## 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NONPOINT SOURCE CONFERENCE HARRASEEKET INN – FREEPORT, MAINE APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Thank you for registering for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual NPS Conference, April 9 – 10, 2025, in Freeport, Maine! We are excited to welcome you to the conference next week!

## **ARRIVING PREPARED**

- Print your own copy of the agenda and other meeting materials, if needed. All conference materials are posted on our website: <u>https://neiwpcc.org/events/annual-nps-conference/</u>. We will not be distributing paper copies at the registration desk. Large agenda posters and scannable QR codes will be available throughout the conference for use with cellphones or tablets. The hotel Wi-Fi and password will be given to you at the conference registration desk and throughout the session rooms.
- Where do I go?
  - o The Harraseeket Inn and Event House: <u>162 Main St, Freeport, ME 04032</u>
  - o Complimentary parking will be available at the hotel for conference attendees.

## **NETWORKING, MEALS, AND BREAKS**

- A light breakfast will be provided in the Casco Bay Hall on Wednesday and Thursday morning beginning at 7:45am.
- On Wednesday, lunch will be served to all attendees in the Casco Bay Hall.
- There will be an opportunity to network and meet with your fellow water professionals during the networking session happy hour. The social event is located a quick walk down the street at The Lobster Cooker & Pub (<u>39 Main St.</u> <u>Freeport, ME 04032</u>) from 7:00 9:00pm on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- This year, the poster session and networking event will occur during breakfast on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in the Casco Bay Hall from 7:45 – 8:30am.
- Coffee, tea, and water will be available during conference breaks in the Casco Bay Hall.

## **FIELD TRIP**

The field trip to the Desert of Maine's Center for Art & Ecology is scheduled 3:30 – 5:30pm on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Here is a description of the field trip:

The Center for Arts and Ecology connects people to the land by telling the complex stories of the people who lived and worked here and highlighting the resilience of the forest that is healing the disturbance caused by over farming. The guided tour will take participants through several stops of our Ecology Walk, detailing the ecosystems that are thriving here. We will also visit the historic Tuttle farmhouse to discuss the historical factors that led to the land's economic and ecological decline as a farm and its current regeneration as a tourist attraction and ecology school.

- To register for the field trip, please <u>SIGN UP HERE</u>. The field trip is free to attend, but space is **limited to 40 attendees.** An email will be sent out on 3/7 notifying those if they are attending the field trip or are on the waitlist.
- Transportation to and from the location is on your own. Please meet at the registration desk at 3:15pm if you'd like to carpool. The address is: <u>95 Desert Road, Freeport, ME 04032</u>