

TUESDAY, February 25, 1:30 pm - 9:00 pm

11:30 am-1:30 pm

Upper Dells Atrium  
Conference registration

1:30-4:30 pmWetland Science Conference Workshops and Field Trips

Lower Dells A	Lower Dells B	Lower Dells D	Lower Dells E	Lower Dells F
Workshop		Workshop	Workshop	Workshop
Glacial geology 101 for wetland professionals		New wetland rapid functional value tool (RAM) training	Introduction to common sedges of Wisconsin	
Instructor: Nelson Ham		**Pre-registration required**	**Pre-registration required**	
Sponsored by: Terracon		Instructors: Sally Jarosz, Ken Powell, Allison Willman, and Tom Pearce	Instructors: Pat Trochlell and Steve Eggers	
		Sponsored by: Wisconsin Coastal Management Program	Sponsored by: Gary R. Weber Associates, Inc.	
Field Trips				
**Pre-registration Required**				
Meet at Conference Center Main Lobby (at the base of the escalators) at 1:20 pm to depart by bus				
Aldo Leopold Foundation: Pines Property wetland restoration’s story and future	Aldo Leopold Foundation Shack & Farm: Floodplain restoration & landscape management		Upham Woods: Accessibility in natural areas outreach programming	
Leaders: Carl Cotter, Peter Zeigler, Steve Swenson, Kate Singer, Caitlin McWilliams	Leaders: Arik Duhr, Mitchell Groenhof, Eric Snyder, Gracie Corral, and Emily Johnson		Leader: Rachel Lewandowski-Sarette	
Sponsored by: Ducks Unlimited	Sponsored by: KCI Technologies, Inc.		Sponsored by: Alliant Energy	

4:30-6:00 Dinner Break

6:00-9:00Conference Kickoff Social and WWA Annual Meeting (Upper Dells Ballroom and Atrium)  
Sponsored by TBD

Kick-off the conference with an evening of activities and fun, a cash bar, desserts, and more. Hear highlights of WWA's work last year and elect WWA board members during a brief annual membership meeting.

