

GAEP *Informant*

March 2017

News, Events, and Announcements from the Georgia Association of Environmental Professionals

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GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

Is it time to renew your GAEP membership?
Contact Membership Director, Betsy Jorgensen
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Georgia Association of Environmental Professionals

Lunch and Learn

"USGS Monitoring for Regional Studies and Critical Events"

With Special Guest Speaker Brian McCallum! See Bio on pg. 2



Location:

**USGS South Atlantic
Water Science Center**

**1770 Corporate Drive
Suite 500
Norcross, GA 30093**



Date and Time:

**Thursday, March 16th
12:00pm - 1:00pm**

Be sure to check out our new website to RSVP at:
www.gaep.info

You can also RSVP by emailing either William Barnett or Tyrel Heckendorf at:
wbarnett@pine-environmental.com / theckendorf@aesatlanta.com

Lunch will be provided for all attendees

Members - \$10.00

Non-members - \$20.00

Image source: https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ks/nwis/uv?site_no=06865500

RSVP HERE for the Lunch and Learn Session

Do you have suggestions for GAEP Social Events or Lunch 'n' Learn topics? Please email the Co-Directors of Social Events Tyrel Heckendorf theckendorf@aesatlanta.com or William Barnett wbarnett@pine-environmental.com to share your ideas!



2017 NAEP CONFERENCE

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

The 2017 NAEP Annual Conference will be held in the Durham Convention Center in Durham, North Carolina, March 27 - 30, 2017!

NAEP is pleased to announce that registration rates have not been increased this year. Please note that there are added savings if you are a speaker or a government employee.

Excellent training sessions are being offered on Monday, March 27. Four concurrent oral sessions in each of the time frames will be supplemented by off-property tours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The tours will encompass Ecosystem Restoration, Brownfields, Duke University's Stream and Wetland Assessment Management Park, and a Duke Forest Tour.

See the [Schedule at a Glance](#) for the day-by-day outline of concurrent sessions and tracks.

[Click HERE to Register Online Today!](#)

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GAEP Annual Scholarship

Applications now being accepted



GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS (GAEP) 2017 ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Program Overview

The Georgia Association of Environmental Professionals (GAEP) is seeking to identify and recognize deserving students in our state by soliciting applications for scholarship aid. To support the academic advancement of students in the environmental field, we are offering at least one scholarship grant of up to \$1,000 to a qualified undergraduate student. The scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 academic year for an undergraduate student as early as spring 2017. An application form is attached. Please feel free to make as many copies as you need.

About GAEP

- Formed in 2005, GAEP is a chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP). The primary function of the GAEP is to enhance, maintain and protect the quality of the natural and human environment through cooperation with the NAEP.

The purpose of GAEP is to:

- Promote standards and ethics throughout the professions that comprise environmental management.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among professionals.
- Advance the professionalism in environmental planning and reporting in the State of Georgia.

Qualifications

To qualify for the GAEP 2017 scholarship(s), applicants must be full-time students in good academic standing at an accredited college or university located in the State of Georgia for the current (2017-2018) academic year. Applicants must continue with this full-time status for the 2017-2018 academic year. Qualified students should be majoring in an environmental field such as (but not limited to) ecology, botany, fisheries, forestry, geology, geography, environmental engineering, environmental planning, impact assessment, natural resource management, or conservation. An overall GPA of 3.0 or above is required for all applications. Student membership in GAEP is encouraged but not required, and will not be a factor in selection of scholarship recipients.

Selection

Top applicants will be selected based on academic qualifications and responses to the attached application. Applicants may be interviewed by phone or in person by members of the GAEP Scholarship Committee. Applicants selected for an interview will be notified by email of the time and location (if necessary) of the interview. GAEP Scholarship grants will be awarded based on academic qualifications and related activities described in the written application, supplemented if needed by responses received during the interview. **Awards will be announced on or before May 15, 2017.**

**Please forward this scholarship information/application
to anyone you know that may qualify**

[Click HERE for Scholarship Application](#)

Regulatory Changes/Updates

An exception from the regulatory freeze was granted by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs for the 2017 nationwide permits, which were published in the Federal Register on Jan. 6, 2017 (82 FR 1860). The final rule for the issuance of the 2017 nationwide permits was subject to the Jan. 20, 2017, White House Chief of Staff memorandum entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review." The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers submitted documentation on Feb. 7 to the Office of Management and Budget to ask that the 2017 nationwide permits be excepted from the regulatory freeze. The 2017 nationwide permits will go into effect on March 19, 2017, as originally scheduled.

Summary of the 2017 Nationwide Permits

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

[Hydrophytic Vegetation \(Coastal Plain\)](#): May 9 - 10, 2017 Charleston, SC

[Advanced Hydric Soils, Atypical Wetlands, and Hydrology \(Coastal Plain or Piedmont\)](#)

Coastal Plain: April 4 - 5, 2017 Charleston, SC

[Basic Wetland Delineation](#)

March 20 - 24, 2017 Atlanta, GA

[Endangered Species Act Overview](#)

April 11, 2017 Atlanta, GA

Direct questions to Jake Duncan at ddwest@ddwest.com.

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