



The Watershed Congress along the Schuylkill River

March 15, 2014

Montgomery Co. Community College - West Campus, Pottstown, PA

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Help us protect and conserve our natural resources by sharing your expertise with a concerned and active audience. Past participants requested the following topics, but we will consider all suggestions:

An Introduction to MS4 for the General Public • Impacts of Transportation Infrastructure on Watersheds • Functions and Values of Forested Watersheds • Fracking and its Chemical Impacts • Collaboration • Biological Indicators • Protections for Drinking Water • Importance of Flood Plains • Ecological Restoration • Climate Change • Acid Mine Drainage • Large Scale Stormwater Management • Fishes • Green Construction and Home Design • Monitoring Data Management, Interpretation, and Presentation • Environmental Justice • Fungi and Bacteria in River Ecosystems • Stormwater Best Management Practices for Homeowners • Watershed Communication • Long-Term Studies of Porous Paving • Drugs in Public Water Supplies • Water Quantity (Flows / Use / Conservation) • Lost Landscapes of the Schuylkill River Watershed • Modern Mining Practices and Environmental Compliance • Sustainable Sites Initiative™ • Macroinvertebrates • Impacts of Pipeline Construction • Best Management Practices Cost Management • Gardening with Native Plants • Environmental Mitigation • Atmospheric Deposition • State of the Field: Careers in Watershed Conservation

Sessions must include question-and-answer component. Hands-on, interactive presentations are encouraged. **Submissions are due October 31, 2013.**

Please submit presentation proposals online at: http://bit.ly/2014WatershedCongress_CallforPresenters.

All session proposals should include:

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| ✓ Presentation Title (<i>10 word limit</i>) | ✓ Preferred Length (<i>60 or 30 minutes</i>) |
| ✓ Level (<i>e.g., Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced</i>) | ✓ Presenter(s), Affiliation(s), Address(es) |
| ✓ One Sentence Summary | ✓ Daytime Telephone Number(s) |
| ✓ Abstract Body (<i>should not exceed 200 words</i>) | ✓ Email Address(es) |
| ✓ Preferred Format (<i>plenary, concurrent, or poster</i>) | ✓ Presenter Bio(s) (<i>should not exceed 100 words</i>) |
| ✓ Relationship to Rivers Conservation Planning | |

Please note: Submission of a proposal does not guarantee inclusion in the Congress program. Following the proposal format provided will greatly aid the Congress Program Committee in the tough decision-making process. If you have any questions, please call 215-369-1188, ext 109.

Comments on the 2013 Congress:

"Thank you for organizing a wonderful event—I think the Watershed Congress is one of the best conferences for our field, it was wonderful to be there. . . . I really enjoyed the sessions I attended and was thrilled to see so many people in the session I co-presented. . . . It was my first time attending, and I really enjoyed it. . . . Just have to say—spectacular Workshop again!!!!!! . . . If I could go to just one education or networking event a year, it would be this one. . . . This was my first congress—won't be my last."

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ABOUT THE CONGRESS AND CONGRESS AUDIENCE

The Watershed Congress has evolved over 15 years to advance the best available information and techniques for protecting and restoring watersheds. The focus on networking across disciplines means that the Watershed Congress melds science, policy and practical applications into one program. Every year, a growing and changing group of individuals attends to gain new knowledge, acquire tools, and practice techniques that will allow them to take active roles in the stewardship of their natural resources.

The Watershed Congress audience represents a diverse community interested in protection and restoration of water resources. The table below will help to characterize the audience for you. This information comes from our 2013 conference evaluations. We ask participants to indicate in what capacity they attended the Watershed Congress (*totals will be greater than 100% as participants are encouraged to check all that apply*).

Non-Profit	31%	Engineer	5%
Student	29%	Landscape Architect	5%
Academic	29%	Municipal Official	3%
Private Citizen	21%	Service Provider	2%
Educator	15%	Power Utility	2%
Watershed Advocate	15%	Waste Management	2%
Consultant	11%	Water Utility	1%
Government Agency	11%	Contractor	1%
Technical Expert	11%	Mining Industry	1%
Engineer	5%	Other	2%

Watershed Congress participants hail primarily from Pennsylvania, but New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland are regularly represented as well. New York and Virginia have occasionally been represented among our audience.

