

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conservation District Watershed Specialist Meeting**  
Toftrees Golf Resort & Conference Center, State College, PA  
October 4-6, 2016

**Tuesday, October 4**

*All sessions are in Silver Maple I unless otherwise noted*

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- 9:30 am to 10:00 am**      **Registration**
- 10:00 am to 10:30 am**      **Opening Remarks**
- ✧ Doug Goodlander, Conservation Program Manager, DEP Office of Water Resources Planning
  - ✧ Aaron Ward, Water Program Specialist, DEP Office of Water Resources Planning
- 10:30 am to 11:10 am**      **Climate Change: Science, Policy, and How It Can Affect You**
- ✧ Carol Collier, Senior Advisor for Watershed Management and Policy, The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
- 11:10 am to 11:45 am**      **Delaware River Watershed Initiative: Unique Program to Improve Water Quality - Will It Be Helpful in Your District?**
- ✧ Carol Collier, Senior Advisor for Watershed Management and Policy, The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
- Noon to 1:00 pm**              **Lunch (Aspen Room)**
- 1:15 pm to 2:00 pm**        **Adult Education: How to Attract and Engage Adult Learners**
- ✧ Chris Kemmerer, Chief, Education and Interpretation Section, DCNR Bureau of State Parks
- 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm**        **Project Showcase: Education with Purpose**
- ✧ Krista Scheirer, Watershed Specialist, Montgomery Conservation District
- 2:45 pm to 3:00 pm**        **Break**
- 3:00 pm to 5:15 pm**        **Watershed Specialist Project Showcase**
- ✧ A Rivers Conservation Plan for the 20D State Watershed: Fool's Errand or Worthwhile Venture?  
*Jennifer Dann, Watershed Specialist, Washington Conservation District*
  - ✧ How Can Google Earth Pro Help Watershed Specialists?  
*John Levitsky, Watershed Specialist, Luzerne Conservation District*
  - ✧ Unassessed Waters Initiative  
*Cary Entz-Rine, Watershed Specialist, Lycoming Conservation District*
- 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm**        **Photo Contest and Networking (Silver Maple II & III)**
- 6:00 pm**                      **End of Day's Activities – Dinner on Your Own**

## Wednesday, October 5

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8:00 am to 9:00 am	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>
9:00 am to 9:45 am	<b>The Role of Good Taxonomy &amp; Taxonomic Certification in Water Quality Assessment</b> ✧ Bern Sweeney, Taxonomic Certification Committee Co-chair, Society for Freshwater Science
9:45 am to 10:30 am	<b>DEP Incremental Improvements Policy</b> ✧ Diane Wilson, Environmental Group Manager, DEP Bureau of Conservation and Restoration
10:30 am to 10:45 am	<b>Break</b>
10:45 am to 11:45 am	<b>Regional Breakouts with Watershed Managers</b> ✧ South East – Silver Maple I ✧ South West – White Oak Room ✧ North East – Silver Maple III ✧ North West – White Oak Library ✧ North Central – Silver Maple II ✧ South Central – Cedar Cove
Noon to 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15 pm to 3:15 pm	<b>Watershed Managers Meeting (Cedar Cove)</b>
1:15 pm to 2:15 pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> ✧ <b>What Can the PACD Engineering Assistance Program Do For You? (Silver Maple II)</b> Eric Robertson PE, Conservation Engineer, PACD Engineering Assistance Program ✧ <b>Stormwater Breakout (White Oak Library)</b> This breakout will include two presentations from the Villanova Urban Stormwater Partnership at Villanova University – <i>Rain Garden Evapotranspiration Accounting</i> by Amanda Hess – <i>A New Chapter for Urban Green Infrastructure: Monitoring and Modeling to Drive Next Generation Designs</i> by Cara Albright ✧ <b>NAACC Protocols for Road-Stream Crossing Assessments (Silver Maple I)</b> Kathleen Lavelle, Field Coordinator, Coldwater Habitat Restoration Program, Trout Unlimited ✧ <b>Utilizing Mine Drainage Residuals (Silver Maple III)</b> Amy Wolfe, Director, PA Coldwater Habitat Restoration Program & Eastern Abandoned Mine Program, Trout Unlimited
2:15 pm to 2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	<b>Breakout Sessions Repeat</b>
3:30 pm to 3:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:45 pm to 5:00 pm	<b>Breakout by Experience Level</b> <i>See the back of your name badge for your breakout room.</i>
5:00 pm	<b>End of Day's Activities – Dinner on Your Own</b>

## Thursday, October 6

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- 8:00 am to 9:00 am**      **Networking Breakfast**
- 9:00 am to 9:45 am**      **Hydrilla in Pennsylvania: Dealing with Nature's *Almost* Perfect Weed**  
✧ Brian Pilarcik, Watershed Specialist, Crawford Conservation District, and  
President-Elect of the Pennsylvania Lake Management Society
- 9:45 am to 10:30 am**      **Harmful Algae Blooms**  
✧ Bryan Swistock, Senior Extension Associate and Water Resources Coordinator,  
Penn State Extension
- 10:30 am to 10:45 am**      **Break**
- 10:45 am to 11:45 am**      **Breakout by County Class**  
*See the back of your name badge for your breakout room.*
- Noon to 1:00 pm**      **Lunch**
- 1:15 pm to 2:00 pm**      **Multi-functional Buffers and Riparian Forest Grant Program**  
✧ Kelly Rossiter, AICP, Rivers Program Specialist, DCNR Bureau of Recreation and  
Conservation
- 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm**      **State Wildlife Action Plan**  
✧ Diana Day, Conservation Coordinator, PA Fish & Boat Commission  
✧ Catherine Haffner, Wildlife Biologist and Conservation Planning Coordinator,  
Pennsylvania Game Commission, Bureau of Wildlife Management
- 2:45 pm to 3:00 pm**      **Break**
- 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm**      **Pennsylvania's State Water Plan**  
✧ David Jostenski, Director, Planning and Conservation Division, DEP Office of Water  
Resources Planning
- 3:45 pm**      **Turn in Evaluations and Depart (Registration Desk)**  
*Thank you for being a part of this year's meeting. We wish you safe travels!*