

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH – DAY 1

7:45 REGISTRATION BEGINS

8:00 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (INCLUDED)

9:00-9:30 OPENING REMARKS

James Plummer, NEIWPCC

Susan Sullivan, NEIWPCC

Stephen Landry, NHDES

9:30-10:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ted Diers, Administrator, Watershed Management Bureau, NHDES

Mel Cote, Surface Water Branch Chief, US EPA R1

Harry Stewart, Senior Associate, Normandeau Associates

10:30-11:00 BREAK

11:00-12:00 GENERAL SESSION 1

HYDROMODIFICATION

John Magee, NH Fish and Game Department, and **Jim MacCartney**, National Parks Service

The Nash Stream Restoration Project: restoring riverine processes and connectivity

Stephen Landry, NHDES, and **Sarah Widing**, Inter-Fluve

Resiliency on the Suncook River – Perspective after 13 years of avulsion, analyses, and construction

12:00-1:00 LUNCH (INCLUDED)

1:00-2:45 CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2

SOCIAL SCIENCE

James Houle, UNH Stormwater Center

Advancing adoption and implementation of GSI through a Diffusion on Innovation Approach

Brian Eisenhauer, Plymouth State University

To Adopt or Not? Using Social Science in Watershed Planning to Promote the Adoption of Residential Best Management Practices

Laura Byergo, NH Seacoast Community Volunteer, and **Lisa Loosigian**, NHDES

Managing a State Soak Up the Rain Program: Creating Capacity and Culture

RURAL ROADS

Emily Bird and **Jim Ryan**, VTDEC

From Bennington to Burlington: Bringing Vermont's Municipal Roads to a Common Standard for Water Quality

Jason Sorenson, USGS

Potential nutrient load reduction through municipal leaf management

Dana Allen, Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC

Stormwater BMPs for constrained transportation corridors in rural areas – a case study from Vermont's country roads

2:45-3:15 BREAK

3:15-5:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3

COASTAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Nathaniel Merrill, US EPA Atlantic Ecology Division

When and where to intervene? Coastal nutrient loading, groundwater travel times, and watershed dynamics

Kate Mulvaney, US EPA Atlantic Ecology Division

Social Acceptance of Alternative Nutrient-Reduction Technologies in Estuaries

Holly Drinkuth and Christopher Clapp, TNC, and Marry Anne Taylor, CDM Smith

Innovative Nonpoint Source Pollution Management for Coastal Ecosystem Recovery on Long Island and around Long Island Sound: (Suffolk and Westchester County, New York and coastal Connecticut)

LAKE WATER QUALITY

Chris Navitsky, The FUND for Lake George

A Model for Protection – Improving Water Quality Through Septic System Management at Lake George, NY

Linda Schier, Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance, and Sally Soule, NHDES

The Elephant in the Outhouse – Failed Septic Systems and Lake Water Quality

Danielle Wain and Charlie Baeder, 7 Lakes Alliance, and D. Whitney King, Colby College

The East Pond Treatment: a Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Lake Management

5:30-7:30 EVENING RECEPTION

PORTSMOUTH GAS LIGHT CO. (64 MARKET ST)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH – DAY 2

7:45 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (INCLUDED)

8:30-10:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS 4

STORMWATER & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Michelle West, Horsley Witten Group, Inc.

The Designs, They Are A-Changin': Evolution of Stormwater Designs for Maintenance (Part 1)

Matthew Lehman, Horsley Witten Group, Inc.

High performance modular biofiltration systems – overcoming shortfalls of traditional vegetated BMPs (Part 2)

Bill Boulanger, City of Dover, NH DPW, and James Houle, UNH Stormwater Center

Every Day Counts – Simpler, more effective and maintainable stormwater innovations from Departments of Public Works

SEA LEVEL RISE AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Lauren Townley, NYS DEC

Offsetting the impacts of climate change on water quality in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Geoffrey Glover and Brian Laverriere, Horsley Witten Group, Inc.

