Federalism Re-envisioned: Exploring Possibilities for Enhanced State and Tribal Roles in Water Resources Protection, Conservation and Management

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<td>Meeting Director</td>
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If you are interested in becoming a meeting sponsor, please send an email to Brenda Zollitsch at brenda@aswm.org.
**Host Organization**

The Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc.

**Background**

The purpose of this annual meeting is to support state and tribal wetland program managers, and other wetland professionals as they respond to challenges in the coming year. Changes proposed to Clean Water Act jurisdiction anticipate a larger role for states and tribes in protecting state/tribal waters. These changes will require states and tribes to re-evaluate their respective programs for protecting water resources, specifically state/tribal dredge and fill programs. This could also lead to an increased interest in Section 404 State/Tribal Assumption, as well as require consideration of new legislation in many states that lack the authority to issue dredge and fill permits. Reduced federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act will also change the relationship between state wetland programs and other federal programs such as the Endangered Species Act, the Oil Pollution Control Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and floodplain management programs.

Changes in water resource programs should be grounded in sound science, smart policies, and integrated decision-making. New initiatives will require outreach about the benefits and challenges of proposed program changes with partners and the public on many levels. To meet these needs, presentations and discussions during this year’s two-day meeting will cover a range of topical issues. Day one, Wednesday, April 11, will be an open meeting exploring changes proposed to Clean Water Act jurisdiction and adjustments this will require in carrying out state, federal and tribal programs. Day two, Thursday, April 12 will explore state and tribal program innovation and coordination with federal resources, programs and initiatives.

On Tuesday, April 10 there will be a one-day, by invitation meeting examining methods and benefits of integrated mapping of wetland, stream/riparian and floodplain functions.

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**DAILY SCHEDULE**

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<td>8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Building Better State and Tribal Wetland Programs Through Innovation, Sound Science and Integrated Decision-Making</td>
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Draft Agenda

The Draft Agenda is available here.

Meeting Materials

We will be adding additional resources that may be of help during the meeting. Please check the Meeting Materials webpage.

- Clean Water Act Section 404 Program Assumption: A Handbook for States and Tribes
- Factsheet: Energy Project Permitting and State Wetland Programs

Registration Information and Speaker or Participant Registration Fees

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Participation in all Meeting Sessions
- Conference Breaks, Lunch(s), and Reception
- One-Year Individual ASWM Membership [ASWM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION]

If you are a current member this will add an additional year to your membership. If you are not sure you are a member of the Association of State Wetland Managers, please call or email Laura Burchill at 207-892-3399; laura@aswm.org. Thank you.

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<td>Speaker</td>
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Registration is limited to 180 participants.
Cancellation/Refund Policy

Prior to March 26, 2018 a cancellation fee of $25.00 will be deducted from your refund. After March 26, 2018, no refund will be given.

Scholarship Assistance Available

ASWM has limited scholarship assistance available to those in need to help defray travel, registration and lodging expenses. Deadline to apply is March 16, 2018. Please fill out the SCHOLARSHIP FORM in order to receive full consideration. Thank you.

Tommy Douglas Conference Center Information

10000 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20903
(240) 645-4000

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A NO CASH FACILITY. ONLY DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED.

Location

Tommy Douglas Conference Center (TDCC) is located at 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903, just minutes from Washington, DC. Their 21st century training and education facility sits on over 45 acres of lush grounds, offering a peaceful and serene setting to inspire creativity and productive meetings. To visit the Tommy Douglas Conference Center website, click here. For directions, see Google Maps below.
Arrival

When you arrive at the TDCC, you want to go to Building 9 (it is a glass building). You will check in there at the reception desk for hotel reservations and for the meeting.

Room Rates

Reservations

- Guests may call (240) 645-4000 to make reservations under the ASWM Room Block by April 1, 2018.
- A deposit equal to one-night’s room rate is due with each reservation. Failure to cancel a guaranteed reservation at least 48 hours prior to arrival of the reservation will result in forfeiture of advance deposit or one night's room and tax billed to the credit card.

