



## Translating Wetland Science into Fair and Reasonable Government Policies

### Dates

Tuesday, April 2-Thursday, April 4, 2019

### Location

[The National Conference Center](#) (NCC)  
Leesburg, VA

### Meeting Director

Marla Stelk, Executive Director, Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc. (ASWM)

### Sponsors

If you are interested in becoming a meeting sponsor, please see [Sponsorship Information](#) or contact Brenda Zollitsch at [brenda@aswm.org](mailto:brenda@aswm.org).

### Host Organizations

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 or state jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act will also change the relationship between state wetland programs and other federal programs such as

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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 three-day meeting will cover a range of topical issues.

DAILY SCHEDULE	
<b>Tuesday, April 2</b>	
Cooperative Federalism and Waters of the U.S.	
The Clean Water Act and the Core Elements Framework: Building Wetland Program Capacity	
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	
Ecosystem Services: From Concept to Reality	
<b>Thursday, April 4</b>	
Mitigation Banking, Monitoring and Silviculture	
Section 404 Assumption: Challenges & Opportunities	

## Agenda

[Draft Agenda](#) (2/15/19)

## 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](#)



## RATES

Please note that the National Conference Center (NCC) is an **all-inclusive facility**.

**Register by March 22, 2019.**

**Complete Meeting Package (CMP) begins at 5:00 pm each day and includes:**

- Lodging
- Meeting Registration, All Sessions for the next day
- Dinner on day of arrival (and each additional day of your reservation; dining closes at 8:30 p.m.)
- Breakfast the next day (and each additional day of your reservation)
- Lunch the next day (and each additional day of your reservation)
- Reception on Tuesday evening, April 2, 2019
- Continuous refreshment breaks
- Taxes

If an attendee arrives in the morning of the day's sessions instead of the night before, then a DMP charge for that day will be added to the total bill.

### Check-In/Check-Out

- Check-in is after 5:00 pm on arrival day. Guests arriving prior to 5:00pm will be accommodated as rooms become available.
- Check-out is by 12:00 pm on departure day.

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ASWM ANNUAL MEETING STANDARD RATES FOR 2019 (Feb. 16 – Mar. 15)			
CMP	Member/Speaker	Non-member	Student/Senior/Retiree
One day	\$425	\$450	\$400
Two days	\$710	\$735	\$685
Three days	\$1,000	\$1,025	\$975
DMP	Member/Speaker	Non-member	Student/Senior/Retiree
One day	\$250	\$275	\$225
Two days	\$350	\$375	\$325
Three days	\$450	\$475	\$425

<b>ASWM ANNUAL MEETING LATE RATES FOR 2019 (Mar. 16 - Onsite)</b>			
<b>CMP</b>	<b>Member/Speaker</b>	<b>Non-member</b>	<b>Student/Senior/Retiree</b>
One day	\$475	\$500	\$450
Two days	\$760	\$785	\$735
Three days	\$1,050	\$1,075	\$1025
<b>DMP</b>	<b>Member/Speaker</b>	<b>Non-member</b>	<b>Student/Senior/Retiree</b>
One day	\$300	\$325	\$275
Two days	\$400	\$425	\$375
Three days	\$500	\$525	\$475

**ASWM has reserved a room block with 65 rooms on Monday and 70 rooms on Tuesday and Wednesday, so early reservations are encouraged. Requests for accommodations above and beyond the room block will be considered by the NCC on a space and rate available basis. If the NCC runs out of available rooms, there are nearby hotels available.**

**The room block does not include rooms for Thursday night (April 4th). If you plan to depart on Friday, April 5th, you will need to make arrangements for the night of April 4th. We have provided a list of hotels near the Dulles Airport; Reagan Airport, and BWI. [Please see list here.](#)**

## **How to Register:**

Click on the **“Register for the Meeting”** link below.

The registration form will allow you to:

- Register for the Meeting for either CMP or DMP Rates
- Reserve your Lodging at the National Conference Center

**[REGISTER FOR THE MEETING](#)**

## **Cancellation/Refund Policy**

If your plans change and you cannot attend, written notice must be provided to Laura Burchill at ASWM at [laura@aswm.org](mailto:laura@aswm.org) by the following deadlines. If you cancel between **February 15, 2019 and February 28, 2019** a service charge of \$100.00 will be deducted from your refund. After **March 1, 2019**, no refund will be given.

## Scholarships

ASWM has limited scholarship assistance available to those in need to help defray travel, registration and lodging expenses. Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2019**. Please fill out the [SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#) in order to receive full consideration. Thank you.



### The National Conference Center

18980 Upper Belmont Place  
Leesburg, VA 20176  
703-729-8000

### Location

The National Conference Center is located on the north side of US Route 7 / Harry Byrd Hwy at the intersection of Belmont Ridge Road and Upper Belmont Place, four miles east from Leesburg, Virginia, 35 miles northwest of Washington DC and 12 miles from Dulles International Airport. For directions, [visit their website here](#).



## [NCC Amenities](#)

- Complimentary WIFI access in all public spaces, guest rooms and meeting rooms.
- Complimentary parking.
- Complimentary fitness center.
- A variety of fresh food selections for breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining room that meet most dietary restrictions such as vegan, vegetarian and gluten free.
- Continuous refreshment breaks from 7:30am – 5:00pm.



