



NWC Spring Workshop 2026
Tools for Protecting and Preserving Our Watershed Investments
Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green, KY
April 7 – 9, 2026

Agenda

April 7 – Dam Engineers

- 7:30 AM Registration
- 7:30 AM Breakfast/Networking
- 9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions
- *Tom Goode, Chair, NWC*
 - *Jay Nelson, Division Director, KY Department of Natural Resources*
 - *Gene Saurborn, Executive Director, NWC*
- 9:30 AM NRCS Watershed Update
- 10:00 AM Dams 101, Understanding Your Dams
Chris Stoner, PE, Dams and Levees Engineer, FNI, OK
Tony Grubbs, PE, Dams and Levees Engineer, FNI, NC
- Dam, What is it? – Tony Grubbs
 - Dam, Why was it built? – Tony Grubbs
 - Dam, How was it made? – Tony Grubbs
 - Dam, How does it work? – Tony Grubbs
 - Dam Statistics – Chris Stoner
 - Dam Terminology – Chris Stoner
 - Dam Regulations – Chris Stoner
 - Dam Development – Chris Stoner
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM History of the Watershed Program
- 12:00 PM Lunch (Provided onsite)
- 1:00 PM Dams 102
- Inspecting Your Dam – Tony Grubbs
 - Common Issues that can Cause Your Dam to Fail – Tony Grubbs
 - Seepage Case History – West Virginia
 - Operating and Maintaining Your Dam – Chris Stoner

- 2:30 PM Break
- 2:45 PM Challenges and Benefits of Dam Ownership
- Responsibilities – Tony Grubbs
 - Dam Safety Regulations – Chris Stoner
 - Benefits of Dam Ownership – Chris Stoner

5:00 PM Adjourn

Dinner on your own

April 8 – Cool Tools to Better Manage Your Dams

- 7:30 AM Breakfast/Networking
- 9:00 AM DamWatch
- 9:45 AM Drones
Inspections – *Taylor Green, Water Resources Engineer, FNI, OK*
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Workshop Sponsor Forum
- 11:00 AM Field Trip Prep
- 11:30 AM Grab a lunch and board the buses

In the field

- Dam Site visit –Big Reedy Site 8
 - Parts of a Dam
 - Inspection
- Equipment Demonstrations

Dinner Provided

April 9 – Dam Lawyers

- 7:30 AM Breakfast/Networking
- 8:30 AM Sponsor Responsibilities and Liabilities
Janet Stewart, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

10:00 AM	Sponsor Involvement • How to apply for Rehab • During the Planning Phase • During Final Design Approval • During Construction • During Funding Cycles
11:00 AM	Break
11:30 AM	Emergency Actions Plans <i>Preston Wilson, President/CEO, Resilience Solutions Consulting</i>
12:30 PM	2025 KY Floods/EWP <i>Jay Nelson, Division Director, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources</i> <i>Scott Schneider, State Conservation Engineer, NRCS, Kentucky</i>
1:00 PM	Closing

Participants could earn up to 9 PDHs for the completion of this workshop.