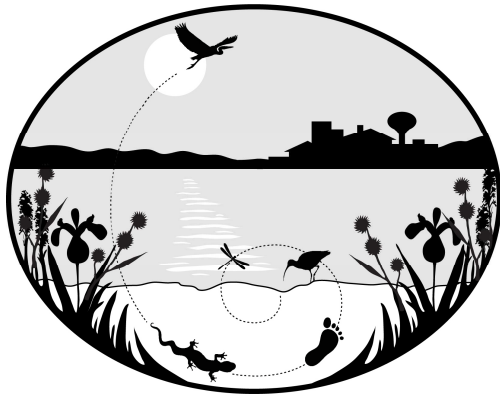


Wetlands in Service



invites you to our 15th Annual Wetland Science Conference to be held February 11-12, 2010 at The Plaza Hotel & Suites in Eau Claire, WI. Details at: www.wisconsinwetlands.org.

As the value of wetlands in providing ecosystem services critical to the health and welfare of our human communities is better recognized, the regional community of wetland scientists and managers must be prepared to address questions regarding the role of and impacts on wetlands in providing these services. In order to advance collaboration among wetland experts and enthusiasts, WWA will convene the regional wetland community in 2010 for our 15th Annual Wetland Science Conference. The program will address the ecosystem services provided by wetlands – see program agenda and highlights below. Join us and contribute to a growing regional collaboration for protecting and conserving wetlands in Wisconsin and beyond.

Thursday, February 11, 2010

8:00	Registration
9:00 -12:00	Plenary Session (details below)
1:00 – 5:00	Concurrent Sessions
5:30 – 6:30	Poster Session & Cash Bar Reception
6:30 – 9:00	Banquet Dinner & Presentation (details below) and Conclusion of Silent Auction

Friday, February 12, 2010

8:30 – 12:30	Concurrent Sessions
1:30 – 4:30	Field Trips, Workshops, Working Groups
<u>Field Trips</u>	<u>Workshops</u>
• Watershed Approaches	• Leading Cooperative Efforts
• Muddy Creek SWA	• Effective Project Management
• Private Restorations	<u>Working Group</u>
	• WI Climate Change Initiative

Visit www.wisconsinwetlands.org for details on conference accommodations, sponsorship, our silent auction and more. A complete program with speakers, titles and session schedules will be posted by mid-December.

PLENARY: THEME OVERVIEW – *Wetlands in Service*

Joy Zedler, Professor of Botany and Aldo Leopold Chair in Restoration Ecology, UW-Madison.

Dr. Zedler will describe how wetland services have changed over time, asking what it would mean to have "enough" wetlands. She will explore which wetland types, where and how much are needed to satisfy changing needs, while setting an ambitious goal for Wisconsin to remain a national leader in wetland protection, restoration and promotion.

PLENARY: KEYNOTE – *Condition, Function and Ecosystem Services: Connections and Disconnections in Wetland Assessment and Protection*

John Mack, Chief of Natural Resources for Cleveland Metroparks.

Does high condition correlate with high function? What can condition-based assessment methods tell us about wetland function or ecosystem services? Do "functional assessments" really measure function? What are the ramifications for wetland assessment and protection if function is high and condition is low? Drawing on his experience in developing wetland assessment methods, monitoring numerous natural and mitigation wetlands, developing urban ecosystem services restoration programs, and implementing multiple wetland condition assessment projects, John will address the interface between the wetland condition, function and ecosystem services.

BANQUET PRESENTATION

Michael Perry, Author, Humorist, Speaker.

Eau Claire area resident Michael Perry is a humorist and author of the bestselling memoirs **Population 485: Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time**, **Truck: A Love Story** and **Coop: A Year of Poultry, Pigs and Parenting**, as well as the essay collection **Off Main Street**. He has written for Esquire, Outside, Backpacker, and Orion. Perry's humorous video essays about rural life appear regularly on Wisconsin Public Television. He grew up running the swamps (*wetlands!*) of Chippewa County, and currently lives with his family on a farm in rural Wisconsin. He can be found online at www.sneezingcow.com.

FIELD TRIPS, WORKING GROUPS & WORKSHOPS

For detailed descriptions for field trips, working groups, and workshops, visit www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2010fieldtrips.htm. If you are interested in attending a field trip, working group or workshop, please indicate this on your registration to help us plan.

FT1: Watershed Approach to Wetland Restoration, Leaders: Mike Dahlby, Ashley Steinke & JD Armstrong. Chippewa Co.