IT'S ALIVE! Living Shorelines Protecting our Coastal Communities

Jayne Knott, UNH, and Sherry Godlewski, NHDES

Potential Water Quality Impacts Associated with Groundwater Rise Caused by Sea-Level Rise

10:00-10:30 BREAK

10:30-12:30 GENERAL SESSION 5

319 PROJECT SUCCESSES AND FAILURES

Benjamin Lundsted, Comprehensive Environmental, Inc., Jebb Curelop, Baboosic Lake Association, and Jeff Marcoux, NHDES

Brief History of Baboosic BMPs: Overcoming barriers with watershed planning... and Bulldozers. The Baboosic Lake Watershed Restoration Plan and Implementation in Amherst and Merrimack, New Hampshire

State NPS Coordinators and Project Managers. Facilitated by Stephen Landry, NHDES

Battle of the Bads – because NPS project management and implementation is not always sunshine, rainbows, puppies, and unicorns. Come hear from your peers how fighting through tears over the last 30 years has led to cheers...most of the time.

12:30 CLOSING REMARKS

1:30 – 4:00 FIELD TRIPS (LUNCH INCLUDED IF REGISTERED)

#1: LIVING SHORELINES TOUR

Kirsten Howard, Coastal Resilience Coordinator, NH Coastal Program, Tom Ballestero, UNH Stormwater Center, and David Burdick, UNH Jackson Estuarine Research Laboratory

FROM ARMORED TO LIVING: REINTRODUCING RESILIENCE TO OUR SHORELINES

This project converted a rip rap shoreline into a fringing salt marsh. Site designs included a seaward “habitat rock” sill, imported soils, and geomorphically consistent metrics (slopes, lengths, drainage, etc.) that account for sea-level rise. The project used living shoreline techniques to restore portions of habitat in Cutts Cove by: 1) enhancing the diversity and quality of approximately 60,000 sq ft of mudflat habitat through addition of native shell substrate; 2) partially removing 200 linear feet of shoreline armoring, creating 5,000 sq. ft. of new tidal marsh and a 3,000 sq. ft. vegetated tidal buffer zone; and 3) creating functional connections among tidal habitats and adjacent upland to provide for habitat migration. A new public park will be built landward of the living shoreline project site and will enable higher visibility and educational opportunities for living shoreline approaches in New Hampshire.

#2: STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM & GUNDALOW COMPANY’S SHEAFE WAREHOUSE WATER HAS A MEMORY: THE IMPACT OF SEA-LEVEL RISE ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

Rodney Rowland, Director of Special Projects and Facilities, Strawberry Banke Museum

Strawberry Banke Museum is an authentic 10-acre outdoor history museum dedicated to bringing 300+ years of American history in a Portsmouth waterfront neighborhood to life. The 10-acre museum campus incorporates the Puddle Dock neighborhood, named for its earliest incarnation as a tidal inlet. Though the inlet was long ago filled, it is among the lowest land points in the city and a natural conduit for draining water. This has offered an opportunity for the museum to partner with the city to take a first look how coastal communities are most vulnerable to impacts from a changing climate and start to plan for resiliency. Attendees will tour historic buildings impacted by groundwater rising during extreme high tide events and provide examples of solutions implemented at the museum.

CHANGING NATURE – 400 YEARS IN THE PISCATAQUA REGION

Gretchen Carlson, Program Manager, The Gundalow Company

Today, the nonprofit Gundalow Company’s mission “to protect the Piscataqua Region’s maritime heritage and environment through education and action” is more important than ever. Each year, thousands of people spend a few hours sailing onboard the world’s only Piscataqua Gundalow. Attendees will explore issues like water quality, habitat protection, and stewardship. Our public sail programs include sunset sails, concert sails, speaker sails and more, all with a message that if you experience it – you will care about it, and if you care about it – you will protect it. A recently added exhibition in the Sheafe Warehouse, an historic waterfront warehouse, explores the past, present, and future of the Piscataqua River and Great Bay Estuary through text, images, and interactive displays. Our tour will include visiting the Gundalow docked on the Piscataqua River and experiencing the new Sheafe Warehouse exhibit.