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SUNDAY, JULY 18 | REGISTRATION OPEN 12–5 PM | CONVENTION CENTER

MONDAY, JULY 19 | REGISTRATION OPEN 7 AM–6 PM | CONVENTION CENTER

7:30 am – 12:30 pm	Training 101: Compensatory Mitigation ♦ 301	
12:30 – 2:30 pm	PART I: A Path to For-Profit Mitigation on Public Lands (Inform) ♦ 302	
2:45 – 5 pm	PART II: A Path to For-Profit Mitigation on Public Lands (Working Group) ♦ 302	
12:45 – 5 pm	Outdoor Classroom 1. Phantom Mill ♦ Meet at 12:30 pm in front of Convention Center — Bus departs at 12:45 pm	
3 – 5 pm	Training 102: Creating Endowments for Mitigation Banking ♦ 301	Funding Your Mitigation Project ♦ 304
5:15 – 6:15 pm	NEW! Invest Connect at Bank Tank (advanced sign-up required) ♦ 402	

TUESDAY, JULY 20 | REGISTRATION OPEN 7 AM–6 PM | CONVENTION CENTER

8 am – 12:30 pm	Outdoor Classroom 2. Daniels Creek Mitigation Bank ♦ Meet at 7:45 am in front of Convention Center — Bus departs at 8 am		
8:30 – 10 am	TRAINING 102: Contracting for Credits ♦ 301	TRAINING 102: Stream Banking ♦ 302	
10:30 am – 12 pm	TRAINING 102: Conservation Banking ♦ 301	TRAINING 102: Regulatory In Lieu of Fee and Banking Information Tracking System (RIBITS) ♦ 302	
1 – 2:45 pm	TRAINING 102: Credit Types and Joint Banking ♦ 301	TRAINING 102: Provide Long-Term Stewardship that Works ♦ 302	
3 – 4 pm	Transportation Meeting ♦ 301	State Regulators Meeting ♦ 303	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Meeting ♦ 304
5 – 7:30 pm	RECEPTION: Milburnie Dam Field Trip Reception (advanced sign-up required) ♦ Shuttle Buses start at 4:30 p.m. in front of Convention Center		

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 | REGISTRATION OPEN 7 AM–6 PM | CONVENTION CENTER

7:15 – 8 am	Continental Breakfast — Grab a light breakfast in Exhibits ♦ BALLROOM B				
8 – 9:30 am	Banker Forum ♦ BALLROOM C	Client/Customer Forum ♦ BALLROOM A	ILF Provider Forum ♦ 302	Regulator Forum ♦ 402	
10 –11 am	OPENING SESSION ♦ BALLROOM C				
11 –11:30 am	Grab a Box Lunch in EXHIBITS ♦ BALLROOM B				
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Roundtable Discussions ♦ BALLROOM C	Banks and In-Lieu Fees: Commonalities, Differences, and Challenges ♦ BALLROOM A	An Assessment of Closed Stream and/or Wetland Mitigation Sites in North Carolina ♦ 301	The State of The Art in Financial Assurance and Escrow Funding Alternatives ♦ 302	Exploring the Potential in Undeveloped Markets at a National Scale ♦ 402
1 –2:30 pm	GENERAL SESSION: Status & Trends ♦ BALLROOM C				
2:45 –4 pm	GENERAL SESSION: Ways to Improve the 2008 Mitigation Rule ♦ BALLROOM C				
4:15 –5:45 pm	S1. Trends in Business Models ♦ BALLROOM A	S2. Enhanced Technology ♦ 301	S3. Conservation Marketplace in Puget Sound ♦ 302	S4. Regional and Watershed Approaches ♦ 402	
5:45 – 7:15 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION in Exhibit Area — Hosted by GOLD SUPPORTERS				

THURSDAY, JULY 22 | REGISTRATION OPEN 7 AM–6 PM | CONVENTION CENTER

7:30 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast — Grab a light breakfast in Exhibits			
8:30 – 10 am	S5. Improving Financial Assurances ♦ BALLROOM A	S6. Innovative Opportunities in North Carolina ♦ 301	S7. Mitigation on Public Lands and Access ♦ ROOM 302	S8. Dam Removal and Mitigation ♦ 402
10:15 – 11:45 am	S9. Mitigation in the Forestry Sector ♦ BALLROOM A	S10. Lessons Learned from ILF Program Operations ♦ 301	S11. Stream Mitigation and Banking ♦ 302	
11:45 am–1:45 pm	GENERAL SESSION – LUNCH: Opportunities for the Industry in the 2021 Policy Climate ♦ BALLROOM C			
2– 3:30 pm	S12. Opportunities for Investing in Species ♦ BALLROOM A	S13. Collaborating with Tribal Nations ♦ 301	S14. Improving Stream Crediting ♦ 302	
4 – 5:30 pm	GENERAL SESSION: POLICY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH REGULATORS ♦ BALLROOM C			
5:30 – 6:30 pm	NETWORKING SOCIAL in EXHIBITS in Exhibit Area ♦ BALLROOM B			

FRIDAY, JULY 23 | FIELD TRIPS 8 AM – NOON

8 am – Noon	Outdoor Classroom 4. Buffalo Creek Tributaries & Lake Wendell ♦ Meet at 7:45 am in front of Convention Center — Bus departs at 8 am

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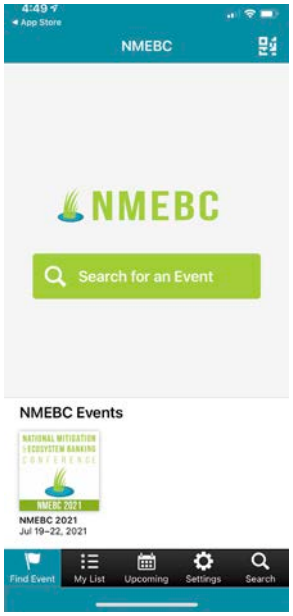

