

NEBAWWG – MAWWG Joint Wetlands Workgroup Meeting

The next multi-day joint meeting of the New England Biological Assessment of Wetlands Workgroup (NEBAWWG) and the Mid-Atlantic Wetlands Workgroup (MAWWG) is expected in Fall 2021 in the greater Baltimore/Annapolis, Maryland area.

Overview

This is a combined meeting of NEBAWWG and MAWWG to foster continued collaboration across EPA Regions 1, 2, and 3. Expected attendees are wetlands managers, scientists, or students spanning from Maine to North Carolina and as far west as Ohio. The previous joint meeting in 2018 drew 70 attendees from city, state, tribe, and federal agencies, natural heritage programs, wetland conservation organizations, and academia.

Among the many benefits of participation, attendees can expect to gain:

- Learning about new or updated programs, projects, regulations, data sources & policies
- Knowledge exchange and peer review on programs, strategies, methods & tools
- Networking, collaboration, and partnership-building across states/regions

Agenda*

The agenda for the 2 ½ day meeting will include invited speakers from across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and a local field tour to area wetlands. Presentations are generally expected to be ~30 min each. Suggested topics are outlined below.

Day 1

Session 1: **Tools/Tech Resources**

Presentations may include: Drone mapping, new modeling approaches, using NWCA

Session 2: **Data Management Tools**

Presentations may include: Best use of existing data; cross-agency data integration, R/statistical analysis

Session 3: **Resiliency Planning**

Presentations may include: What states are and should be doing about climate change; integrating wetland protection with climate solutions

Day 2

Session 1: **Monitoring & Assessment Methods**

Presentations may include: Function, Condition, IBI, mitigation performance standards

Session 2: **Integrating Monitoring and Assessment into Regulatory Decisions**

Presentations may include: Examples with other state/federal agencies (e.g. water quality standards, non-point source, NPDES, fish and wildlife, restoration/mitigation, lake/stream assessments, Army Corps tools)

Session 3: **Report out from NEBAWWG & MAWWG**

Discussion may include: Updates from each workgroup & collaboration on a cross-regional pilot project

Day 3 [Half-day]

Field Tour to local wetland site(s)

**All agenda items are subject to change.*

Your Planning Team

The Association of State Wetland Managers and NEIWPC have teamed up in cooperation with EPA Regions 1, 2, and 3 to host this meeting. The Planning Team seeks input on the agenda, travel, or logistics to help ensure another successful meeting of these two workgroups.

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