

TUESDAY, February 16

9:00-10:45 Plenary Session: Hydrologic Restoration Symposium
Part I: Hydrology Fundamentals

Sponsored by the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation

9:00 **Welcome & Opening comments**

9:15 **Conference Keynote: Why watersheds matter: How tribes are leading the way in the Columbia River basin**
Aja DeCoteau, Watershed Department Manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

9:45 **Conference Keynote: How rivers and wetlands work—and work better together**
Colin Thorne, Professor of Physical Geography, University of Nottingham, UK

10:15 **Live Q&A with Aja DeCoteau and Colin Thorne**

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Plenary Session: Hydrologic Restoration Symposium
Part II: Restoration Considerations

Sponsored by the Brookby Foundation

11:00 **Conference Keynote: Let the river do the work: How low-tech solutions and partnerships can help us get to scale**
Joe Wheaton, Fluvial scientist & restoration practitioner, Utah State University and Anabran Solutions

11:30 **Conference Keynote: How history and processes influence watershed restoration**
Dorothy J. Merritts, Professor of Geosciences and Chair of Environmental Studies, Franklin & Marshall College

12:00 **Live Q&A with Joe Wheaton and Dorothy Merritts**

12:30 Break

Afternoon Roundtable Conversations & Workshop

1:30 **Roundtable Conversation**
with **Aja DeCoteau** and **Mike Kline**
Moderator: **Erin O'Brien**

2:30 **Roundtable Conversation**
with **Colin Thorne** and **Dorothy Merritts**
Moderator: **Tracy Hames**

3:30 **Roundtable Conversation**
with **Joe Wheaton** and **Katie Jagt**
Moderator: **Erin O'Brien**

2:30 - 4:00

Workshop

Why diversity, equity, and inclusion are vital to conservation goals

Instructor: **Parker McMullen Bushman**

Roundtable conversations are open to all.

No registration required.

Workshops required pre-registration.

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WEDNESDAY, February 17

9:00-10:45 Plenary Session: Hydrologic Restoration Symposium
Part III: State Programs and Public/Private Solutions

Sponsored by Fund for Lake Michigan

9:00 Welcome and opening comments

9:15 **Conference Keynote: How state programs can protect and restore rivers, wetlands, and watersheds**
Mike Kline, River ecologist/geomorphologist, Fluvial Matters, LLC

9:45 **Conference Keynote: How creative partnerships and locally-driven planning can build resilient watersheds**
Katie Jagt, Senior water resources engineer, Watershed Science + Design

10:15 Live Q&A with Mike Kline and Katie Jagt

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Plenary Session: Hydrologic Restoration Symposium
Part IV: Fixing Wisconsin's Water

Sponsored by Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

11:00 **What we've learned from Wisconsin natural resource agencies**
Erin O'Brien, Policy Programs Director, Wisconsin Wetlands Association

11:15 **Wisconsin Agency Leaders Panel including live Q&A with panelists**

12:30-1:00 Poster Session & Exhibits

Afternoon Roundtable Conversations & Workshops

1:00-3:00

Workshop

Wetland Soils

Instructors: **Drew Fowler & Pat Trochell**

1:00 - 2:30

Roundtable Conversation

Wetland mitigation listening session:

Recap and continuation

Facilitators: **Tom Nedland, Leslie Day, and Kerryann Weaver**

1:30 - 3:00

Roundtable Conversation

Starting or growing an ecological restoration business

Facilitator: **Dan Collins**

3:00-5:00

Workshop

How to leverage multiple new technologies for more efficient wetland assessments, monitoring, and delineations

Instructors: **Jeremy Schewe, Gale Shea, Eric Parker, and Daniel Martin**

2:30 - 4:00

Roundtable Conversation

Natural flood management: Solutions for mitigating flood risk in the Lake Superior basin

Facilitators: **Kyle Magyera, Tom Hollenhorst, Faith Fitzpatrick, and Chris Collier**

3:00 - 4:30

Roundtable Conversation

Diversity, equity, and inclusion in conservation

Facilitator: **Caitlin Williamson**

6:30-8:00 Evening Programming

WWA Annual Meeting & Wetland Trivia Contest

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THURSDAY, February 18

9:00-9:45 Plenary Session

Sponsored by the We Energies Foundation

9:00 **Welcome**
 9:10 **Plenary Address: Attempting to understand the disconnect between African Americans and the outdoors**
Dudley Edmondson, Photographer, filmmaker, and author

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00-11:00 Concurrent Sessions

Wetland flora & plant communities
Sponsored by Wisconsin Public Service Foundation
 Moderator: **Chris Loebach**

Effective Wetland Conservation Partnerships
Sponsored by J.F. Brennan
 Moderator: **Travis Schroeder**

Sponsored Product Demo Session
Available On-Demand

10:00	Implementing the concept of alternative stable states to guide successful wetland restoration practices Loebach	The people, priorities, and practices behind the Little Plover River Watershed Enhancement Project O'Brien	An introduction to Extension Lakes and Wisconsin Water Week 2021 Olson, Extension Lakes
10:15	Coarse-level metrics for prioritizing and monitoring restoration of sedge meadows and wet-mesic prairies O'Connor	Partnering for wetlands: How a variety of mitigation project partners benefit both wetlands and communities Brown	How to complete wetland delineations and monitoring in half the time Schewe, Ecobot
10:30	Combined effects of invasive cattail and European frogbit on invertebrates in a Lake Huron coastal marsh St. John *	Funding water quality improvements at Nahant Marsh: Thinking outside the box Joyce	Protecting endangered reptiles and habitats while creating site access for a transmission line rebuild Keener, Sterling Access Solutions
10:45	Live Q&A with presenters	Live Q&A with presenters	Caring for wetlands: A partnership with NRCS, WWA, and private landowners Kidd, USDA-NRCS