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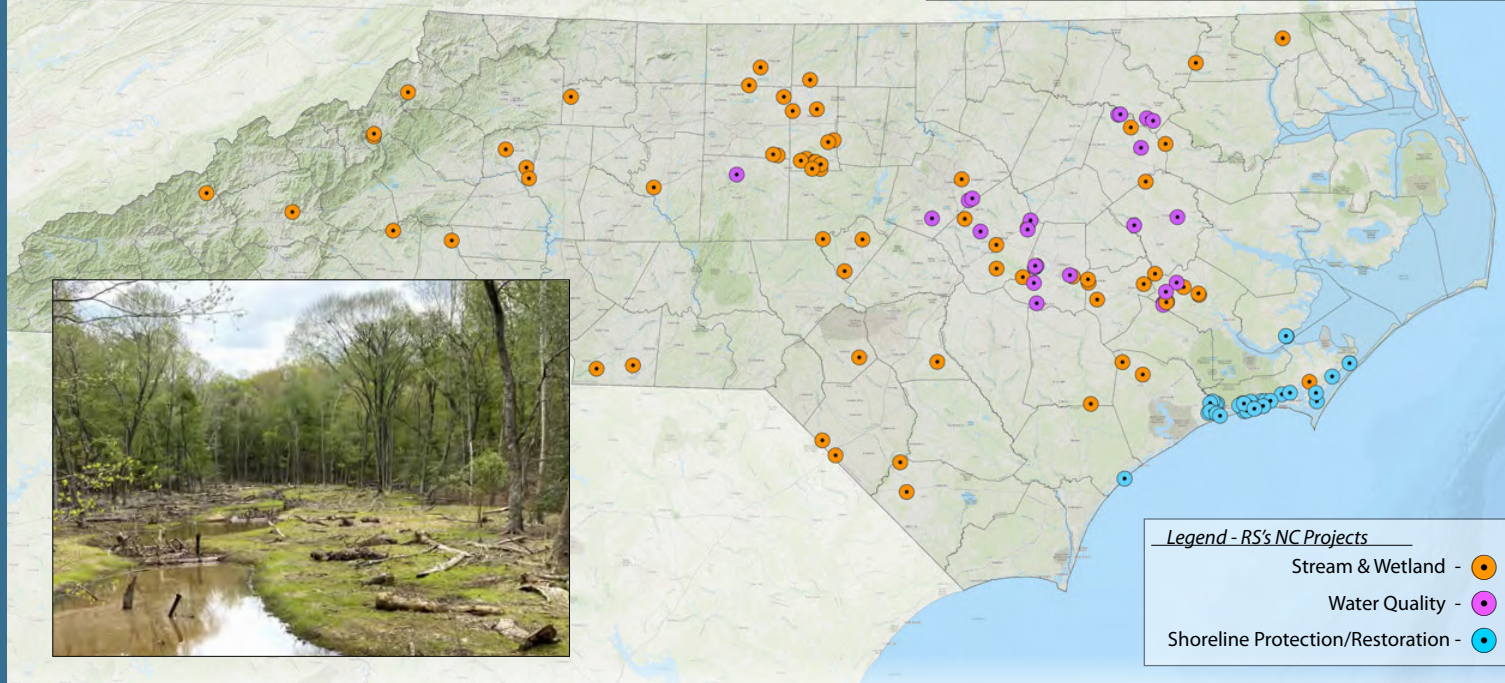

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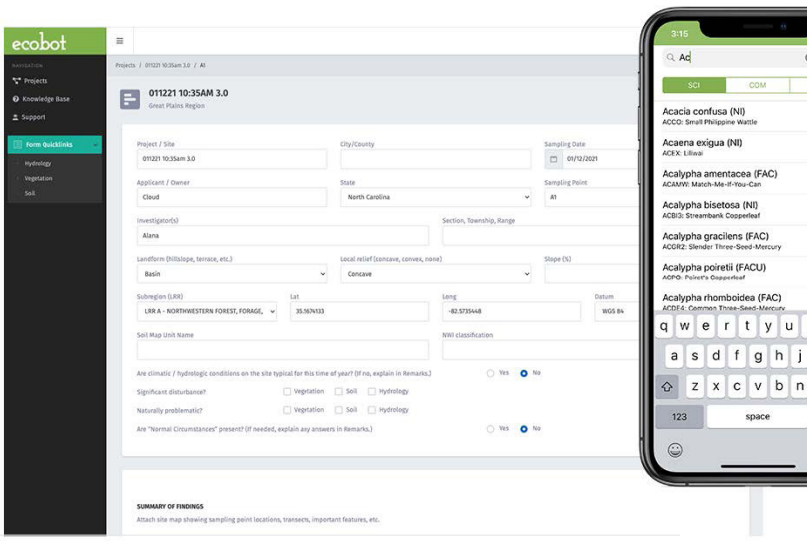

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ABOUT

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BUILD Commercial Construction, LLC is a full service commercial and industrial construction company. Nick Miller, President of BUILD, said "The BUILD team completed a 375 acre marsh and prairies restoration project in 2021 with the EcoSystem Renewal, LLC team. Our expertise in quality ecological restoration construction delivered the project on time and within budget. Our restoration construction division is going to be busy in 3Q2021 working with the ECO team."

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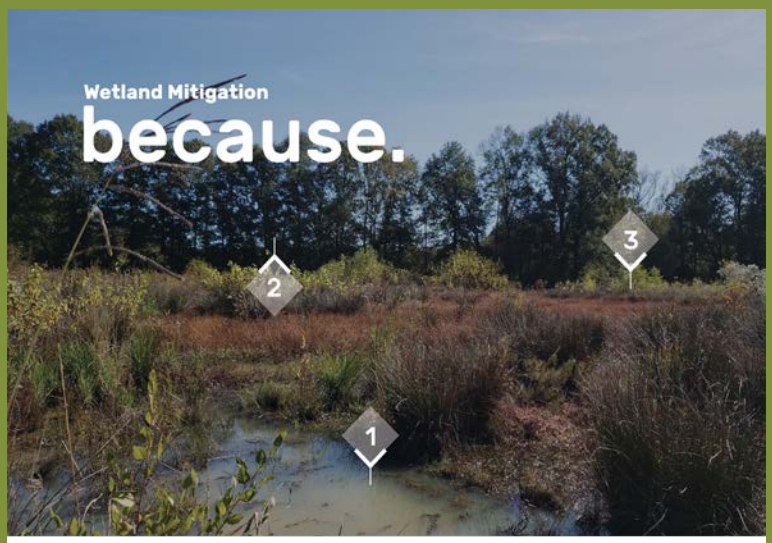

