

# 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	<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.  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.	<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	<b>General Session: EPA &amp; Regional Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Troy Hill, US EPA, Region 6 (<i>invited</i>)</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
9:00 – 10:00	<b>General Session: National Program Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karen Fligger, US EPA</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
10:30 – 12:00	<b>General Session: Tribal-State Coordination Panel</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rishi Bastakoti, North Carolina DEQ</li> <li>Kathryn Lacey-Young, New Mexico Environment Department</li> <li>Others (<i>invited</i>)</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
12:00 – 1:30	<b>Lunch</b>	On Your Own
1:30 – 2:30	<b>Breakout: Agriculture Farmer Outreach</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beth Baker, Mississippi State University</li> <li>Brad Jordahl, Minnesota PCA</li> <li>Emilee Novak, North Dakota DEQ</li> <li>Olivia Tenorio, CNMI BEQM (<i>tentative</i>)</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
1:30 – 2:30	<b>Breakout: Urban Stormwater Runoff &amp; Green Infrastructure</b> <b>Speakers:</b>	Riverview Ballroom B

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>	
2:30 – 3:00	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
3:00 – 4:30	<b>Training: Watershed Planning &amp; Reporting</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lucas Gregory, Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Research</li> <li>Rebecca Candilasa, Hawaii DOH</li> <li>Blake Forrest, Arkansas Department of Agriculture</li> <li>Haleigh Arnold, Kentucky Division of Water</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
3:00 – 4:30	<b>Training: Tribal Program Development</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom B
5:00 – 7:00	<b>Social Event</b> Directions on webpage. Limited capacity of 75 people. Pre-registration is required.	The River Room
7:00 –	<b>Dinner</b>	On Your Own
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
7:30 – 8:30	<b>Breakfast</b>	On Your Own
8:30 – 9:15	<b>General Session: State Program Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joey Breaux, LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
9:15 – 10:15	<b>General Session: Local Partnership Showcase</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Crowder, Ducks Unlimited</li> <li>Bren Haase, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program</li> <li>Price Gay, LA Association of Conservation Districts</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
10:30 – 11:30	<b>General Session: Community Engagement and Outreach</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shea McCarthy, South Carolina DHEC</li> <li>Olivia Tenorio, CNMI BEQM (<i>tentative</i>)</li> <li>Autumn Mitchell, Michigan EGLE</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
11:30 – 1:00	<b>Lunch</b>	On Your Own
1:00 – 2:00	<b>Breakout A: Monitoring &amp; Modeling</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dan Dvoretz, Oklahoma Conservation Commission</li> <li>Hannah Riedl, Montana DEQ</li> <li>Emilie Henry, Montana DEQ</li> <li>Paul Burnett, Utah DEQ</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
1:00 – 2:00	<b>Breakout: Tribal Project Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kelton Kersey, Pawnee Nation</li> <li>TBD, Southern Ute Indian Tribe (<i>tentative</i>)</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom B
1:00 – 2:00	<b>Breakout: Territory Closed Door</b> <b>Session Moderator:</b> Richard Friesner, NEIWPC	Louisiana Room
2:00 – 2:30	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
2:30 – 3:30	<b>Training: Agriculture NPS Solutions, Successes and Collaborations</b> <b>Speakers:</b>	Riverview Ballroom A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amanda Reed, US EPA</li> <li>Buddy Oubre, Buddy Oubre Farms</li> <li>Joey Breaux, LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry</li> <li>Jess Schoen, Wisconsin DNR (virtual)</li> <li>Katie Hickle, Nebraska DEE (<i>tentative</i>)</li> <li>Travis Sieve, US EPA</li> </ul>	
2:30 – 3:30	<b>Breakout: Watershed-Based Planning &amp; Implementation</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julia Schneider, Center for Watershed Protection</li> <li>Jocelyn Harimon, New Mexico Environment Department</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom B
2:30 – 3:30	<b>Breakout: Tribal Closed Door</b> <b>Session Moderator:</b> Richard Friesner, NEIWPC	Louisiana Room
3:30 – 3:45	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
3:45 – 5:15	<b>Training: Protecting Waters from NPS Impairment</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alan Klatt, New Mexico Environment Department</li> <li>Alex Wong, Maine DEP</li> <li>Hannah Riedl, Montana DEQ</li> <li>Mary Inovejas, Alaska DEC (<i>tentative</i>)</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
3:45 – 5:15	<b>Training: Coordination &amp; Funding Mechanisms</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jay Gilbertson, East Dakota Water Development District</li> <li>Kris Dozark, South Dakota DENR</li> <li>Judy Rondeau, MassDEP (<i>tentative</i>)</li> <li>Ginger Murphy, Iowa DNR (virtual)</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom B
3:45 – 5:15	<b>Breakout: Early Staff Orientation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cyd Curtis, US EPA</li> </ul>	Louisiana Room
5:15 –	<b>Dinner</b>	On Your Own
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
7:00 – 8:30	<b>Breakfast</b>	On Your Own
8:30 – 9:30	<b>General Session: Tribal Plenary</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
9:30 – 10:30	<b>General Session: Hazard Mitigation &amp; Emerging Challenges</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chuck Berger, Louisiana DEQ</li> <li>Kate Lacey-Younge, New Mexico Environment Department</li> <li>Dino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo</li> <li>Katie Hickle, Nebraska DEE (<i>tentative</i>)</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Training: GRTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cyd Curtis, US EPA</li> </ul>	Riverview Ballroom
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Breakout: Tribal Funding &amp; Coordination Strategies</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ashley Gries, Northern Arizona University</li> </ul>	Louisiana Room

<b>12:00 – 1:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	On Your Own
<b>1:30 – 2:30</b>	<b>Breakout: Coastal Management</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rebecca Candilasa, Hawaii DOH</li><li>• Andrew Barron, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program</li><li>• Siva Nunna, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program</li></ul>	Riverview Ballroom A
<b>1:30 – 2:30</b>	<b>Breakout: Hydromodification</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo</li><li>• Hannah Riedl, Montana DEQ</li><li>• Alan Klatt, New Mexico Environment Department</li><li>• Tom Harcarik, Ohio EPA</li></ul>	Riverview Ballroom B
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
<b>2:45 – 3:15</b>	<b>General Session: Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Karen Fligger, US EPA</li></ul>	Riverview Ballroom A