

2019 Pennsylvania Statewide Conference for Watershed Organizations - Preliminary Overview Schedule*

Day	Activity	Time Frame*	A-Organizational Capacity	B-Aquatic Monitoring and Data Use	C. Watershed Resources & Programs	D -Watershed Policy
Day 1 - February 24, 2019	Arrival - Registration	11:00 am - 5:00 pm				
	Exhibitor Set-Up	11:00 am - 2:00 pm				
	One-on-one Mentoring	12:00 pm -1:00 pm	Individual meetings to discuss specific issues with volunteer mentors from a variety of organizations - Coordinated by Paco Ollervides - Leadership Development Mgr - River Network			
	Opening Plenary - Telling our Stories Through Pictures	1:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Help us celebrate and be inspired by watershed stories, successes & challenges documented through movies and videos. We'll be screening several short films and discussing impacts. Popcorn Included. Moderated by Rebecca Rumbel, Instructional Designer - Penn State Extension			
	Concurrent Session #1	2:30 pm - 3:25 pm	Engaging in Uncomfortable Conversations - Kathy Salisbury, Director - Ambler Arboretum of Temple University	Salt, salt everywhere, does it really matter? John Jackson, Ph.D. - Senior Research Scientist - Stroud Water Research Center	Kids Keeping Manure Out of Our Water - Jennifer Fetter, Penn State Extension	Water Quality Monitoring 101 - Helen Schlimm, Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM), Community Science Specialist
	Beverage Break	3:25 pm - 3:40 pm				
	Concurrent Session #2	3:40 pm - 4:35 pm	"Your Attention Please": Garnering Media Coverage for Your Activities and Initiatives - Leza Raffle, President, The Communication Solutions Group	Microplastics: Sources, Implications, and Solutions - Sarah Lowe, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator and Jason Rolfe, Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator - NOAA Marine Debris Program	Connecting People to Rivers Through Snorkeling - Keith Williams, Executive Director - NorthBay	Championing for Your Watershed: Taylor Nezat, Penn Future
	One-on-one Mentoring	4:40 pm - 5:10 pm	Individual meetings to discuss specific issues with volunteer mentors from a variety of specialists - Coordinated by Paco Ollervides - Leadership Development Mgr - River Network			
Dinner Reception & Funder Shark Tank Event	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Mix and mingle dinner reception and return of "SHARK TANK - Funders Edition"				
Day 2 - February 25, 2019	Registration -	7:00 am to Noon				
	Breakfast Roundtables	7:15 am -8:05 am	Join your colleagues and friends at themed breakfast tables. List of roundtable topics and facilitators will be announced prior to beginning of conference.			
	Welcoming Remarks	8:10 am - 8:30 am	Davitt Woodwell, President - Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Richard Roush - Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences - PSU, Secretary Cindy Dunn, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources			
	Introduction of Keynote	8:35 am to 8:45 am	Rebecca Kennedy, President - Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley			
	Tora Johnson, Ph.D. Associate Professor - GIS & Environmental Studies - University of Maine Engaging Communities in Conservation in a Polarized Time	8:50 am - 10:00 am	A presentation on dignity theory and best practices for avoiding or resolving unproductive conflict in environmental decision making. Dr. Johnson will summarize what social scientists know about successful collaboration, drawing on examples from her work on climate adaptation in polarized rural Maine communities.			
	Concurrent Session #3	10:15 am - 11:10 am	Communications Strategies for Small Organizations - Adam Hymans - Senior Program Director, Resource Media	Promoting Cleaner Water by Restoring Freshwater Mussels, the Blue Collar Bivalves of the Delaware River Watershed - Danielle Kreeger, Ph.D. Partnership for the Delaware Estuary	Rain Gardens for Homeowners - Robert Berghage, Associate Professor - Horticulture & Director of Green Roof Research Center Penn State Univ.	Pennsylvania Water Law and Policy Framework 101 - Abigail M. Jones and Alice R. Baker - Penn Future
	Concurrent Session #4	11:15 am - 12:10 pm	Better Together: Collaborating in Complex Times - Sarah Clark, Senior Associate - Institute for Conservation Leadership	Personal Care Products & Pharmaceuticals in Our Waterways - Heather Gall, Assistant Professor of Natural Resources Engineering, Penn State	Planting and Post-planting Care for Riparian Forest Buffer Success - Matt Ehrhart, Director of Watershed Restoration, Stroud Water Research Center	Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful - Illegal Dumping in Pennsylvania: A Decade of Discovery - Heidi Pedicone, Program Director - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful; Janet Sweeney, Vice President - Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Palmira Miller, PEC.
	LUNCH	12:15 pm - 1:30 pm				
Concurrent Session #5	1:30 pm - 2:25 pm	Utilizing the Community Organizing and Family Issues methodology to Ensure Safe and Clean Drinking Water for your Stakeholders - Paco Ollervides, Leadership Development Manager - River Network	Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Cooperative and Phase 3 WIP Update - Julie Vastine, ALLARM & Veronica Kasi, PA DEP	Planting Your Rain Garden - Connie Schmotzer, Consumer Horticultural Educator, PSU Extension	Long Term Strategies for Riparian Forest Buffers - Kate Ebel and Michael Hock, Wildlands Conservancy Inc.	
Concurrent Session #6	2:30 pm - 3:25 pm	Engaging Non-traditional Volunteers - Carol Parazan, Middle Susquehanna RiverKeeper	Water Quality Monitoring in the Upper Allegheny River: An Overview of Data and Monitoring Challenges Since 2012 - Bruce Dickson, Redhorse Environmental	Managing Invasives in a Changing Climate - Andrew Rohrbaugh, DCNR Bureau of Forestry	The Role of Watershed Groups in Municipal Stormwater Planning (a.k.a. MS4 101 for Watershed Groups) - Andy Yencha, PSU Extension, Sue Myerov, PEC	
Conference Wrap-Up	3:25 pm- 3:45 pm	Planning an extra special send-off for our attendees. Stay tuned for more information.				

* Times are approximate, schedule subject to change before final conference program.

Color Key	
Set up, Registration Activities	
Breaks/Food	
Special Events	
Concurrent Session	

Wyndham Garden Hotel - 310 Elks Club Road Boalsburg, PA 16827