Single Occupancy Per Night: $181.40
- Includes tax
- Includes: One king or queen bed; one guest

Double Occupancy Per Night: $231.40
- Includes tax
- Includes: Two queen beds; two guests

Room rate includes:
- Dinner on day of arrival and breakfast the next morning (in Dining Room, no rebates for missed meals).
- Nightly guest room accommodations
- WIFI in guest rooms and public space
- Access to Fitness Center, Lounge, Recreation Room, Business Center and Self-parking

Check In/Check Out
- Check-in is after 3:00 pm on arrival day
- Check-out is before 11:00 am on departure day
- Early check-outs will be assessed a $75.00 early departure fee

Other attendees
- Meal package for guest/spouse is $60 PER DAY and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. The other option is to purchase meals a la carte.
**Additional Information**

**Parking**
- Onsite Parking is Free

**Accessibility**
- If you need any assistance getting around the Tommy Douglas Conference Center, please call the TDCC. **They will have security pick you up via a golf cart.**

**Dining**
- [Dining Information](#) [Exiting to Conference Website]
- [Lounge and Recreation Room](#) [Exiting to Conference Website]
- [Fitness and Relaxation Center](#) [Exiting to Conference Website]
- **Café Hours**
  - Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
  - Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
  - Dinner: 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- **Bar Hours** - 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- **Late Arrival**
  - Box Dinner is available for late arrival after 7:00 p.m. **This must be ordered in advance when making your reservation.**
- **Special Diet**
  - Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions such as Gluten Free, Vegetarian, etc. (This can be included on the registration form.)

**Nearby Restaurants**
- Chipotle
- Jewel of India
- Viet Pho and Grill

**Other**
- Safeway Grocery Store
- CVS
- Small beer/wine store

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Photo credit: Jeanne Christie, ASWM
Transportation Information

The airport closest to the meeting site is Reagan National. Transportation to the meeting is available from all airports.

Airport

- Reagan National
- Washington Dulles Airport
- Baltimore-Washington International Airport

Bus/Train

- Washington, DC Metro
  - Metro from National (Reagan): Take the yellow line to Fort Totten, and then take a Taxi or Uber to Tommy Douglas Conference Center. Must reserve at least 2 hours in advance. [How to use the Metro](#)
  - How to get a [SmarTrip Card](#)

Shuttle Transportation From/To Airports

(This is the best way to commute to the conference from the airports.)

- Super-Shuttle-ExecuCar
  
  Cost:
  - Reagan National: $27.00
  - Dulles: $35.00
  - BWI: $33.00

  Must reserve at least 2 hours in advance
  Phone: 410-859-2304
  Email: fbrown@supershuttle.com
  More information

Uber

- [Information can be found here](#)

Taxi

- Reagan National
- Taxi Transportation

LYFT

- [Information can be found here](#)

Free Parking Onsite
Directions to Tommy Douglas Conference Center

Driving Directions

- Please note traffic is very heavy in the morning.
- From the Beltway, head North on New Hampshire Avenue, then take a left on Powder Mill Road, take the 2nd exit in the roundabout, it is the first building on the right.

Area Map

- Visitors Map of Downtown Silver Spring, MD

Google Maps

- Directions using Google Maps
  (For better directions, please type in Tommy Douglas Conference Center instead of the address.)

Things to Do Around the Tommy Douglas Conference Center

Silver Spring, MD

- NOAA Headquarters
- American Film Institute Silver Theatre and Cultural Center
- National Museum of Health and Medicine

Greenbelt, MD

- NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

Laurel, MD

- Patuxent Research Refuge

Colesville, MD

- National Capital Trolley Museum

Wheaton, MD

- Brookside Gardens

College Park, MD

- University of Maryland, College Park
Washington, DC

- US Capitol
- Lincoln Memorial
- National Air and Space Museum
- Smithsonian's National Zoo & Conservation Biology Institute
- Washington National Cathedral
- Kennedy Center
- National Museum of Natural History
- National Gallery of Art
- United State Botanic Garden
- National Cherry Blossom Festival
- Dacha Beer Garden
- Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Kensington
- 25 Free Things to Do in Washington, DC

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