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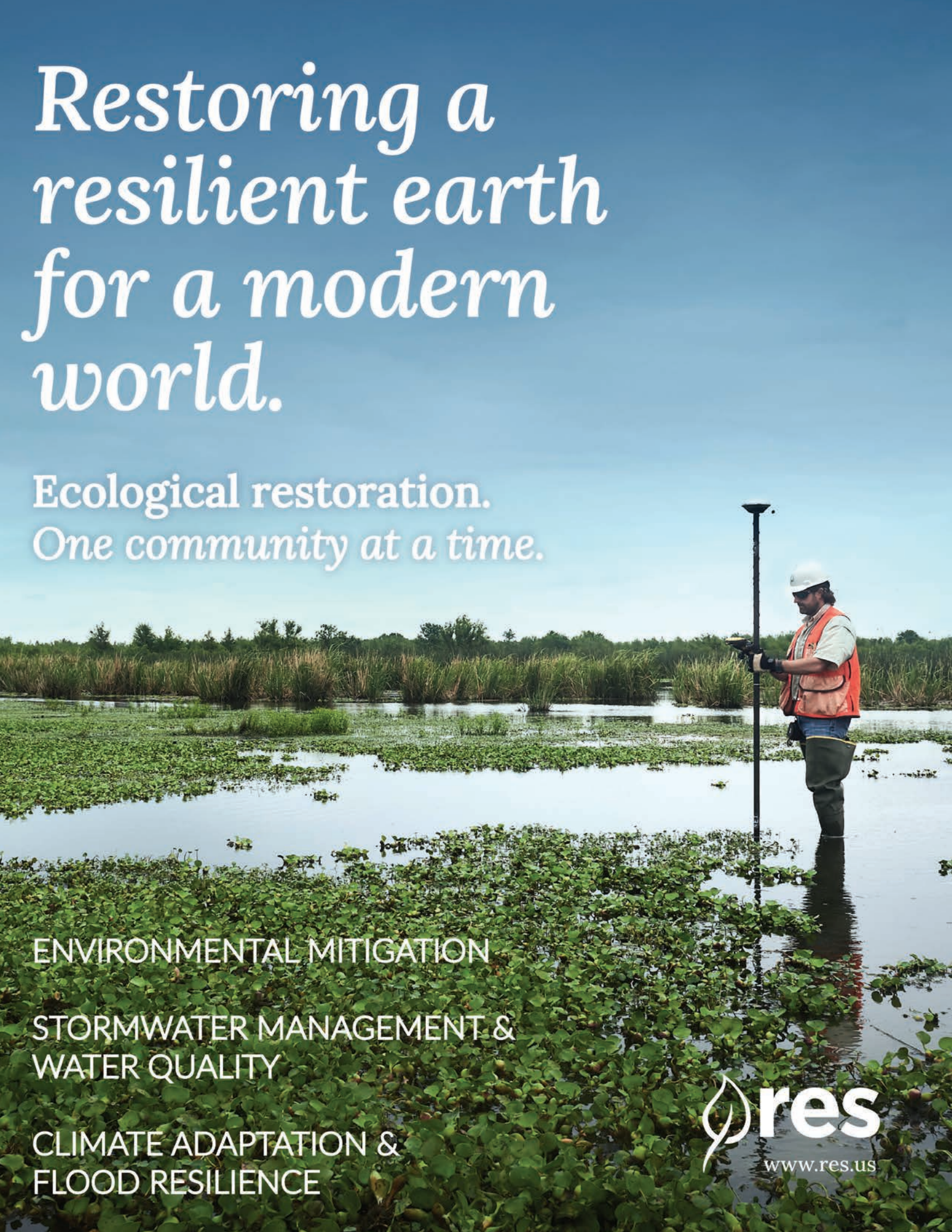
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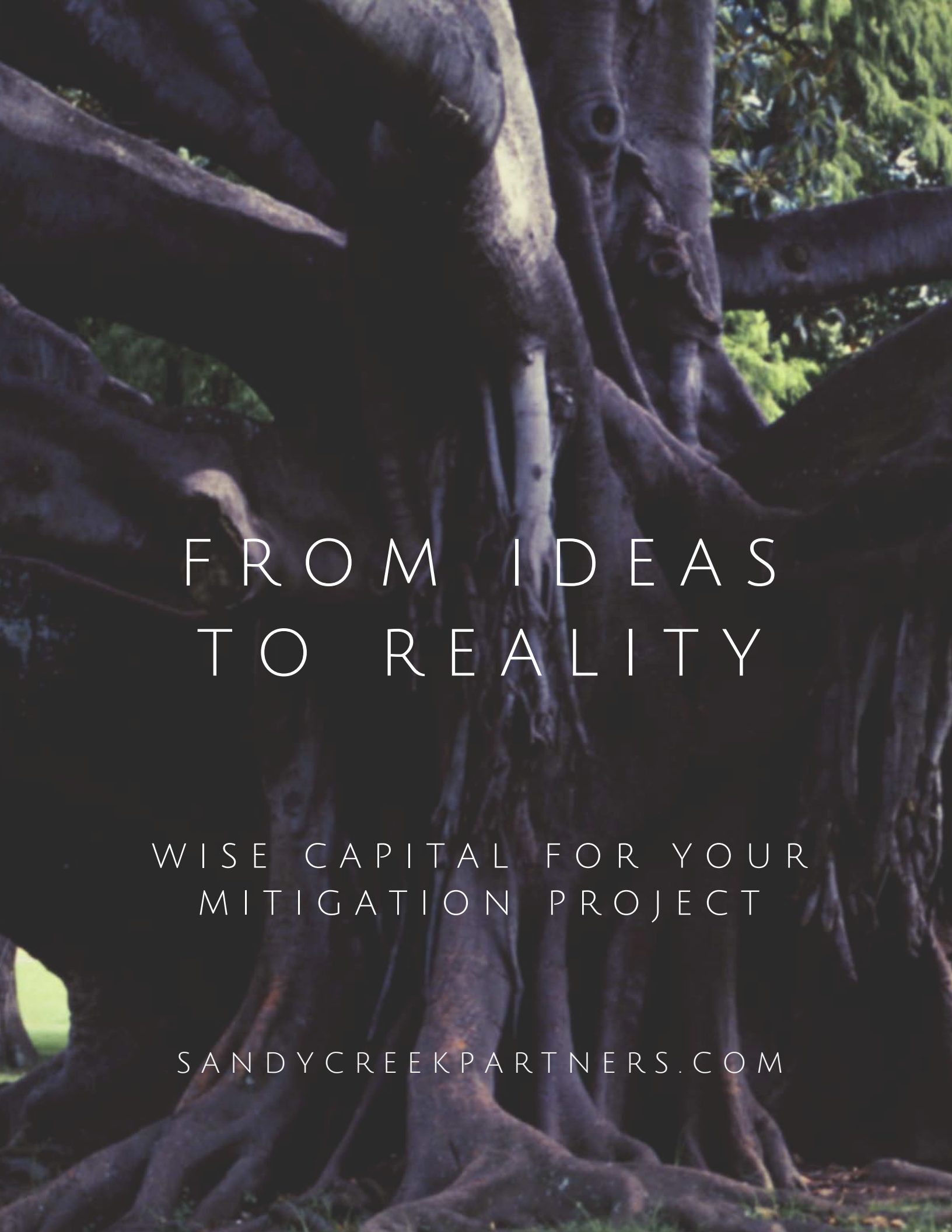

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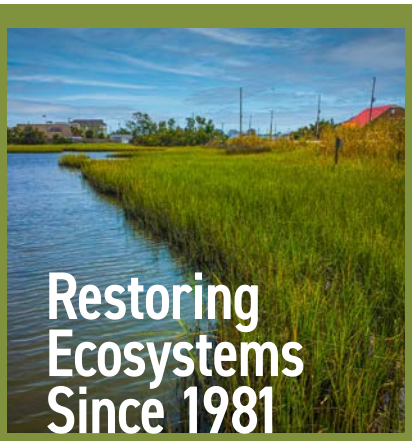

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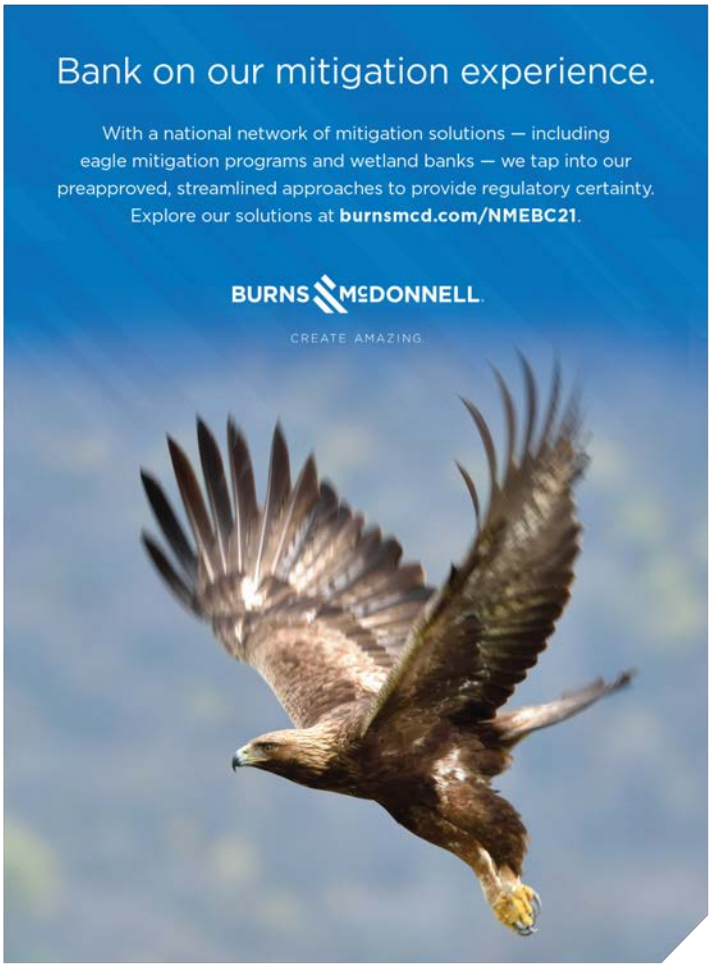

