

# The Society of Women Environmental Professionals Capital Chapter

## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTIONS

April 13, 2017

The Conference Center at Central Penn College  
600 College Hill Road, Summerdale, PA 17093

### AGENDA



\*4 PDHs available for Pennsylvania PE & PG

- 7:30 – 8:00 Exhibitor and Scholarship Poster Contest Set-up
- 8:00 – 8:45 Registration, Exhibits, Refreshments and Scholarship voting
- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcome  
**Sara Blascovich, SWEP Capital Chair, HDR Inc.**
- 9:00 – 9:30 Opening - TBD
- 9:30 – 10:45 **Pennsylvania Agriculture Panel**  
Moderator: Diane Wilson, SWEP Capital Chapter Vice Chair, Pennsylvania DEP  
Panelists: ***Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Toolbox***  
Stephanie Zimmerman, Bureau of Farmland Preservation, PA Department of Agriculture  
***Pennsylvania Invasive Plant Species***  
Trilby Libhart, State Botanist, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
***Agriculture, Drones and UAV's***  
J. Craig Williams, Pennsylvania State University Extension Dairy/Crop Team
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break, Exhibits, and Scholarship voting
- 11:00 – 12:15 **Morning Concurrent Panel Discussions**
- Session 1: Pennsylvania Restoration Panel**  
Moderator: Shelby Freyeremuth, SWEP Capital Chapter Secretary, Pennsylvania DEP  
Panelists: ***Legacy Sediments***  
Jeff Hartranft, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
***Case Study of Ecological Restoration Projects in Pennsylvania***  
Katie Wolfe, Resource Environmental Solutions  
***The Natural History of a Vernal Pond for a Year***  
Gene Wingert, Professor, Department of Biology - Dickinson College
- Session 2: Chesapeake Bay Panel**  
Moderator: Diane Wilson, SWEP Capital Chapter Vice Chair, Pennsylvania DEP  
Panelists: ***A Case Study in Chesapeake Bay Restoration at the Local Level***  
Kelly Gutshall, President, Landstudies  
***It's all Local – How community efforts make a big difference***  
Lisa Schaefer, Director of Government Relations, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania  
***Overview of Policies and Tools Pennsylvania is using to reduce Nitrogen, Phosphorus***

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#### ***and Sediment in the Susquehanna and Potomac Watersheds***

Ted Tesler, Chesapeake Bay Technical Coordinator, DEP's Chesapeake Bay Office

12:15 – 12:45

*Lunch*

12:45 - 1:15

**Landscape Planning – The Nature Conservancy**

1:15 – 2:30

**Afternoon Concurrent Panel Discussions**

#### **Session 1:**

#### **Pennsylvania Health Panel**

Moderator:

Amy Williams, SWEP Capital Chapter Treasurer, Pennsylvania DEP

Panelists:

#### ***Radon Exposure and Lung Cancer***

Joanna Stoms, Public Health Program Administrator, Pennsylvania Department of Health

#### ***Zika/Lyme Disease***

Allison Longenberger, PhD, MPT, Epidemiologist, Pennsylvania Department of Health

#### ***The Unseen Impacts of Environmental Health: West Nile Virus and Wild Birds***

Lisa Williams, Wildlife Biologist – Grouse, Woodcock, Mourning Doves, Pennsylvania Game Commission

#### **Session 2:**

#### **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Panel**

Moderator:

Namita Sinha, SWEP Capital Chapter - Marketing/Public Relations Chair, Susquehanna Civil Inc.

Panelists:

#### ***PennDOT Connects***

Drew Ames, Bureau of Project Delivery, PennDOT

#### ***Publication 281 updates, Hazwaste & Management of Fill on PennDOT Projects***

John S. Clarke, Licensed Professional Geologist, Bureau of Maintenance and Operations, Maintenance Technical Leadership Division, SEMP Section, PennDOT

#### ***Stormwater Management and MS4***

Daryl St. Clair, Sp. Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration, PennDOT

2:30 – 3:00

**Mentoring & Networking Round Table Session**

3:00 – 3:15

**Break**

3:15 – 3:45

*Closing*

#### **Infrastructure and Redevelopment in Pennsylvania**

Denise Brinley, Special Assistant to the Secretary, PA Department of Community and Economic Development

3:45 – 4:00

Wrap-Up, Evaluations, Scholarship announcements, and distribution of PDH Certificates