

# 2025 National Nonpoint Source Training Workshop

This workshop will foster coordination among NPS program practitioners and partners by bringing together state, Tribal, Nation, territorial, federal, and other interested stakeholders involved with program activities under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

**OCTOBER 27 – 29, 2025**

**HILTON CAPITOL CENTER, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26		
3:00 – 4:30	<p><b>Field Trip: LSU Center for River Studies</b>            The field trip will embark you on a journey that will take you back in time, along the coast of Louisiana, and into the future of the Louisiana Coast! Prepare yourself for a guided tour of our exhibit space, which will cover the history of the Mississippi River, how levees created land loss, and what is being done to restore wetlands. You'll also be amazed when you see the Lower Mississippi River Physical Model, a working hydraulics laboratory where students and engineers conduct research used in restoration projects along the river.</p> <p>This field trip is <u>free to attend</u> but <u>transportation is on your own</u>. Pre-registration is <u>required</u>. The LSU Center for River Studies is 1.2 miles from the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol hotel.</p>	<a href="#">100 Terrace Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70802</a>
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
6:00 – 8:00	<b>Breakfast</b>	On Your Own
7:00 – 8:00	<b>Registration</b>	Foyer
8:15 – 9:00	<p><b>General Session: EPA &amp; Regional Welcome</b>            Presenter(s): Coming Soon            Description: Coming Soon</p>	Riverview Ballroom
9:00 – 10:00	<p><b>General Session: National Program Updates</b>            Presenter(s): Coming Soon            Description: Coming Soon</p>	Riverview Ballroom
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
10:30 – 12:00	<p><b>General Session: Tribal-State Coordination Panel</b>            Presenter(s): Coming Soon            Topics (tentative):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tribal-state cooperation successes</li> <li>• Cross-border/multi-stakeholder planning</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
12:00 – 1:30	<b>Lunch</b>	On Your Own
1:30 – 2:30	<p><b>Breakout A: Agricultural NPS Management Solutions</b>            Presenter(s): Coming Soon            Topics (tentative):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful approaches in agricultural conservation</li> <li>• Collaboration with NRCS (including NWQI) and opportunities to expand</li> <li>• Farmer outreach and education</li> <li>• Spotlight on HQ-funded tech assistance (e.g., CNMI agricultural tech assistance, Wisconsin and Iowa modeling efforts, OH ACPF)</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A

<b>1:30 – 2:30</b>	<b>Breakout B: Urban Stormwater Runoff &amp; Green Infrastructure</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MS4 &amp; NPS differentiation and overlap</li> <li>• Nature-based solutions</li> <li>• Successes in urban spaces</li> <li>• Low impact development and green stormwater infrastructure strategies</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom B
<b>2:30 – 3:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
<b>3:00 – 4:30</b>	<b>Training A: Watershed Planning</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinating existing and complementary plans (Hazard mitigation planning, NRCS plans, source water protection plans, etc.).</li> <li>• Preparing and using alternative watershed plans.</li> <li>• Tracking success at a watershed scale.</li> <li>• Tools to support watershed planning (e.g., identify critical source areas)</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
<b>3:00 – 4:30</b>	<b>Training B: Tribal Program Development</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Riverview Ballroom B
<b>5:00 – 7:00</b>	<b>Social Event</b> Directions are on the webpage. Limited capacity of 75 people. Pre-registration is required.	The River Room
<b>7:00 –</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	On Your Own
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>7:30 – 8:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	On Your Own
<b>8:30 – 9:15</b>	<b>General Session: State Program Welcome</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Riverview Ballroom
<b>9:15 – 10:15</b>	<b>General Session: Local Partnership Showcase</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Riverview Ballroom
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
<b>10:30 – 11:30</b>	<b>General Session: Community Engagement &amp; Outreach</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watershed Organization outreach strategies</li> <li>• Public Engagement</li> <li>• Behavior Change strategies</li> <li>• Farmer Outreach and Education</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
<b>11:30 – 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	On Your Own
<b>1:00 – 2:00</b>	<b>Breakout A: Monitoring &amp; Modeling</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefits beyond WQ improvements</li> <li>• Tacking remediation &amp; TMDL effectiveness</li> <li>• Social/behavioral outcomes</li> <li>• Monitoring emerging contaminants</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
<b>1:00 – 2:00</b>	<b>Breakout B: Tribal Topics</b>	Riverview Ballroom B

	Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	
<b>1:00 – 2:00</b>	<b>Breakout C: Territory Closed Door</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Louisiana Room
<b>2:00 – 2:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
<b>2:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>Training A: Agricultural Hot Topics</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrient reductions (USDA partnerships, nutrient reduction strategies).</li> <li>• Conservation practice selection (weather adaptation, multiple environmental benefits).</li> <li>• Challenges to cross agency coordination on agricultural projects (tracking success, developing monitoring strategies).</li> <li>• Farmer Engagement and outreach.</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
<b>2:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>Breakout B: Watershed-Based Planning &amp; Implementation</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examples of successful approaches</li> <li>• Watershed planning tools overview</li> <li>• Leveraging public &amp; private partnerships</li> <li>• Watershed planning overview</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom B
<b>2:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>Breakout C: Tribal Closed Door</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Louisiana Room
<b>3:30 – 3:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
<b>3:45 – 5:15</b>	<b>Training A: Protecting Waters from NPS Impairment</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature-based solutions (forests, SWP, wetlands)</li> <li>• Planning for protection goals within NPS programs (5-year plan development)</li> <li>• Integrating protection projects into WBPs</li> <li>• Tribal perspectives</li> <li>• Community engagement &amp; capacity building</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
<b>3:45 – 5:15</b>	<b>Training B: Coordination &amp; Funding Mechanisms</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration among agencies on funding strategies for financing NPS projects.</li> <li>• Innovative financing (e.g. SRFs, mitigation banking, watershed financing partnerships).</li> <li>• Public and private partnerships to support WQ improvement goals.</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom B
<b>3:45 – 5:15</b>	<b>Breakout C: Early Staff Orientation</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Louisiana Room
<b>5:15 –</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	On Your Own
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>7:00 – 8:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	On Your Own

<b>8:30 – 9:30</b>	<b>General Session: Tribal Plenary</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Riverview Ballroom
<b>9:30 – 10:30</b>	<b>General Session: Hazard Mitigation &amp; Emerging Challenges</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilience in watershed plans</li> <li>• Flood preparation</li> <li>• Emerging contaminants</li> <li>• Nature-based solutions</li> <li>• Wildfire recovery</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>General Session A: GRTS Training</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Riverview Ballroom
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Breakout B: Tribal Funding &amp; Coordination Strategies</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Louisiana Room
<b>12:00 – 1:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	On Your Own
<b>1:30 – 2:30</b>	<b>Breakout A: Coastal Management</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilience strategies (CZARA, NRDA+NRCS)</li> <li>• Coastal management strategies</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
<b>1:30 – 2:30</b>	<b>Breakout B: Hydromodification</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Topics (tentative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low tech restoration successes (process-based restoration, beaver relocation/dam analogs, traditional Tribal water management techniques)</li> <li>• Stream restoration</li> <li>• Holistic watershed planning to address broad scale hydromodification impacts</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom B
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
<b>2:45 – 3:00</b>	<b>General Session: Closing Remarks</b> Presenter(s): Coming Soon Description: Coming Soon	Riverview Ballroom A