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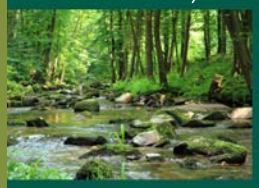

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Outdoor Classroom 2. Daniels Creek Mitigation Bank

Tuesday, July 20 ◆ 8 a.m.–12:15 p.m. (approx. 50-minute drive) ◆ Snack provided

Meet in Raleigh Convention Center Lobby — Bus loads at 12:30 p.m.; departs at 12:45 p.m.

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Participants should wear boots or hiking shoes if possible but its not required in order to to see this project.

On this tour, participants can expect to see wide open vistas over an active farm surrounding the mitigation site and walk through the site to see in-stream structures, floodplain wetlands, and planted and volunteer vegetation. Wildlands will have vehicles on site to transport participants around the site to different access points. Tim Baumgartner (Director of DMS) will be present to discuss how DMS makes decisions to buy bank credits or put out Full Delivery RFPs.

Wildlands recently completed construction of the Daniels Creek Mitigation Bank in the Cape Fear 04 river basin. The Daniels Creek Mitigation Site is located in western Harnett County approximately six miles east of Sanford and 30 miles southwest of Raleigh. The site straddles the dividing line between the Piedmont and Coastal Plain and is a combination of steep headwater streams and larger meandering systems with extensive wetlands throughout the floodplains and headwaters. Prior to restoration, cattle had full access to all streams and relic wetland area on the property. High erosion rates were leading to significant loss of pasture during heavy rain events.

The project involved the restoration and enhancement of over 15,500 feet of incised and straightened streams from the headwaters of ten unnamed tributaries to the main stem of Daniels Creek. Restoration and enhancement of these reaches are providing 12,280 stream credits. The project also restored and enhanced over 23 acres of riparian and non-riparian wetlands. Wildlands installed over 30,000 feet of fence to exclude livestock from all streams, wetlands, and ponds on the property. The site is protected by a 56-acre conservation easement. Stream and wetland credits have been sold to the private sector as well as the Department of Mitigation Services (DMS) providing an example of how DMS' flexibility in credit procurement supports private banks as well as a robust full delivery market.

Judith F. Taggart Founder's Award

The Judith F. Taggart Founder's Scholarship Award was created in honor of the founder of the National Mitigation & Ecosystem Banking Conference and in recognition of Judy's contributions to the conservation of our natural resources over many years of service in the environmental community.

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Judy believed in the importance of a balanced approach to education and outreach, and in convening diverse stakeholders to connect and learn from each other. In addition to NMEBC, Judy was an primary editor of NEPA, created the first outreach materials on nonpoint source for EPA, helped establish the first watershed conference, American Wetlands Month and Audubon's America, as well as the North American Lake Management Society. She also created the popular EnviroScape® models in use throughout the U.S. and abroad. She was a journalist, college English teacher, entrepreneur and successful business owner.

The JFT Founder's Award will be provided to a recipient that demonstrates the ability to collaborate with business, government, NGOs and academia in natural resources to promote environmental conservation and restoration. Recipient is not limited to a specific professional role and could be involved in journalism, communications, science, education and outreach, regulatory, etc., and should demonstrate their contribution to the overall field of the mitigation, conservation and restoration of wetland, streams, water or habitat.

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Outdoor Classroom 4. Buffalo Creek Tributaries & Lake Wendell

Friday, July 23 ◆ 8 a.m.–Noon (approx. 30-minute drive) ◆ Snack provided

Meet in Raleigh Convention Center Lobby — Bus loads at 7:45 a.m.; departs at 8 a.m.

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A unique mitigation opportunity located in a rapidly urbanizing landscape! Join Water & Land Solutions, LLC (WLS) on a tour of their mitigation sites as part of the North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) Full-Delivery program. Tour will stop at Buffalo Creek Tributaries and Lake Wendell sites, with the other three sites included in the driving tour. As a result of implementing these projects, DMS addressed water quality stressors and restoration goals as defined in their Neuse River Basin Restoration Priority Plan, the Wake-Johnston Collaborative Local Watershed Plan, and the Neuse 01 Regional Watershed Plan Phase II. Each site involves the restoration and protection of headwater tributaries within adjacent catchments that drain to Buffalo Creek. This comprehensive watershed approach will provide significant ecological uplift and water quality benefits to over 22,000 linear feet of stream and 20 acres of wetlands. Permanent conservation easements totaling 71 acres will protect riparian corridors and aquatic life use that drain over 1,100 contiguous acres of the Neuse River sub-basin. This unique mitigation opportunity is located in a rapidly urbanizing landscape less than 30 minutes outside of downtown Raleigh, NC.

(Stop) Site 4-Buffalo Creek Tributaries: The Buffalo Creek Tributaries site will involve the restoration, enhancement, and permanent protection of eight reaches and their riparian buffers, totaling approximately 5,029 linear feet. The Project also includes riparian wetland restoration (re-establishment) and enhancement of approximately 3.5 acres. The site catchment has rapidly developed over the past decade. A high school and residential development has drastically increased impervious surface area runoff and stormwater control measures. The project is a great example of how compensatory mitigation can be utilized as a watershed planning and management strategy to restore and protect riparian corridors. (Stop) Site 1-Lake Wendell: When WLS started the Lake Wendell project, the surrounding farm area was in transition from cattle pasture to renewable energy with the additional of a solar farm. The Lake Wendell site is a great example of how the owner diversified the land use to include pasture, conservation, and solar energy. The site involved the restoration, enhancement, preservation and permanent protection of five reaches and their riparian buffers, totaling approximately 4,269 linear feet of streams and 490,477 square feet of riparian buffers. The design approach also included removing a large farm pond and connecting the stream to its geomorphic floodplain.