New information is consistently cited as the factor that most motivates audience attendance. As a result, **the Organizing Committee gives preference to recent work and to work that is not being presented elsewhere.** Networking opportunities and the diverse program also are cited as important factors motivating attendance.

For past Watershed Congresses, continuing education credits have been approved for attorneys, educators, landscape architects, recreation and park professionals, pesticide applicators, Uniform Construction Code recertification, and water and wastewater treatment plant operators. We have also provided certificates of attendance for engineers, surveyors, and geologists seeking continuing education credit.

The Watershed Congress is organized by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and its partner organizations. Current partners include: Bucks County Planning Commission, Cadastral Consulting, Center in the Park Senior Environment Corps, Friends of Mingo Creek, Hay Creek Watershed Association, Hopewell Big Woods Partnership, A.D. Marble & Co., Montgomery County Community College, Montgomery County Conservation District, Octoraro Native Plant Nursery, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Sea Grant, Reading Area Community College, Schuylkill Action Network, Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area, Stell Environmental Enterprises, Stroud Water Research Center, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and The Write Beat.

PROPOSAL FORMAT & GUIDELINES

Deadline, October 31, 2013

All applications must be submitted electronically at: http://bit.ly/2014WatershedCongress_CallforPresenters.

Although you can move backward and forward in the online form, it does not allow you to save your work and return later or to edit your proposal after it has been submitted. This template is being provided so that you may prepare your proposal offline and cut and paste the required content into the online form.

This document is a template TO BE USED ONLY FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES.

Selected presenters:

- Receive scholarships to the Watershed Congress.
- Must include a question and answer component in their presentation.
- Must be able to cover their travel costs.

Important dates to remember:

- October 31st, 2013 - Presentation submission deadline
- December 1st, 2013 - Presenter notification
- February 14th, 2014 - Presenter's registration / Final abstract revisions deadline
- March 15th, 2014 - Watershed Congress

Should you have any questions or wish to contact the committee, email chari@delawareriverkeeper.org.

1. Session Title (Session titles should be compelling, but accurately convey the topic to be presented. Please limit to 10 words)

2. Experience Level (*multiple choice*)

Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced, All, or Other. If other, please explain.

3. One-Sentence Summary

4. Abstract Body (*should not exceed 200 words*)

5. Preferred Format <i>(Check all formats in which you are willing to present)</i>
Plenary, Concurrent, Poster, or Other. If other, please explain.
6. Preferred Length <i>(Check all time frames preferred for your presentation)</i> <i>Those considering poster sessions should know that these sessions are planned to run for at least 30 minutes but no longer than 60 minutes.</i>
60 minutes, 30 minutes, or other. If other, please explain.
7. Relationship to Rivers Conservation Planning. <i>If the topic covered in the session advances a recommendation(s) from a Rivers Conservation Plan, please list the plan and recommendation. For more information, see the Pennsylvania DCNR rivers registry at:</i> http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/conservation/rivers/riversregistry/index.htm .
Additional information: Questions, comments, or special information pertaining to your session
Presenter Information
Presenter 1 Salutation <i>(Mr., Mr., Ms., Mrs., etc.)</i>
Presenter 1 First Name
Presenter 1 Last Name
Presenter 1 Position Title
Presenter 1 Affiliation

Presenter 1 Address 1
Presenter 1 Address 2
Presenter 1 City
Presenter 1 State
Presenter 1 Zip
Presenter 1 Work Phone
<i>Presenter 1 Home Phone (Home numbers are only for internal use by the Watershed Congress Organizing Committee)</i>
Presenter 1 Email
Presenter 1 Bio (<i>Please limit to 100 words</i>)
Additional Presenters
Presenter 2 Salutation (<i>Mr., Mr., Ms., Mrs., etc.</i>)
Presenter 2 First Name
Presenter 2 Last Name

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Presenter 3 Last Name
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