

Bay-wide Stormwater Runoff Rendezvous

A Series of Interactive Webcasts

EVENT AGENDA

Join us at www.chesapeakestormwater.net
(Registration Coming Soon)

Kick-off: March 10: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The BUBBA Awards Ceremony

This virtual awards ceremony for the 5th edition of the Best Urban BMP in the Bay Awards has all the glamour of the *Oscars*, except you don't need to stay up till midnight!

The opening monologue by David Wood will outline the entire Runoff Rendezvous event, celebrate the 10th edition of the Bay-wide Stormwater Retreat, and engage the audience with trivia and gossip from past retreat.

An aging celebrity will provide a "special comedic performance" that serves as both a retrospective and future outlook for Bay stormwater

BUBBAs Category winners will then be announced in batches by well-dressed CSN staff, design jurors, retreat veterans, along w/ very short acceptance speeches by the winners.

The ceremony will officially kick off the "people's choice" internet voting for the two grand prize awards

Speakers: *To Be Announced*

Panel 1: March 16: 11:00 AM -12:30 PM

Climate Change and Extreme Rainfall: Translating Future Projections into More Resilient Urban Communities

The panel will present the latest work on future climate projections and their implications for Bay stormwater managers. Experts will also review the potential vulnerabilities of stormwater BMPs and restoration practices to future extreme precipitation conditions and discuss how community engagement and environmental equity play a role in future climate resilience. The resulting conversation with panelists and audience members will inform what we need in a Bay-focused "response plan" to increase climate resiliency in our urban communities.

Speakers: *Dr. Franco Montalto (Drexel University); Dr. Fushcia Hoover (SESYNC); Michelle Miro (RAND); Kimberly Grove (City of Baltimore); David Wood (CSN)*

Panel 2: March 18: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

New Paradigms to Manage Future Urban Floods in the Bay Watershed

The panel will explore new strategies to prevent flooding in urban watersheds and better integrate how the quantity and quality of stormwater can be managed together. The panel will tackle questions like:

- How we can map and identify the urban neighborhoods most at risk from future floodplain expansion?
- Can smart BMP technology in our legacy detention ponds provide a higher level of flooding “insurance?”
- How so we adapt our stormwater infrastructure to withstand coastal flooding and sea level rise?

Speakers: Jason Papacosma (Arlington County), Randy Greer/Elaine Webb (Delaware DNREC), Viktor Hlas (OptiRTC), Bob Bathurst (Century Engineering), TBA (HRPDC), Tom Schueler (CSN)

Panel 3 March 22 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Developing the Next Generation of Stormwater Design Criteria

This session will focus on what Bay stakeholders want to see in the next generation of stormwater design criteria, using our #1 BMP (bioretention) as a case study. A panel of design gurus, both silverbacks and young guns, will present their recommendations on how to make our practices more effective, resilient and sustainable, as well as the best process to get them adopted at the local or state level. The webcast will be opened to all stormwater geeks to add their two cents to this important conversation.

Speakers: Dave Hirschman (HWE), Kelly Lindow (Cityscape Engineering (invited)), Jon Hathaway (UT-Knoxville), Ted Scott (SMC), Scott Crafton (VDOT Maintenance)

Rendezvous Happy Hour: March 26: 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Virtual Networking in the “Dead Animals Room”

Take a time-out from all the serious stormwater stuff and join long-time retreat veterans and distinguished *StoneRollers* hosting an unscripted and informal professional networking event. Guests will have the opportunities to wander a virtual “dead animal room” and informally mix together with their colleagues. At the end, everybody will be re-convened together to announce the prestigious class of 2021 *StoneRollers*!

Your Hosts/Divas: Norm Goulet (NVRA) Cecilia Lane (DOEE), Charlene Harper (HG Design Studio), Joe Battiatà (CSN President), Tom Schueler (CSN)

Panel 4: March 29 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Confronting DEIJ Issues in Urban Watersheds and our Stormwater Profession

This panel will explore diversity, equity, inclusion and environmental justice in the context of the stormwater management practice and profession. After a brief report on the demographic metrics of the Bay stormwater community, a panel representing the public, private and NGO sectors will candidly discuss barriers to representation in the profession, current approaches to equitable and inclusive watershed planning, and lessons we can learn from our colleagues on fostering more diverse and collaborative workplaces.

Distinguished Panelists: *Tuana Phillips (EPA, CBPO); Jennifer Dowdell (Biohabitats); Frank Dawson (Montgomery County, MD); TBA (Capital Region Water, Harrisburg); Others TBA*

Panel 5: March 31: 11:00AM -12:30 PM

Secrets of the Rich and Famous: Tips on More Effective Restoration Grantsmanship

This panel will provide tips and tricks to improve your chances to attract more grant funds for restoration practices in your community. A wealthy panel will discuss the various state, federal and private funding sources out there, and how you can develop consistently winning proposals. Learn the grantsmanship turn-ons and turn-offs that determine whether you get to stay or get voted off the island. Plenty of time will be provided to ask the panel all your burning questions.

Wealthy Panelists: *Kristen Saacke-Blunk (Headwaters, LLC), Stephanie Heidbreder, (NFWF), and two anonymous grant reviewers to be un-masked!*

Panel 6: April 2: 11:00-AM -- 12:30 PM

Seeing the Forest Through the Trees in the Bay Watershed

This panel will focus on how we elevate the standing of trees as an urban BMP in the Bay watershed by improving delivery of urban forestry practices in both the public and private sectors. The panel will focus discussions on innovative approaches to regional collaborations, financing, marketing, tree equity, and long-term sustainability of tree planting programs.

The webcast will provide ample time for audience interaction to offer your best ideas on how we can promote the greenest of infrastructure.

Certified Tree Huggers: *Ashley Traut (Baltimore Wilderness Coalition); Sally Claggett (USFS); Ann Jurczyk (CBF); TBA (RK&K)*

Panel 7: April 6: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Finished and Un-finished Business in Stream Restoration

CSN will synthesize what the four expert groups accomplished with the stream restoration protocols over the last two years. Next, an all-star panel of noted practitioners and researchers will discuss what unfinished business needs to be done to effectively implement the protocols in the coming years.

These include new regional BANCS curves, better floodplain models, improved functional uplift metrics, more outreach and training and critical stream science needs. In addition, the panel will be asked how to make our stream restoration practices more resilient to extreme rainfall. The audience will get their chance to chime in on their priorities.

Urban Stream Geeks: Rich Starr (EPR), Josh Running (Stantec), Drew Altland (RKK), Paul Maier (US EPA), Neely Law (Fairfax County), David Wood (CSN), Bill Stack (CWP)

Keep A Look Out for Regional Hub Meetings later this Spring!

Live from Lancaster/SE PA and Tidewater VA

- *Regional Stormwater Concerns and Issues*
- *Successful Strategies for Local and Regional Collaborations:*
 - *The Pick of the Litter: Regional NFWF Project Showcase*
 - *What Locals Need from the Bay Program to Succeed*