

# WEDNESDAY, February 19, 9:00 am - 9:30 pm

<b>9:00 - 10:10 Plenary Session (Grand Libelle Ballroom)</b>		<i>Sponsored by Sterling</i>	
<b>Welcome &amp; Opening comments</b> <b>Conference Keynote: A Clear Path to Collaborative Wetland Restoration: Achieving Results at Scale</b> Joanne Marchetta, Executive Director, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency			
<b>10:10 - 10:40 Break (Villa Gottfried Room &amp; Foyer)</b>		<i>Sponsored by Heartland Ecological Group</i>	
<b>10:40 - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions</b>			
<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom A</b> <b>Wetland Challenges</b> Moderator: Jason Granberg		<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom BC</b> <b>WWA in Action</b> Moderator: Katie Beilfuss	
<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom DE</b> <b>Science-informed Policy</b> Moderator: Tom Bernthal			
10:40	Efficacy of non-native <i>Phragmites</i> treatment and impact on wetland plant communities in northeastern WI   <b>Webster</b>	Making every action count: Advancing a wetland conservation vision for Wisconsin   <b>O'Brien, E.</b>	Redefining WOTUS 1: A GIS-based model to predict the spatial extent of federally-protected waters and wetlands   <b>Robertson</b>
11:00	Wisconsin Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Program updates   <b>Scherer</b>	Using wetlands to solve problems: Highlights & lessons from the field   <b>Magyera</b>	Redefining WOTUS 2: An assessment of potential impacts to Wisconsin wetlands and wetland services   <b>Miller</b>
11:20	Invasive cattail residence time affects plant communities and below-ground processes   <b>O'Brien, M*</b>	Legislative updates & new WWA initiatives   <b>Western Hauser</b>	
11:40	Are microsatellite markers useful in detection of invasive plant species? A case study with <i>Typha domingensis</i>   <b>Garcia*</b>	Panel discussion and Q&A with WWA staff re: vision, projects, and legislative initiatives	
<b>12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (provided - Grand Libelle Ballroom)</b>		<i>Sponsored by Cardno</i>	
<b>1:30 - 3:10 Concurrent Sessions</b>			
<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom A</b> <b>Wetlands 101</b> Moderator: Dreux Watermolen		<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom BC</b> <b>Wetlands &amp; Water Management</b> Moderator: Drew Fowler	
<b>Location: Palm Garden DE</b> <b>Special Sessions</b>		<b>Location: Palm Garden F</b> <b>Special Sessions</b>	
1:30	Swamp, bog, or fen? An introduction to wetland types of Wisconsin   <b>O'Connor</b>	Prioritization of wetland infrastructure: An agency's approach to strategically manage impounded wetlands   <b>Fleener</b>	<b>Book Club with Ben Goldfarb</b> Author of <i>Eager: The Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter</i>
1:50	From wetlands with love: Wisconsin's Great Lakes coastal wetlands as important fish habitat   <b>Seilheimer</b>	Challenges and benefits of a large wetland restoration in an urban environment   <b>Kraszewski</b>	
2:10	Developing bioacoustic tools for wetland wildlife monitoring   <b>Casper</b>	Badger Mill Creek and its wetlands: A tale in watershed planning & implementation   <b>Lennie</b>	
2:30	WFQA 1: Floristic Quality Assessment for monitoring wetland plant community health: Theory, metrics, uses   <b>Bernthal</b>	Isotope tracers in nutrient source tracking (NST) of nitrate in surface and groundwater   <b>Ahearn</b>	
2:50	WFQA 2: How to use the WDNR timed-meander survey protocol and WFQA calculator   <b>Trochlell</b>	Wetland management through the lenses of the Wetland Review Process: What, why, and how   <b>Fowler</b>	
<b>3:10 - 3:40 Break (Villa Gottfried Room &amp; Foyer)</b>		<i>Sponsored by Ho-Chunk Nation</i>	
<b>3:40 - 5:00 Concurrent Sessions</b>			
<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom A</b> <b>Wetlands &amp; People I</b> Moderator: Sue Schumacher		<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom BC</b> <b>Wetland Flora &amp; Plant Communities</b> Moderator: Nick Miller	
<b>Location: Palm Garden DE</b> <b>Special Sessions</b>		<b>Location: Palm Garden F</b> <b>Special Sessions</b>	
3:40	Connecting Milwaukee youth to urban wetlands   <b>Grill</b>	Climate-vulnerability of coastal wetlands in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore   <b>Johnson</b>	<b>Wetland Review Working Group</b> Facilitated by Drew Fowler
4:00	How many people does it take to protect a Riverway?   <b>Mossman</b>	Calcareous fens in Northwest Minnesota   <b>Milburn</b>	
4:20	New video suite: Landowners caring for wetlands   <b>Beilfuss</b>	Influence of flooding and gap size on the fate of UMRs floodplain forest canopy gaps   <b>Oines*</b>	
4:40	Mary Linton wetland poetry session   <b>Highsmith</b>	Clear as muck: Wetland soil physiochemistry as a driver of wetland plant community condition across Wisconsin   <b>Marti</b>	
<b>5:00 - 6:30 Poster Session &amp; Cash Bar (Villa Gottfried Ballroom, Villa Gottfried Foyer, and Grand Libelle Ballroom)</b>		<i>Poster session sponsored by WCMP</i>	
<b>6:30 - 9:30 Banquet &amp; Presentation (Ticketed event - Grand Libelle Ballroom)</b>		<i>Banquet sponsored by We Energies and WPS</i>	
<b>Banquet Presentation: Dam It: Seeing Beavers as Restoration Partners</b> Ben Goldfarb, Author, <i>Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter</i>			