WEDNESDAY, February 25, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

9:00-10:30	Plenary Session: Welcome and Keynote Presentation (Upper Dells Ballroom)						Sponsored by We Energies Foundation	
9:00	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening comments</b> <b>Conference Keynote: Digging in: Wetland soils of Wisconsin and their role in ecological restoration</b> <i>Dr. Holly Dolliver (Department Chair, Plant and Earth Science / Professor; UW-River Falls) and Dr. Amanda Little (Professor / Program Director; UW-Stout)</i>							
10:30-11:00	Break - Network with Exhibitors & Attendees (Upper Dells Ballroom & Atrium)						Sponsored by CORRE, Inc.	
11:00-12:20	Symposia, Concurrent Session, Roundtable Conversation & Workshop							
	Lower Dells A  SYMPOSIUM Wetlands benefit from many levels of crane conservation Moderator: Anne Lacy <i>Sponsored by Thompson &amp; Associates Wetland Services</i>		Lower Dells B  Peatlands and carbon Moderator: Erin O'Brien <i>Sponsored by J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.</i>		Lower Dells D  SYMPOSIUM Wetlands 101 Part I Moderator: Sally Jarosz <i>Sponsored by BioApp</i>		Lower Dells E  Roundtable	Lower Dells F  Workshop
11:20	Caven, Andrew	Wetland restoration to ensure flyway connectivity for migratory cranes	Uhelski, Dominic	PeatRestore: Providing knowledge and tools needed to make informed decisions about peatland restoration	Thompson, Alice	Wetland Soils 101 for Wetland Delineation and Restoration		
11:40	Thompson, Hillary	Threat mitigation to protect critical wetland habitat for Whooping Cranes	Peterson, Chelsea*	When is restoration win-win? Evaluating plant diversity and carbon stock tradeoffs across restored floodplains	Brooks, Kara	Wetland hydrology 101		
12:00	Gordon, Nicki	Whooping crane nest site selection in Wisconsin wetlands	Wefferling, Keir	Floristic quality assessment in WI rich fens using bryophytes and vascular plants	Remus, Kate	Difficult scenarios in wetland delineation		
12:20-1:50	Lunch & Networking - Provided (Upper Dells Ballroom)						Sponsored by Oneida Nation	
1:50-3:10	Symposia, Concurrent Session, & Roundtable Conversation							
	Lower Dells A  SYMPOSIUM Lower Wisconsin Riverway Part I Moderator: Mike Mossman <i>Sponsored by Merjent</i>		Lower Dells B  Wetland challenges Moderator: Josh Brown <i>Sponsored by Baxter &amp; Woodman, Inc.</i>		Lower Dells D  SYMPOSIUM Wetlands 101 Part II Moderator: Sally Jarosz <i>Sponsored by ISG</i>		Lower Dells E  Roundtable	Lower Dells F  Working Group
1:50	Cupp, Mark	The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway: A riparian corridor with wetlands of international importance	Bart, David	Patterns of plant invasions in Wisconsin wetlands	Willman, Allison	Wetland Delineation Vegetation Sampling	Forested wetlands in Wisconsin: Sharing ideas across disciplines  Facilitator: Andy Meier	Tribal wetland program working group  Facilitator: Jessica Jacobson  <i>By invitation only</i>  <i>Sponsored by Forest County Potawatomi Foundation</i>
2:10	Unmuth, Jean	Feast and famine: Effects of droughts and floods in the Lower Wisconsin River basin	Jeninga-Nehls, Anya	Impacts of neonicotinoid pesticides on wetland ecosystems	Kalscheur, Maureen	Stopping rare non-native invasive species in Wisconsin waters & wetlands		
2:30	Kitchel, Lisie	Native mussels of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway	Williams, Evelyn	Tackling aquatic invasive species with surveys, drones, and soil cores in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy	O'Connor, Ryan	Intro to Wetland Plant Communities		
2:50	Lyons, John	The future of the fishes of the Lower Wisconsin River floodplain	Noll, Christopher	Cross examining Wisconsin's herbaceous wetland community types against hundreds of high-quality site surveys	Reynolds, Allissa	Wisconsin wetland regulatory programs 101		
3:10-3:40	Break - Network with Exhibitors & Attendees (Upper Dells Ballroom & Atrium)						Sponsored by Wisconsin Flowgate & Drainage	
3:40-5:00	Symposium (cont.), Concurrent Sessions, Roundtable Conversation, & Working Group							
	Lower Dells A  SYMPOSIUM cont. Lower Wisconsin Riverway Part II Moderator: Mike Mossman <i>Sponsored by GAI Consultants, Inc.</i>		Lower Dells B  Wetland restoration and management techniques Moderator: Travis Olson <i>Sponsored by TRC</i>		Lower Dells D  Wetlands and people Moderator: Maddy Reick <i>Sponsored by Wisconsin Public Service Foundation</i>		Lower Dells E  Roundtable	Lower Dells F  Working Group
3:40	Casper, Gary	Amphibians and reptiles in the Lower Wisconsin Riverway	Martin, Mark	Fifty years of water level, flora and fauna changes at Goose Pond, Columbia Co. and what the future may hold	Beilfuss, Katie	Promoting tribal wetland conservation leadership in Wisconsin through short videos	Women in wetlands  Facilitator: Nicole Staskowski	Connecting science to action to WI's peatland carbon reserves  Facilitator: Sylvia Troost
4:00	Hutnik, Brad	The past, present, and future of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway's bottomland hardwood forests	Olson, Mari	Beneath the surface: Designing wetland scrapes to protect crayfish and snake habitat	Cary, Tawnya	Strengthening undergraduate science identity through the Dragonfly Mercury Project		
4:20	Mossman, Mike	Changes in breeding-bird communities of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway and the effects of climate	Dunn, Isabel*	Impact of Great Lakes coastal wetland restoration on seasonal bird assemblages	Bart, David	Why do we do this? Communicating our love of wetlands		
4:40	Q & A		Volkening, Aaron	A spatial model for wetland plant migration and pike spawning habitat in Great Lakes coastal restoration	Teeple, Angela	Neutron activation of tribal waters		
5:00-6:30	Poster Session and Social (Upper Dells Ballroom & Atrium)						Sponsored by GEI Consultants, Inc.	
6:30-9:00	Casual Buffet Dinner and Networking Activities (Upper Dells Ballroom & Atrium)						Sponsored by Stantec	

An evening of activities and fun!  
Includes a casual buffet dinner and cash bar.