(driving tour) Site 2-Pen Dell: The Pen Dell site involved the restoration, enhancement, preservation and permanent protection of five reaches and their riparian buffers, totaling 5,064 linear feet and 633,803 square feet. Work also included the installation of agricultural best management practices (BMPs) such as cattle exclusion and sediment basins to reduce pollutant loads and ensure long-term ecosystem sustainability. Site 3-Edwards-Johnson: The Edwards-Johnson site involved the restoration, preservation, and permanent protection of four reaches totaling 3,729 linear feet of streams and their riparian buffers. The site is located between two crop fields and the riparian buffer is providing much needed protection from excess nutrients entering the stream and wetland complex. Site 5-Odell's House: The Odell's House site will involve the restoration, enhancement, preservation and permanent protection of eight reaches and their riparian buffers, totaling approximately 4,313 linear feet of streams and 455,670 square feet of riparian buffers. The project involves two adjacent tributaries separated by a cattle pasture. The project includes the removal of two impoundments and the construction of a headwater stream channel through both pond bottoms. The Project will also include riparian wetland restoration (re-establishment and rehabilitation), enhancement and preservation of approximately 3.9 acres.

SPECIAL EVENT

Milburnie Dam Field Trip Reception

Tuesday, July 20 ◆ 5–7:30 p.m. ◆ Limited capacity and no fee. Sign-up in advance while spots are available ◆ Transportation provided on shuttle buses beginning at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Convention Center

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Restoration Systems is hosting a Eastern North Carolina Pig Pickin' for NMEBC attendees on the Neuse River at the site of the former Milburnie Dam, 7.7 miles east of the Convention Center. The riparian location hosted a dam in various forms since 1760, and in 2017 RS carefully removed the dam and hydroelectric facility to restore seven miles of the Neuse River upstream. Anadromous fish have since re-populated critical but long-lost spawning areas upstream. The 9-acre private parcel managed by RS is entirely surrounded by city parkland, sits directly on the Raleigh Greenway, and is visited by hundreds of people each day. The project is a permitted mitigation bank in Year Four of successful monitoring. Credits are being sold to NCDOT under a long-term credit purchase contract to mitigate for I-540 Outer Beltline stream impacts. **Frolicking and cavorting in the newly revealed Milburnie Falls may require swimwear!**

STEERING COMMITTEE

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Ben Guillon, National Environmental Banking Association
Travis Hemmen, Westervelt Ecological Services
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Diversification and Growth of SER's CERP Program
Christian Lenhart, CERP Coordinator, Society for Ecological Restoration, Roseville, MN

Evaluating Water Quality Before and After Stream Restoration
Gregory Melia, Senior Environmental Specialist, NCDEQ - Division of Mitigation Services, Raleigh, NC
(co-authors: Danielle L. Mir, Water Quality Analyst, Joseph Famularo, Environmental Technician, and Periann Russell, Geomorphologist, NCDEQ - Division of Mitigation Services, Raleigh, NC)

Funding Water Quality Improvements at Nahant Marsh: Thinking Outside the Box with Mitigation Banking
Judith E. Joyce, PWS, Principal/Senior Geomorphologist, Impact7G, Coralville, IA
(co-author: Brian Ritter, Executive Director, Nahant Marsh Educational Center, IA)

Targeting Mitigation in the Neuse River Basin: A Comprehensive Watershed-based Approach
Kayne M. VanStell, CERP, VP Ecosystem Design Services, Water and Land Solutions, LLC, Raleigh, NC
(co-author: Lindsay Crocker, Property Specialist/Project Manager, NC Division of Mitigation Services, Raleigh, NC)

Sustainable Rivers Project and Opportunities for Application in Stream Restoration and Banking
Will D. Spoon, Water Program Practitioner, The Nature Conservancy, North Carolina Chapter

Utility of gSSURGO Data for Hydrogeomorphic Wetland Classification
Jamie Becker, ORISE Participant, US EPA Region IV, Atlanta, GA

California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy Five Year Review and Implementation Status
Bryant Chesney, Senior Marine Habitat Specialist, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Long Beach, CA
(co-authors: Sara Azat, Fish Biologist, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, CA and Elissa Connolly-Randazzo, Pathways Student Trainee, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, OR)

A New Tool Facilitating No Net Loss with Consultations: The Puget Sound Nearshore Conservation Calculator
Stephanie I. Ehinger, Biologist, NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service, Lacey, WA

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Sunday, July 18, 2021

12 p.m.–5 p.m. Registration Open **CONVENTION CENTER FIRST FLOOR LOBBY**

Monday, July 19, 2021

7 a.m.–6 p.m. Registration Open — **CONVENTION CENTER FIRST FLOOR LOBBY**

7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

WORKSHOP — **ROOM 301**

Training 101: Compensatory Mitigation

Jeanne C. Richardson, Mitigation Program Manager, Norfolk District Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lynchburg, VA

Charlotte Kucera, Texas Transportation Liaison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, TX

John Wigginton, Director, Southeast Region, Westervelt Ecological Services, Auburn, AL

Brent Shaver, Entitlement Manager, Westervelt Ecological Services, Auburn, AL

Katherine Birnie, Director of Markets, Ecosystem Investment Partners, Baltimore, MD

12:30 p.m.–5 p.m. **WORKING GROUP SESSION** — **ROOM 302**

A Path to For-Profit Mitigation on Public Lands

12:30–2:30 p.m. **PART I:** Focus on informing of the objectives, challenges and examples.

2:45–5 p.m. **PART II:** Addressing the challenges and obstacles in a working group format.

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FACILITATORS:

Lindsay Teunis, CERP, Principal Restoration Ecologist, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Fort Collins, CO

Deblyn Mead, National Mitigation Lead, Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, CO

Michelle L. Mattson, Ecologist, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria, VA

Jonas Epstein, Conservation Finance Project Specialist, U.S. Forest Service, USDA, Washington, DC

12:45–5 p.m. **Outdoor Classroom 1. Phantom Mill** — **BUS DEPARTS AT 12:45 P.M.**

HOSTED BY Restoration Systems — *(meet at 12:30 p.m. in Convention Center Lobby)*

3 p.m.–5 p.m. **WORKSHOP** — **ROOM 304**

Funding Your Mitigation Project

FACILITATOR: **Gray Stevens**, Managing Partner, Sandy Creek Partners, Naples, FL

3 p.m.–5 p.m. **WORKSHOP** — **ROOM 301**

Training 102: Creating Endowments for Mitigation Banking

FACILITATOR: **Mark S. Laska**, Principal, Eco Endowment Solutions, San Diego, CA

Steve Carter, President, North American Land Trust, Chadds Ford, PA

Travis Hemmen, Vice President, Westervelt Ecological Services, Sacramento, CA

5:15–6:15 p.m. **Invest Connect at Bank Tank with Social** — **ROOM 402**

(included with Business registration; fee for others; advanced sign up required)

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

7 a.m.–6 p.m. Registration Open — **CONVENTION CENTER FIRST FLOOR LOBBY**

8 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **Outdoor Classroom 2. Daniels Creek Mitigation Bank** — **BUS DEPARTS AT 8 A.M.**
HOSTED BY Wildlands Engineering *(meet at 7:45 a.m. in Convention Center Lobby)*

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m. **WORKSHOP** — **ROOM 301**

Training 102: Contracting for Credits – The Process

FACILITATOR: **Travis Hemmen**, Vice President, Westervelt Ecological Services, Sacramento, CA

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m. **WORKSHOP** — **ROOM 302**

Training 102: Stream Banking

Justin Elkins, Mitigation Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington, WV
Travis Crayosky, Senior Principal, Stantec, Williamsburg, VA

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. **WORKSHOP** — **ROOM 301**

Training 102: Conservation Banking

Charlotte Kucera, Texas Transportation Liaison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, TX
Gray Stevens, Managing Partner, Sandy Creek Partners, Naples, FL