11:00-11:30 Poster Session & Exhibits

11:30-12:30 Concurrent Sessions

Wetlands and People
Sponsored by Extension Lakes
 Moderator: **Nicole Staskowski**

Wetland conservation in agricultural landscapes
Sponsored by Heartland Ecological Group
 Moderator: **Nick Miller**

11:45	New videos promote tribal wetland conservation leadership in Wisconsin Beilfuss	It's what you know: Using tools to advance the use of ag tile-treatment wetlands for nutrient loss reduction Kostel
12:00	Establishing a Green Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Tyner	It's who you know: Convincing farmers to use ag drainage tile-treatment wetlands to stop nutrient loss McGuire
12:15	"If you build it, they will come!" The Field of Dreams Watershed and the Iowa River Restoration Toolbox Stamer	A watershed approach to restoration at the Soik wetland mitigation site in Wisconsin's Central Sands Gaffield
	Live Q&A with presenters	Live Q&A with presenters

12:30 Break

12:45 WWA Policy and Legislative Update

Afternoon Workshop, Working Group, and Roundtable Conversations

1:30 - 3:30
Workshop
Identification of Wisconsin's aquatic plants
 Instructor: **Paul Skawinski, Susan Knight, and Michelle Nault**

1:30 - 4:30
Practitioners Working Group
 Facilitators: **Eric Parker and Dan Salas**

2:00 - 3:30
Roundtable Conversation
Conservation mapping tools: Wetland restoration potential and groundwater assessment
 Facilitators: **Nick Miller, Joanne Kline, Tom Bernthal, Chris Smith, Sarah Gatzke, and Dave Hart**

3:30 - 4:30
Roundtable Conversation
Wetland invasive species: Identification, prevention, and control
 Facilitators: **Jason Granberg, Maureen Ferry, Jeanne Scherer, Jared Urban, Joanne Kline, and Kelly Kearns**

3:30 - 4:30
Roundtable Conversation
Climate change & wetlands
 Facilitator: **Alice Thompson**

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FRIDAY, February 19

9:00-9:35 Plenary session: Lightning round presentations

9:00 **Welcome**

9:05 Implementing climate adaptation in Lake Michigan basin wetlands: Challenges and opportunities | **Sulman**

9:10 Incentivizing the private sector for 21st century conservation in Wisconsin | **Salas**

9:15 Natural flood management: Planning and priorities for Lake Superior's south shore wetlands | **Hollenhorst**

9:20 Red hailstone continues to invade Wisconsin: Identification, distribution update, and herbicide trial results | **Wallrath**

9:25 **Q&A with Lightning Round presenters**

9:35-9:45 Break

9:45-10:45 Concurrent Sessions

Effective wetland restoration & management techniques

Sponsored by TRC Environmental Corporation

Moderator: **Gretchen Benjamin**

Wetland Wildlife I

Sponsored by Stantec

Moderator: **Sarah Kraszewski**

9:45 Ecosystem restoration along the Little Menomonee River | **Struck**

Status of Wisconsin's rare amphibians and reptiles | **Paloski**

10:00 Stream de-channelization: Restoring hydrology and reducing runoff in an agricultural landscape | **Gall**

A new field guide to amphibian eggs and larvae of the Western Great Lakes | **Casper**

10:15 Stabilizing banks and preventing erosion following construction using pre-vegetated blankets | **Livingston**

Water drawdowns and survival of marsh bird nests at Emiquon Preserve, IL | **Schmidt ***

10:30 **Live Q&A with presenters**

Live Q&A with presenters

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Concurrent Sessions

Wetland soils, hydrology, and geomorphology

Sponsored by Ecobot

Moderator: **Aaron Volkening**

Wetland Wildlife II

Sponsored by Sterling Access Solutions

Moderator: **Paul Skawinski**

11:00 Testing parasites as bioindicators at the Glacial Habitat Restoration Area | **Orlofske**

Observations of avian use of wetland mitigation site in the Lake Superior clay plain | **La Valley**

11:15 Isotopic tracers: A different perspective of surface and groundwater remediation | **Ahearn**

Minnesota's small wetland program: year one in bringing wetland management to the prairie region of Minnesota | **Maile**

11:30 More than blue lines: Improving the national hydrography dataset **Park**

Live Q&A with presenters

11:45 **Live Q&A with presenters**

12:15 Plenary Session & Closing Comments

Announcement of Wetland Challenge winners, student presentation competition winners, and closing comments.

Afternoon Roundtable Conversations

1:30 - 3:00

Roundtable Conversation

Wisconsin's Women and Wetlands

Facilitators: **Sally Jarosz** and **Nicole Staskowski**

3:00 - 4:00

Roundtable Conversation

The Mary Linton Wetland Poetry Session

Facilitators: **Alice Thompson**, **Tod Highsmith**, and **Mike Mossman**

1:00 - 2:30

Tribal Wetland Programs Working Group

Facilitated by **Randy Poelma**

By invitation only

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