</i>) in a Midwest wetland system Thompson	
1:50	Wetland floristic quality assessment benchmarks for WI Driftless Area & Southeastern WI Till Plains Ecoregions Marti	Mapping the invasive plant reed sweet mannagrass (<i>Glyceria maxima</i>) using aerial imagery, machine learning, and field reconnaissance Granberg	
2:10	Assessing the effectiveness of vegetative restoration techniques using wetland floristic quality Strojny	Retrofitting three wastewater treatment facilities to eradicate non-native <i>Phragmites</i> in the Chequamegon Bay region Abel	
2:30	Applying FOA methodology to assess restored wetlands: Results from 32 restoration projects Gibson	Results of landscape-scale exotic <i>Phragmites</i> treatments in Wisconsin Kron	
2:50	The new wetland mapping initiative Smith	<i>Phragmites</i> Adaptive Management Framework: Managing <i>Phragmites</i> with science on your side Stanton	
3:10 - 3:40 Break (Superior)		<i>Sponsored by NES Ecological Services</i>	
3:40 - 5:00 Concurrent Sessions			
	Location: Wisconsin Wetland Flora and Plant Communities: Sites and Species Moderator: Dan Collins	Location: Mendota Wetlands and People Moderator: Alison Peña	Workshop Location: Geneva Conservation Dogs: What's the Sniff All About? **Pre-registration required** Instructors: Cory Gritzmacher and Laura Holder
3:40	Wild rice restoration on the Green Bay west shore Glenzinski	A story is worth a thousand facts: Communicating wetlands issues to future conservationists Vosen*	
4:00	Sod in motion: Moving wet prairie sod to preserve one-half acre of high-quality prairie remnant Poole	Wetland connections between science and poetry Highsmith	
4:20	<i>Cyripedium candidum</i> in the southeast glacial plains of Wisconsin: Distribution, ecology, and threats Weissergerber*	New tools to promote wetland literacy across audiences Beilfuss, K.	
4:40	Fire in forested peatlands of the Upper Great Lakes: Reconstructing the past to protect the future Sutheimer*		
5:00 - 6:30 Poster Session & Cash Bar (Superior)		<i>Sponsored by ENCAP</i>	
6:30 - 9:30 Banquet & Presentation (Ticketed event—Michigan)		<i>Sponsored by We Energies</i>	
7:30	Banquet Presentation: The Dismal Swamp Revealed: A Pathway to Freedom Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander, Professor of History, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and Director of the Joseph Jenkins Roberts Center for African Diaspora Studies, Norfolk State University		

THURSDAY, February 21, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

8:30-9:20 Plenary Session (Michigan) Sponsored by Cardno

- 8:30 **Welcome**
- 8:40 **Plenary Address: The Power of Community: Advancing Wetland Conservation in Wisconsin**
Katie Beilfuss, Outreach Programs Director, Wisconsin Wetlands Association

9:30-10:30 Concurrent Sessions

	Location: Wisconsin Wetlands: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: The Big Picture Moderator: Gail Epping Overholt	Location: Mendota Wetland Restoration Moderator: Susan Schumacher	Workshop Location: Geneva Biology and Identification of Aquatic Macrophytes **Pre-registration required** Instructor: Paul Skawinski
9:30	A watershed approach to Waubesa Wetlands: Today and tomorrow Herbst*	In-lieu fee wetland mitigation in Wisconsin: Finding competitive restoration opportunities Jarosz	
9:50	WWA's wetland leadership extends to the Carolinas: The emergence of the Carolina Wetlands Association England	Riparian wetland restoration site investigation, then and now: Evolving site investigation methods and consideration of climate change Hjort	
10:10	A risky climate for cranes, wetlands, and our world Beilfuss, R.	Habitat heterogeneity and wetland-dependent bird use in Wisconsin's Glacial Habitat Restoration Area Loken*	

10:30 - 11:00 Break (Superior) Sponsored by Fund for Lake Michigan

11:00 - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions

	Location: Wisconsin Wetlands: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: Sites Over Time Moderator: Travis Olson	Location: Mendota Wetlands and Water Quality Moderator: Nick Miller	(Biology and Identification of Aquatic Macrophytes, continued)
11:00	50 years of wetland restoration and protection at Goose Pond Sanctuary Martin	Recovery of an AOC: Using vegetation and wildlife communities to evaluate the present and look to the future Prestby	
11:20	Dunn's Marsh: A brief history of stormwater / wetland modifications from 1836 to present and what's next Eilertson	Wetlands and agriculture: Working together to improve water quality Houghton	
11:40	Middleton's Pheasant Branch and trail system: Past, present, and future Steber	Identifying limits to denitrification in constructed wetlands Izadmehr*	

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (provided - Michigan) Sponsored by J.F. Brennan Company

1:30 - 4:30 Working Groups, Workshop, and Field Trips

WORKING GROUP & WORKSHOP

Practitioners' Working Group Location: Wisconsin Facilitator: Eric Parker	Fire and Management in Wetland Ecosystems: Identifying Priorities for Information Sharing and Research Location: Mendota Facilitators: Craig Maier and Jack McGowan-Stinski	Wetlands and Water Quality in Wisconsin: Where Have We Been, and Where Do We Go from Here? Location: Middleton Facilitator: Aaron Marti	Wetland Soils: An Introduction or Refresher Short Course Location: Geneva Instructors: Pat Trochlell and Neil Molstad **Pre-registration required**
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FIELD TRIPS

Pre-registration is required. Meet at the Conference Center Entrance at 1:20 to depart by bus.

The Devastating Flood of Pheasant Branch: A Tale of Two Ecosystems Field Trip Leaders: Tom Bernthal and Herb Garn <i>Sponsored by Midwest Natural Resources.</i>	A Bird Haven in Winter: Goose Pond Sanctuary Field Trip Leaders: Mark Martin, Sue Foote-Martin, and Graham Steinhauer <i>Sponsored by Wisconsin Coastal Management Program.</i>	Explore Natural History Collections at UW-Madison Field Trip Leaders: Laura Monahan, Mary Ann Feist, and Ken Cameron <i>Sponsored by Midwest Groundcovers.</i>
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