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. **WORKSHOP** — **ROOM 302**

Training 102: Regulatory In Lieu of Fee and Banking Information Tracking System (RIBITS)

Valerie Layne, Ecologist, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria, VA
Michelle L. Mattson, Ecologist, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria, VA
Shannon Langford, Senior Software Engineer, Applied Research Associates, Inc., Huntsville, AL
Beattie S. Williams, Owner, Starr Enterprises LLC, Vicksburg, MS

12 p.m.–4 p.m. Exhibit Setup — **BALLROOM B**

12–1 p.m. Lunch Break (on your own)

1 p.m.–2:45 p.m. **WORKSHOP** — **ROOM 301**

Training 102: Credit Types, Joint and Multi-Purpose Banking

George W. Kelly, Managing Director, Quantified Ventures, Denver, CO
Susan-Marie Stedman, Wetland Scientist, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Silver Spring, MD
Palmer Hough, Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC
Jeanne C. Richardson, Mitigation Program Manager, Norfolk District Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lynchburg, VA
John Yarchoan, Founding Partner, Magnolia Land Partners, Philadelphia, PA

TUESDAY, JULY 20 (CONTINUED)

1 p.m.–2:45 p.m. **WORKSHOP** — **ROOM 302**

Training 102: How to Provide Long-Term Stewardship that Works

Greg DeYoung, AICP, Vice President Emeritus, Westervelt Ecological Services and ERBA Board Member, Sacramento, CA

Steve Martin, Mitigation Specialist, Mitigation Consultant, Norfolk, VA

Mike Rolband, PE, PWD, PWS Emeritus, President, Resource Protection Group, Inc., Gainesville, VA

Matt Gause, CERP, Ecological Resources & Land Stewardship Director, Westervelt Ecological Services, Sacramento, CA

Angela Sturdevant, Stewardship Manager, The Nature Conservancy, Indianapolis, IN

3–4 p.m. **Transportation Meeting** — **ROOM 301**

FACILITATOR: **Sean Connolly**, Environmental Program Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Transportation, Columbia, SC

3–4 p.m. **State Regulators Meeting** *(for State Regulators)* — **ROOM 303**

FACILITATOR: **Tim Rach**, ASWM Ex Officio Board Member and Program Administrator, Division of Water Resource Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

3–4 p.m. **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Meeting** *(for USACE)* — **ROOM 304**

FACILITATOR: **David Olson**, Regulatory Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC

5 p.m.–7:30 p.m. **RECEPTION** — **SHUTTLES BUSES START AT 4:30 P.M. IN FRONT OF CENTER**

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Wednesday, July 21, 2021

7 a.m.–6 p.m. Registration Open — **CONVENTION CENTER 2ND FLOOR • BALLROOM FOYER**

7:15–8 a.m. Continental Breakfast — ***Grab a light breakfast in Exhibits*** — **BALLROOM B**

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m. **Banker Forum** — **BALLROOM C**

FACILITATORS:

Ben Guillon, National Environmental Banking Association

Adam Riggsbee, Ecological Restoration Business Association

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m. **Customer/User/Impactor Forum** — **BALLROOM A**

FACILITATORS:

Michael Ruth, Professional Geologist, Ecologist/Registered Professional Geologist, Project Development & Environmental Review, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, DC

Evan Branosky, Associate Vice President of Government Affairs, Home Builders Association of Virginia, Richmond, VA

Sean Connolly, Environmental Program Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Transportation, Columbia, SC

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m. **ILF Provider Forum** — **ROOM 302**

FACILITATOR: **Tim Baumgartner**, Director, North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services, NCDEQ, Raleigh, NC

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m. **Regulator Forum** — **ROOM 402**

FACILITATORS:

David Olson, Regulatory Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC

Jennifer Moyer, Chief, Regulatory Program, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC

Andy Beaudet, Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC

Charlotte Kucera, Texas Transportation Liaison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, TX

Palmer Hough, Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

9:30–10 a.m. Networking Break w/Exhibits — **BALLROOM B**

10 a.m.–11 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION** — **BALLROOM C**

OPENING SESSION

MODERATOR: **George W. Kelly**, Managing Director, Quantified Ventures, Denver, CO

Welcome to NMEBC 2021

Carlene T. Bahler, President , JT&A, inc. and Chair of NMEBC Steering Committee, Herndon, VA

Welcome to North Carolina

John Nicholson, Chief Deputy Secretary
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Raleigh, NC

Scott McLendon, Chief of Regulatory, Wilmington District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington, NC

Keynote Address

Zach Schafer, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

11–11:30 a.m. Networking Break w/Exhibits — ***Grab a Box Lunch*** **BALLROOM B**

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

BREAKOUT 1 – FACILITATED SESSION **BALLROOM A**

Banks and In-Lieu Fees: Commonalities, Differences, and Challenges

FACILITATOR: **Sara Johnson**, Executive Director, Ecological Restoration Business Association, Washington, DC
Tim Baumgartner, Director, NC Division of Mitigation Services, Raleigh, NC
George Howard, Co-Founder and CEO, Restoration Systems, Raleigh, NC
Greg Kernohan, Conservation Director-Environmental Markets, Ducks Unlimited, Fort Collins, CO
Travis Hemmen, Vice President, Westervelt Ecological Services, Sacramento, CA

BREAKOUT 2 – FACILITATED SESSION **ROOM 301**

An Assessment of Closed Stream and/or Wetland Mitigation Sites in North Carolina

MODERATOR: **Todd Tugwell**, Regulatory Project Manager, USACE Wilmington District, Raleigh, NC
Steve Kichefski, Regulatory Project Manager, USACE, Asheville, NC
Kim Browning, Mitigation Regulatory Project Manager, USACE, Wake Forest, NC
Mac Haupt, Retired; former Stream & Wetland Mitigation Coordinator, NC Division of Water Resources, Raleigh, NC
Erin B. Davis, PWS, Stream/Wetland Mitigation Coordinator, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Water Resources, Raleigh, NC

BREAKOUT 3 – FACILITATED SESSION **ROOM 302**

The State of The Art in Financial Assurance and Escrow Funding Alternatives

FACILITATORS:
David J. Dybdahl, CIC, CPCU, ARM, MBA, President, American Risk Management Resources Network, LLC, Middleton, WI
Michael Hill, Founder and CEO, Blue Dot Climate Insurance, Washington DC

BREAKOUT 4 – FACILITATED SESSION **ROOM 402**

Exploring the Potential in Undeveloped Markets at a National Scale

FACILITATORS:
Jody L. Bickel, CEO, Creekbank Associates, Stone Ridge, VA
Wayne White, CEO, W-Squared Consulting, Citrus Heights, CA
Daniel Perkins, Director of the Division of Sustainability and Environment, D & E Technical, Inc., Urbana, IL

BREAKOUT 5 – FACILITATED ROTATING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS **BALLROOM C**

Topic Discussion A – Advance Mitigation Purchase

FACILITATOR: **Sean Connolly**, Environmental Program Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Transportation, Columbia, SC

Topic Discussion B – A Conversation on Species Credits

FACILITATOR: **Doug Bruggeman**, PhD, President, Ecological Services and Markets, Marshall, NC