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THURSDAY, February 26, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

8:30-10:15		Plenary Session (Upper Dells Ballroom)				Sponsored by Fund for Lake Michigan	
		Welcome					
		Plenary Address: Layers for going deeper: Uncovering a wetland’s history, biology, hydrology, and more through digital resources					
		Dr. Steve Ventura (Professor Emeritus; UW-Madison)					
9:30-10:15		Lightning Round Presentations (Upper Dells Ballroom)				Sponsored by TBA	
		Moya, Alexander	Mapping US peatlands: A new tool to conserve and restore carbon sinks				
		Feist, Mary Ann	Students and water in Wisconsin’s peatland plant communities: A project funded by UW's Freshwater Collaborative				
		O'Brien, Erin	The importance of state agency collaborations				
		Krellwitz, Mike	Wetland floristics of Illinois Beach State Park				
10:15-10:40		Break - Network with Exhibitors & Attendees (Upper Dells Ballroom & Atrium)				Sponsored by raSmith	
10:40-12:00		Symposium, Concurrent Session, Roundtable Conversation, Working Group & Workshop					
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	SYMPOSIUM Beavers and wetlands Moderator: Dreux Watermolen Sponsored Hey & Associates, Inc.		Wetlands and water management Moderator: Sarah Kraszewski Sponsored by Westwood Professional Services		Roundtable		Workshop
10:40	Stenglein, Jennifer	Beaver monitoring in Wisconsin	Melchior, Martin	Large scale urban river and wetland restoration: The Don River Portlands Flood Protection Project	Young professionals in wetland science  Facilitators: TBD		World wide web of wetlands: Harnessing desktop tools for assessing wetland quality, siting, vulnerability, and opportunities  Instructors: Peter Levi, Aaron Marti, Lauren Haydon, and Chris Smith
11:00	Mitro, Matthew	The effects of beaver dams on Wisconsin trout streams and fisheries	Feggestad, Aaron	A case study on the stormwater and economic benefits of wetland restoration in an urban landscape			
11:20	Garrity, Mickki	Exploring the eco cultural relationships of beaver and wild rice: Hydrological and cultural perspectives	Wied, Joshua	Lamparek Creek: Voluntary stream restoration in a rapidly urbanizing Southeast Wisconsin watershed			
11:40			Rosnow, Joe	Wisconsin springs inventory			
12:00-1:30		Lunch - Student Presentation Awards, and Conference Closing Remarks Provided (Upper Dells Ballroom)				Sponsored by Heartland Ecological Group	
1:30-2:50		Symposium (cont.), Concurrent Session, Working Group, Roundtable Conversations, & Workshop					
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	SYMPOSIUM cont. Beavers and wetlands Moderator: Dreux Watermolen Sponsored byTBA		Wetlands as solutions in watersheds and communities Moderator: Tally Hamilton Sponsored by Davey Resource Group, Inc.		Working Group	Roundtables	Workshop
1:30	Dean, Cortney	Beavers at work: Boosting biodiversity through habitat engineering here, there, and everywhere	Klimesh, Derrick	Wisconsin DNR and USDA agricultural mitigation banking progress and updates	Practitioners' working group  Facilitator: Matthew Knickelbine	The Mary Linton Poetry Session  Facilitators: Mike Mossman, Tod Highsmith, Alice Thompson	World wide web of wetlands: Harnessing desktop tools for assessing wetland quality, siting, vulnerability, and opportunities (cont.)
1:50	Strobel, Brad	Managing wetlands alongside rodents of unusual size	Western Hauser, Jennifer	Hydrologic Restoration General Permit: Why bother and how to be successful		Neonicotinoid pesticides in Wisconsin wetlands and community outreach  Facilitator: Anya Jeninga-Nehls	
2:10	Bradshaw, Lauren	Public Attitudes and Opinions Regarding Beaver and Beaver Management in Wisconsin	Nedland, Tom	Trailblazers: Projects that have used the Hydrologic Restoration General Permit to achieve their goals			
2:30	Rossler, Shawn	Following the process: Updating Wisconsin’s Beaver Management Plan	Pfost, Mark	A community of conservation: Restoring a watershed in the heart of “Sand County”			

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