**Tribal Wetland Programs Working Group**  
 Facilitated by Randy Poelma (by invitation only)  
*Sponsored by the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation*

**Working Group: In Lieu Fee Wetland Restoration Priority Planning**  
 Facilitated by Thomas Pearce

# THURSDAY, February 20, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**8:30-9:20 Plenary Session (Grand Libelle Ballroom)** *Sponsored by WDNR*  
**Welcome**  
**Plenary Address: Telling the Wetlands Story in an Era of Information Overload**  
 Matthew L. Miller, Director of Science Communications, The Nature Conservancy

**9:30-10:30 Concurrent Sessions**

	<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom A</b> <b>Wetland Conservation in Agricultural Landscapes</b> Moderator: Thomas Pearce	<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom BC</b> <b>Effective Wetland Restoration &amp; Management Techniques I</b> Moderator: Matt Angerhofer	<b>Location: Palm Garden DE</b>	<b>Location: Palm Garden F</b> <b>Workshops</b>
9:30	Minnesota's Small Wetland Program: Developing a wetland management program in the prairie region of Minnesota   <b>Maile</b>	Focusing management: Setting priorities when there's more needs than time   <b>Salas</b>	<b>Identification and Biology of Wisconsin's Aquatic Plants</b>  <i>**Pre-registration required**</i>  Instructor: Paul Skawinski	<b>Story Time: Become an Effective Wetland Communicator</b>  <i>**Pre-registration required**</i>  Instructor: Matthew L. Miller
9:50	Identifying actually restorable wetlands in the Rock River Basin   <b>Taylor</b>	Web based GIS as a means to track spatial and temporal treatments of wetland invasive species   <b>Del Prete</b>		
10:10	Wetland creation and management: Planning and execution of degraded farm field restoration   <b>Gall</b>			

**10:30 - 11:00 Break (Villa Gottfried Room & Foyer)** *Sponsored by TRC Companies, Inc.*  
**11:00 - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions**

	<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom A</b> <b>Wetlands &amp; People II</b> Moderator: Travis Olson	<b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom BC</b> <b>Effective Wetland Restoration &amp; Management Techniques II</b> Moderator: Travis Schroeder	<b>Location: Palm Garden DE</b>	<b>Location: Palm Garden F</b> <b>Workshops (continued)</b>
11:00	Wisconsin duck hunters and wetland conservation   <b>Bradshaw</b>	Five years of change: Insights from transect data on wetland hydrology and vegetation response at Deer Grove West   <b>Sulman</b>	<b>Identification and Biology of Wisconsin's Aquatic Plants, continued</b>	<b>Story Time: Become an Effective Wetland Communicator, continued</b>
11:20	Community-based wetland monitoring: Year one in review   <b>Robson</b>	Sheboygan River AOC: Long-term planning for aquatic and wetland habitat restoration success   <b>Rice</b>		
11:40	Providing a clear vision for wetlands through practical project management strategies for practitioners   <b>Englund</b>			

**12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (provided – Grand Libelle Ballroom)** *Sponsored by Stantec*

**1:30 Working Groups, Workshop, and Field Trips**

**Working Group and Workshops**

<b>Practitioners Working Group</b>  <b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom A</b> 1:30-4:30 pm  Facilitators: Dan Salas	<b>Workshop: Amphibian Identification</b>  <b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom BC</b> 1:30-3:30 pm  Instructors: Rori Paloski, Josh Kapfer, and Rich Staffen  <i>**Pre-registration required**</i>	<b>Workshop: Introduction to Common Wisconsin Sedges</b>  <b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom DE</b> 1:30-4:30 pm  Instructors: Pat Trochlell and Steve Eggers  <i>**Pre-registration required**</i>	<b>Workshop: Scenario Modeling of the Impacts of Groundwater Withdrawal on Calcareous Fens</b>  <b>Location: Palm Garden Ballroom F</b> 1:30-6:00 pm  Instructors: David Bart, Steven Loheide, Eric Booth, and Tom Bernthal  <i>**Pre-registration required**</i>
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**Field Trips, 1:30-4:30 Pre-registration is required. Meet at the Conference Center Entrance at 1:20 to depart by bus.**

<b>Explore a Wetland Gem®: Nichols Creek State Wildlife Area</b> Field Trip Leader: Josh Jackl  <i>Sponsored by NES Ecological Services</i>	<b>Managing Cattails and Partnerships in the Sheboygan Marsh</b> Field Trip Leaders: Aaron Brault and Jon Gumtow  <i>Sponsored by Merjent</i>	<b>Snowshoes and Wetlands: Traverse the Kettle Moraine</b> Field Trip Leaders: Jackie Scharfenburg and Dale Katsma  <i>Sponsored by American Transmission Company</i>
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