Topic Discussion C – Streams of Revenue

FACILITATOR: **Rebecca Lave**, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Topic Discussion D – Moving Toward a Natural Resource Currency-Valuing Ecological Systems & Functions

FACILITATOR: **Pamela J. Fetterman**, M.S. Env. Science, Owner & Principal Scientist, ecoGENESIS, LLC, Sarasota, FL

Topic Discussion I – Sales and Marketing

FACILITATOR: **Sarah Correa**, Sales and Marketing Manager, Westervelt Ecological Services, Sacramento, CA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 (CONTINUED)

12:30–1 p.m. Networking Break w/Exhibits **BALLROOM B**

1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION** **BALLROOM C**

STATUS AND TRENDS

MODERATOR: **Katherine Birnie**, Director of Markets, Ecosystem Investment Partners, Baltimore, MD

Third-Party Mitigation Activity 2008–2019
Michelle L. Mattson, Ecologist, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria, VA

Species and Conservation Banking Activity
Jason Miller, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Branch of Environmental Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC

Characterization of Non-404 Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank and ILF Activity
Steve Martin, Mitigation Specialist, Mitigation Consultant, Norfolk, VA

2:30–2:45 p.m. Networking Break w/Exhibits **BALLROOM B**

2:45 p.m.–4 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION** **BALLROOM C**

WAYS TO IMPROVE THE 2008 MITIGATION RULE

This panel begins with an introduction and overview of the new Bank and ILF instrument and prospectus workbooks and checklists in development, including challenges and considerations involved in developing a guide relevant to the novice and expert, and applicable across most if not all districts and states. This presentation will be followed by a moderated discussion on ways to improve the 2008 Mitigation Rule.

MODERATOR: **Palmer Hough**, Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

PANELISTS:

Erin Knauer, Environmental Scientist, Ecosystem Planning & Restoration, Columbia, MD

Brian Topping, Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

John P. Woodley, Jr., NEBA Representative and Principal of Environmental and Energy Practice Group, Advantus Strategies, Richmond, VA

Greg DeYoung, ERBA Representative and Vice President Emeritus, Westervelt Ecological Services, Sacramento, CA

4–4:15 p.m. Networking Break w/Exhibits **BALLROOM B**

4:15–5:45 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

SESSION 1 **BALLROOM A**

Trends in Business Models

MODERATOR: **George I. Platt, III**, JD, General Counsel, The Wetlandsbank Company, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Ben Guillon, CFA, CEO, Conservation Investment Management, Denver, CO

Elliott Bouillion, Executive Chairman, Resource Environmental Solutions, Bellaire, TX

SESSION 2 — **ROOM 301**

Enhanced Technology for Improved Performance

MODERATOR: **Tara Allden**, Sr. Project Manager, Kimley-Horn, Columbia, SC

Leverage Technology and Ensure Mitigation Banking Success
Nathan Ober, PG, Vice President, Water & Land Solutions LLC, Crested Butte, CO

Streamlining Monitoring Review & Standardizing Data Presentation with Interactive Applications
Jamie Blackwell, Watershed Planning Manager, North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services, NCDEQ, Raleigh, NC

Wetland Monitoring and Delineations — Accurate, Timely and Cost-Effective
Jeremy Schewe, PWS, Chief Scientific Officer, Ecobot, Asheville, NC

SESSION 3 — **ROOM 302**

A New Conservation Marketplace in the Puget Sound

MODERATOR: **Dan Berlin**, PWS, Principal Scientist, Anchor QEA, LLC, Seattle, WA
Stephanie I. Ehinger, Biologist, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Lacey, WA
Ahren Stroming, Executive Policy Advisor, Puget Sound Partnership, Olympia, WA
Kelley Jorgensen, President of Conservation, Plas Newydd, LLC, Ridgefield, WA
Jon Sloan, Senior Manager, Environmental Programs, Port of Seattle, WA

SESSION 4 — **ROOM 402**

Regional and Watershed Approaches

MODERATOR: **David Urban,** P.E., Managing Director, Ecosystem Investment Partners, Baltimore, MD

Developing the Cincinnati-Area Environmental Mitigation Model to Support Regional Efforts
Margaret M. Minzner, Senior Environmental Planner, OKI Regional Council of Governments, Cincinnati, OH

The Intersection of Mitigation and Conservation in South Carolina: History, Success and Challenges for the Future
Robert D. Perry, Senior Mitigation Strategist, Palustrine Group, Columbia, SC
CO-AUTHORS: Nate Berry, South Carolina Director, Open Space Institute; Sean Connolly, Environmental Program Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Transportation; Tommy Cousins, President, Palustrine Group; David Ray, Interim Executive Director, Lowcountry Open Land Trust ; Lorianne Riggin, Director Office of Environmental Programs, SC Department of Natural Resources; Raleigh West, Director, South Carolina Conservation Bank

Wetland and Stream Mitigation Banking in South Carolina
David B. Wilson, Mitigation Specialist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, Charleston, SC

5:45–7:15 p.m. **WELCOME RECEPTION**

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7 a.m.–6 p.m. Registration Open — **CONVENTION CENTER 2ND FLOOR • BALLROOM FOYER**

7:30–8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast — ***Grab a light breakfast in Exhibits*** — **BALLROOM B**

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

SESSION 5 — BALLROOM A

Improving Financial Assurances

MODERATOR: **Amelia Savage**, Shareholder, Hopping Green & Sams, Tallahassee, FL

PANELISTS:

Jeanne C. Richardson, Mitigation Program Manager, Norfolk District Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lynchburg, VA

Robert Spoth, President, Ecosystems Insurance Associates, LLC, Onancock, VA

Matthew Beernaert, Vice President, Underwriting, Tokio Marine HCC – Surety Group, Farmington, CT

SESSION 6 — ROOM 301

Innovative Opportunities in NC

MODERATOR: **Todd Tugwell**, Regulatory Project Manager, USACE Wilmington District, Raleigh, NC

The NC Full-Delivery RFP: 20 Years Old and Getting Better!
Tim Baumgartner, Director, North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services, NCDEQ, Raleigh, NC
John Preyer, President, Restoration Systems, Raleigh, NC

Flood Reduction Credits
Tim Baumgartner, Director, North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services, NCDEQ, Raleigh, NC

Joint Mitigation Banking—The Importance of State & Federal Agencies Working Together
Katie Y. Merritt, Nutrient Offset and Riparian Buffer Mitigation Program Coordinator, Division of Water Resources, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Raleigh, NC

SESSION 7 — ROOM 302

Mitigation on Public Lands and Access

MODERATOR: **Lindsay Teunis**, CERP, Principal Restoration Ecologist, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Fort Collins, CO

Incorporating Mitigation Strategies into Land Use Plans—Increasing Mitigation Opportunities and Decreasing Risk
Deblyn Mead, National Mitigation Lead, Headquarters, c/o Colorado Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, CO

Mitigation on Public Lands Under the 2008 Mitigation Rule
David Olson, Regulatory Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC

SESSION 8 **ROOM 402**

Dam Removal and Mitigation

MODERATOR: **Mark A. Ray,** M.S. Applied Ecology, Principal, RayEA, LLC Ecological Applications, Kennesaw, GA

Applying RGL 18-01 - An Innovative Approach for Mitigation Proposals
Ross Nelson, President/COO, American Mitigation Company, Mt. Pleasant, SC
Vincent McCarron, Mitigation Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Transportation, Columbia, SC