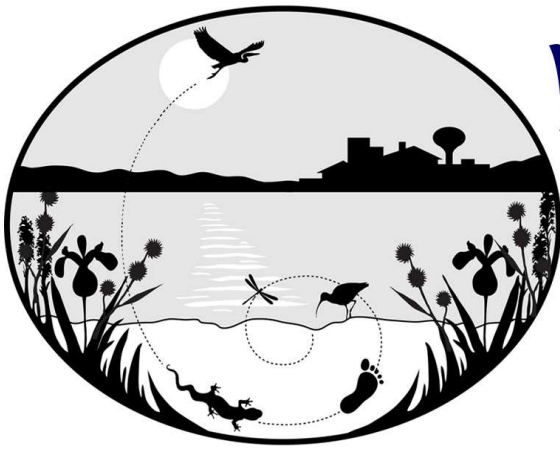
FT2: Muddy Creek State Wildlife Area, Leaders: Mandy Little, Jess Carstens & Matthew Kuchta. Dunn Co.

FT3: Private Wetland Wildlife Restorations, Leaders: John Dunn, Jon Olson & Lee Christenson. Eau Claire Co.

WG: The Wisconsin Climate Change Initiative – Representatives from the Water Resources Working Group of the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts will lead this 2-hour session to gain input from Wisconsin's wetland community. Details online.

WS1: Leading Cooperative Efforts – Led by the Institute for Conservation Leadership. 1:30 – 3:00 PM

WS2: Effective Project Management – Led by the Institute for Conservation Leadership. 3:30 – 4:30 PM



Wetlands in Service

15th Annual Conference

February 11-12, 2010
Eau Claire, Wisconsin



REGISTRATION FORM

Conference details online: www.wisconsinwetlands.org. Call WWA at 608-250-9971 with questions.
To register, complete this form and mail it with your registration check or credit card info to:
Wisconsin Wetlands Association, 222 S. Hamilton St. #1, Madison, WI 53703.

Note: Please circle whether contact info below is for your home (H) or work (W).

Name _____ Affiliation _____
 Address (H / W) _____ Email (H / W) _____
 _____ Phone (H / W) _____

Join WWA to take advantage of member discounts! Basic membership starts at \$30/year and includes our quarterly newsletter, free field trips, electronic notice of wetland events and news, and the chance to support wetlands in WI.

A Note About Registration Fees: Fees include access to all conference sessions and field trips, a printed program with abstracts, lunch on both days, coffee and refreshments throughout, and a spiral bound notebook with conference logo. Register before the Jan. 1 “early bird” deadline to save \$20. A limited number of scholarships may be available – email programs@wisconsinwetlands.org for an application. No refunds will be made for cancellations after Feb. 5, 2010. See www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2010registration.htm for our full cancellation policy.

REGISTRATION FEES: WWA's 2010 Wetland Science Conference							Amount	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I'd like to take advantage of discounted conference rates by becoming a member of Wisconsin Wetlands Association today! Basic membership starts at \$30/year.							\$	
<i>Please select the rate that applies</i>	Both Days		Thursday Only		Friday Only			
	Before 1/1	After 1/1	Before 1/1	After 1/1	Before 1/1	After 1/1		
WI Wetlands Assn. Member	\$130	\$150	\$80	\$100	\$70	\$90	\$	
Non-member	\$170	\$190	\$105	\$125	\$85	\$105	\$	
Student	\$60	\$80	\$40	\$60	\$30	\$50	\$	
# Banquet Tickets	Entrée selection						\$	
___ Conference participants \$32	___ <i>Chicken Chardonnay</i> : chicken with asiago cheese and mushrooms in a light cream sauce							
___ General public \$37	___ <i>Tuscany Summer</i> : vegetables and garlic-sautéed tofu over fettuccini with creamy Alfredo sauce							
Field Trips: Friday, Feb. 12, 1:30 – 4:30 PM. Please choose from the following if you wish to go on a field trip:							(field trips included in registration fee)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Approach , Chippewa Co. <input type="checkbox"/> Muddy Creek SWA , Dunn Co. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Restorations , Eau Claire Co.								
Working Group & Workshops: Friday, Feb 12. Please choose from the following if you wish to attend a workshop.							(workshops included in registration fee)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Climate Change Initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Leading Cooperative Efforts <input type="checkbox"/> Effective Project Management								
Mail registration form (checks payable to WI Wetlands Association) to 222 S. Hamilton St. #1, Madison, WI 53703								
Card # _____	Expiration date: _____	Contact #: _____						
Cardholder name: _____	Billing address: _____	TOTAL:				\$		