

ASWM Approves New Five-Year Strategic Plan for 2018-2022

Every five years, the Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) reviews and renews its organizational strategic plan. ASWM's last strategic plan was in effect from 2013-2017. ASWM's strategic plan guides the work of the organization and serves as a tool to evaluate progress towards its goals.

Over the last year, ASWM completed a thorough review of progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the 2013-2017 strategic plan, documenting significant progress towards all goals and groundwork laid to continue to make continued progress towards achieving its strategic goals. All goals are centered on achieving ASWM's mission - *"to promote the protection and restoration of wetlands and related aquatic resources, to apply sound science to wetland management and policy, and to provide training, education and capacity building for our members and the public."*

Over the last six months, ASWM's board worked to review, revise and approve a new 2018-2022 strategic plan, which was approved by the board on January 10, 2018. The ASWM's new Strategic Plan positions ASWM to make continued progress on its six organizational goals (**see inset box**). Meanwhile, our objectives continue to evolve in order to allow ASWM to make the greatest impact with available science, policies, resources, and technology.

We encourage you to take a moment to download the plan and review it, [which can be found here](#).

ASWM's 2018-2022 Strategic Goals

Goal A. To be a recognized leader in supporting and promoting science-based wetlands conservation, protection and management, and to ensure that state and tribal programs are fully integrated into national wetland policy.

Goal B. To build the capacity of wetland managers and public officials at all levels of government to participate in wetland policy development and to build strong, science-based wetland programs.

Goal C. To educate wetland managers, public officials, and others with regard to current wetland science, policy, comprehensive management, and the use of new technologies and techniques for wetland planning, assessment, restoration, mitigation and program implementation.

Goal D. To more fully integrate wetlands into broader water programs including water quality protection, flood protection, safe drinking water, natural water infrastructure, fish and wildlife management, watershed management, management for severe weather events, climate change adaptation, and ecosystem-based planning.

Goal E. To sustain an active and growing membership.

Goal F. To be fiscally competent and administratively responsible.