Klamath Dam Removal Project
Tim DeGraff, Vice President and Region General Manager, West, Resource Environmental Solutions, Sacramento, CA

Dam Removal for Mitigation - Status Update
George Howard, Co-Founder and CEO, Restoration Systems, Raleigh, NC

10–10:15 a.m. Networking Break w/Exhibits **BALLROOM B**

10:15–11:45 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

SESSION 9 **BALLROOM A**

Mitigation in the Forestry Sector

MODERATOR: **Jonas Epstein**, Conservation Finance Project Specialist, U.S. Forest Service, USDA, Washington, DC
PANELISTS:

Doug Hughes, Senior Manager, Mitigation Bank Business, Weyerhaeuser, Hattiesburg, MS
John Wigginton, Director, Southeast Region, Westervelt Ecological Services, Auburn, AL
Jimmy Bullock, Senior Vice President, Forest Sustainability, Resource Management Service, LLC, Birmingham, AL
Dick Kempka, Vice President–Conservation, Molpus Woodlands Group, Jackson, MS

SESSION 10 **ROOM 301**

Lessons Learned from ILF Program Operations

MODERATOR: **Steve Martin**, Mitigation Specialist, Mitigation Consultant, Norfolk, VA
Patti Grace-Jarrett, PhD, Senior Project Manager, Louisville District USACE, Louisville, KY
Jeanne C. Richardson, Mitigation Program Manager, Norfolk District Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lynchburg, VA
Karen Johnson, Director, Wetland and Stream Mitigation, Virginia Chapter, The Nature Conservancy, Richmond, VA
Devin Schenk, Mitigation Program Manager, Ohio Field Office, The Nature Conservancy, Dublin, OH
Tim Baumgartner, Director, North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services, NCDEQ, Raleigh, NC
Chris Gurney, Wetlands Program Director, Impact Directed Environmental Accounts, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, San Francisco, CA
Susan L. Baker, Biologist/Mitigation Banking and ILF Specialist, Buffalo District, USACE, Buffalo, NY

SESSION 11 — **ROOM 302**

Stream Mitigation and Banking

MODERATOR: **Tyler Thigpen Bell**, Restoration Ecologist, Rocky Mountain Region, Westervelt Ecological Services, Centennial, CO

Stream Restoration on Coal Mining Impacted Properties, WV
Troy Anderson, CERP, Assistant Director of Operations, Ecosystem Investment Partners, Baltimore, MD
Timothy A. Denicola, PG, CFM, Project Manager/Geologist, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., Bridgeport, WV

A Cherokee Darter Mitigation PRM - Five Years of Monitoring
Mark A. Ray, M.S. Applied Ecology, Principal, RayEA, LLC Ecological Applications, Kennesaw, GA

Reedy Creek Stream Mitigation Project: A Watershed Scale Design-Build Stream Mitigation Project in Charlotte, NC
Shawn Wilkerson, President, Wildlands Engineering, Inc., Charlotte, NC

Northern Virginia Stream Restoration Bank — Case Study of an Urban Stream Priority 1 Mitigation Project Restoring Riparian Wetlands
Mike Rolband, PE, PWD, PWS Emeritus, Board Member, Davey Resource Group, Inc., Gainesville, VA

11:45 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

LUNCH PANEL — **BALLROOM C**

Opportunities for the Industry in the 2021 Policy Climate

MODERATOR: **Sara Johnson**, Executive Director, Ecological Restoration Business Association, Tysons, VA

Update and insights on legislative and policy implications for the industry.

Linda Morrison, Senior Advisor, Dawson Associates, Franklinton, NC
Gary Loew, Senior Advisor, Dawson Associates, Washington, DC

2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

SESSION 12 — **BALLROOM A**

Creating Opportunities for Investing in Species

Greg Schildwachter, PhD, Principal, Watershed Results, Washington, DC
Wayne Walker, Principal, Common Ground Capital, Edmond, OK
Ken Sanchez, Regulatory Manager, Western Region, Resource Environmental Solutions, Sacramento, CA

SESSION 13 — **ROOM 301**

Collaborating with Tribal Nations

MODERATOR: **Donna Downing**, Senior Legal Policy Advisor, Association of State Wetland Managers, Windham, ME

PANELISTS:

Michael Bolt, Water Quality Section Supervisor, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC
Heather Bartlett, Environmental Specialist, Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe, Roseburg, OR
Donald H. Ross, Chairman, EarthBalance, North Port, FL

SESSION 14 **ROOM 302**

Improving Stream Crediting

MODERATOR: **Adam Riggsbee**, President, RiverBank Conservation, Austin, TX

Session will begin with a presentation of initial findings and scientifically supported recommendations for improving stream mitigation outcomes from a nationwide effort spearheaded by EPA that explored the use of linear-based, area-based, and other units of measure, including those that have been implemented by regulatory authorities, to calculate impacts and offsets to different types of streams. This presentation will be followed by a moderated discussion.

PANELISTS:

Tracie-Lynn Nadeau, PhD, Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Portland, OR

Brian Topping, Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

David Olson, Regulatory Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC

Mike Rolband, PE, PWD, PWS Emeritus, President, Resource Protection Group, Inc., Gainesville, VA

Cidney Jones, PE & CFM, Water Resources Engineer, Ecosystem Planning and Restoration, Fort Montgomery, NY

Martin Doyle, Director, Water Policy Program, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solution, Durham, NC

3:30–4 p.m. Networking Break w/Exhibits **BALLROOM B**

4 p.m.–5:30 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION** **BALLROOM C**

POLICY ROUNDTABLE WITH THE REGULATORS

MODERATOR: **Tim Male**, Executive Director, Environmental Policy Innovation Center, Washington, DC

Susan-Marie Stedman, Wetland Scientist, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Silver Spring, MD

Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC

Brian Frazer, Director of the Oceans, Wetlands, and Communities Divisions, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

Jennifer Moyer, Chief, Regulatory Program, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington DC

5:30–6:30 p.m. **NETWORKING SOCIAL in the EXHIBITS** **BALLROOM B**

7 p.m.–9 p.m. EXHIBIT BREAK DOWN

Friday, July 23, 2021

8 a.m.–Noon **Outdoor Classroom 4: Buffalo Creek Tributaries & Lake Wendell: Developing Watersheds/Land-Use Change** **BUS DEPARTS AT 8 A.M.** *(meet at 7:45 a.m. in Convention Center Lobby)*

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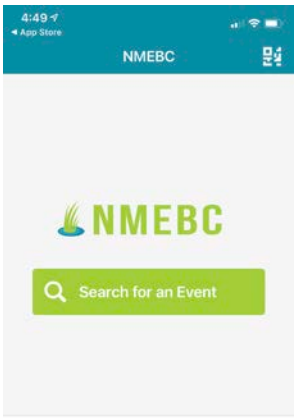

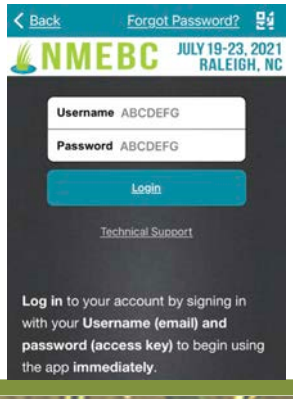

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