## **Check In/Check Out**

- Check-in is after 5:00 pm on arrival day. Guests arriving prior to 5:00pm will be accommodated as rooms become available.
- Check-out is by 12:00 pm on departure day.
- The front desk provides luggage storage for early arrivals or late departures.
- Early check-outs will not receive any refunds.



## [Additional Information](#)

### **Parking**

- Onsite Parking is Free

**Accessibility:** The National Conference Center is a fully accessible facility.

## [National Conference Center Map](#)





## Dining

- Breakfast: 6:30 am - 8:30 am - Monday thru Friday;  
7:00 AM - 9:00 am - Saturday & Sunday
- Lunch: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - daily
- Dinner: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm - daily

## Black Olive Bar



The pub-like atmosphere of the [Black Olive Bar](#) offers a popular place for guests during their stay. Gather with friends, fellow colleagues for beverages or to catch the game on one of the 16 flat-screen TVs; or play games, pool and darts. Order your favorite beverage and check out the great restaurant menu selection, featuring appetizers, sandwiches and light dinner fare (food and beverages at the Black Olive Bar are at the participants expense and are not included in the CMP or DMP).

- Monday thru Friday, 5:00 pm – 1:00 am
- Saturday and Sunday, 3:00 pm – 1:00 am

## Nearby Restaurants

- [Information on nearby dining](#)

## Fitness Center

- Complimentary - Open 24 hours



## Transportation Information

The airport closest to the meeting site is [Dulles International Airport](#).

### **Airport**

- [Dulles International Airport](#) – 10 miles\*
- [Reagan National](#) – 29 miles
- [Baltimore Washington International Airport \(BWI\)](#)

\*Shuttle service is available from Dulles International Airport to The National Conference Center. [Submit a Shuttle Request Form here](#).

### **Bus**

- [Leesburg Public Transportation](#)

### **Uber**

- [Dulles International Airport](#)

### **Taxi**

- [Dulles International Airport](#)
- [Reagan National](#)

### **LYFT**

- [Information can be found here](#).

## Driving Directions to The National Conference Center

18980 Upper Belmont Place, Leesburg, VA 20176 703-729-8000

### **Free Parking Onsite**

#### **From Points East from Washington, DC**

From I-495/Capital Beltway merge onto VA-267 W via Exit 45A (Reston/Herndon/Dulles Airport). (Toll)

Merge onto VA-28 N/Sully Rd via EXIT 9B toward **Sterling**.

Merge onto VA-7/Harry Byrd Hwy via the exit on the **left**.

Merge onto Lansdowne Blvd toward **VA-2400 N/Lansdowne**.

Turn **left** onto Riverside Pkwy.

Turn **right** onto Upper Belmont Pl.

At roundabout take 2nd right and stay on Upper Belmont Pl.





At 2nd roundabout take 1st right (stadium on left). Continue on Upper Belmont PI.

Once at National Conference Center follow signs for Front Desk/Registration (veer left at entrance).

### **From Points West to Leesburg, VA**

Merge onto VA-7 West from Leesburg

Turn Left onto Belmont Ridge Road, continue straight, becomes Upper Belmont.

At first roundabout take 2nd right and stay on Upper Belmont PI.

At second roundabout take 1st right (stadium on left). Continue on Upper Belmont PI.

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### **From Points North from Frederick, MD**

From Frederick, MD take 340 to 15 South towards Leesburg.

Stay on 15 South to Leesburg. Follow Signs for 15 South By-Pass.

Take Exit for VA-7 West toward Tysons Corner.

Turn Left onto Belmont Ridge Road, continue straight, becomes Upper Belmont.

At first roundabout take 2nd right and stay on Upper Belmont PI.

At second roundabout take 1st right (stadium on left). Continue on Upper Belmont PI.

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### **From Points South from I-66**

From I-66 take Exit for US- 15 North. Remain on US- 15 North.

(There will be two roundabouts, US-15 is the 2nd exit for both of them).

Once in Leesburg, merge onto VA-7/US 15 North Bypass East towards Washington, DC.

Once on by-pass merge right onto VA-7 East towards Tysons Corner.

Turn Left onto Belmont Ridge Road, continue straight, becomes Upper Belmont.

At first roundabout take 2nd right and stay on Upper Belmont PI.

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**[More detailed directions are available here.](#)**

### **Google Maps**

- [Directions using Google Maps](#)  
(For better directions, please type in **18980 Upper Belmont PI, Leesburg, VA 20176.**)

## Things to Do Around the National Conference Center

### Leesburg, VA

- [Visit Loudoun County, Virginia](#)
- [Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve](#)
- [DC's Wine Country](#)
- [Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum](#)
- [Wolf Trap Performing Arts Center](#)
- [Virginia Wine Country](#)
- [Journey Through Hallowed Ground](#)
- [The Golf Club at Lansdowne](#)
- [Leesburg Animal Park](#)
- [Virginia Bird & Wildlife Trail](#)

### Shopping and Dining

- [Loudoun's Destination Restaurants](#)
- [Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets](#)
- [Dulles Town Center](#)
- [Lansdowne Town Center](#)

### 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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### Agenda

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