



WETLANDS 2007

General Information:

The Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc., Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and Virginia Tech are pleased to announce that plans are underway for Wetlands 2007. This national symposium will examine scientific, legal and management tools to protect and restore headwater wetlands and streams through watershed management plans. Such plans can sustain and improve the ecological and social services provided by wetlands and related water resources. **Duration:** Conference: 3 days, August 28-30; Field Trip/Workshops, August 27

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Audience: Wetland and aquatic resource managers, scientists, consultants, lawyers, federal, tribal, state, and local government staff, state legislators, legislative and Congressional staff, not for profits and others with interest and expertise in wetland issues.

Organized by: Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc.

Symposium Co-Chairmen: Jeanne Christie, Executive Director, Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc.; Dave Davis Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; Jon Kusler, Associate Director, Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc.

Conference Challenge: In recent years, scientific and engineering studies have documented the watershed value of ecological and social services provided by headwater wetlands and tributary streams. These include wetlands in and along tributary streams, vernal pools, seeps, and many other types of depressional wetlands. Protecting and restoring these areas is critical to sustaining the ecological and social services provided by aquatic resources including larger riverine and coastal systems. The loss of these critical resources results in threats to human health and safety, and higher costs for drinking water, storm water management, flood protection and recreation. However, federal, state and local programs face impediments to protection and restoration efforts.

The purpose of this symposium is to identify opportunities and integrated strategies for protecting and restoring headwater wetlands, streams as well as larger waterways and coastal resources. The loss of the services provided by these aquatic resources results in threats to human health and safety, and higher costs for drinking water, storm water control, flood protection and recreation.

Regional Advisory Committee: A regional advisory committee will provide region-specific information, help identify volunteers, and carry out additional responsibilities leading up to and through the conference. In addition, the regional advisory committee will provide ideas on plenary and break-out session topics, speakers, etc., share and distribute information on the conference and serve as a conduit for communication with various interest groups.

Sponsors and Cooperating Parties: Organizations, agencies, private, and nonprofit organizations are invited to become a sponsor or cooperating party supporting Wetlands 2007. There are many ways to support the conference. If interested, please contact Jeanne Christie at (207) 892-3399 or jeanne.christie@aswm.org. For sponsorship levels, please see <http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/sponsor2007.htm>.

Lodging:
[Colonial Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center](#)

About Williamsburg: Williamsburg is part of Virginia's Historic Triangle which includes Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. Colonial Williamsburg includes 500 restored and reconstructed buildings spread over 301 acres. Historic Jamestown was the first permanent settlement on North America. The Jamestown fort dates from 1607. Yorktown battlefield was the turning point in the Revolutionary war where General Washington defeated General Cornwallis with the help of the French

Deadlines for Wetlands 2007 Symposium:

June 29
[Sponsor Commitment Form and Ad Deadline](#)

July 13
Conference Early Bird Registration Ends

July 14
Regular Registration Begins (July 14-August 22)

August 7
[Hotel Reservation Deadline](#)

August 22
Regular Registration Ends (please note; from August 22-26 registration will be closed and registrations will be processed on-site beginning Monday, August 27).

August 27
On Site Registration Begins

Workshop/Field Trips will be held on August 27 and include:

[Wetland Prediction Workshop for Beginning GIS Practitioners](http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#00)
http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#00

[Wetland Prediction Workshop/Shirley Plantation Tours](http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#22)
http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#22

[Shirley Plantation History, Hydric Soils, and Created Wetlands - 400 Years of History](http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#22)
http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#22

[Combined Rice Center/Shirley Plantation Field Trip](http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#11)
http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#11

[History, Wetlands and the Shorelines of Jamestown and Yorktown](http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#33)
http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/field_trip.htm#33

Registration Fees:

ASWM Members: \$225; ASWM Nonmembers: \$250; and Speakers: \$200 if registering by July 13, 2007. Registration fee includes: conference materials; lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday; and Tuesday evening reception. Early discount registrants will also receive a one-year individual ASWM membership (through 12/08). (Organizations registering three or more individuals as a group may request a corporate membership instead.) See http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/wetlands2007_registration.htm for more information.

Registration Forms:

[Speaker Registration Form](#)

[Participant Registration Form](#)

For more information: Visit the ASWM conference web site for updates and information on Wetlands 2007 at <http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2007/wetlands2007.htm>.

Questions Regarding Program, Please Contact:

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Questions Regarding General Registration, Speaker Registration, and Exhibits, Please Contact: Laura Burchill, Association of State Wetland Managers, 2 Basin Road, Windham, ME 04062; (207) 892-3399; Fax: (207) 892-3089; laura@aswm.org.