

# GAEP *Informant* August 3, 2016

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

Is it time to renew your GAEP membership?  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Georgia Association of  
Environmental Professionals

Invites you to the

*Association of State Wetland  
Managers*

*webinar:*

**Hydric Soils  
Processes**

Topics include redox reactions and redoximorphic features, hydric soils functions, and the hydric soil technical standard

When:

Wednesday, August 10 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Where:

CH2M

6600 Peachtree Dunwoody Road  
Building 400, Suite 600  
Atlanta, GA 30328

Please RSVP to Stephen Holland  
([stephenEholland@gmail.com](mailto:stephenEholland@gmail.com)).

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

This webinar is FREE to GAEP members  
and \$5 for non-members.

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*Georgia Association of  
Environmental Professionals*

## *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Scramble*

*Annual GAEP Scholarship Fund*

**Thursday, September 29, 2016**

**Heritage Golf Links**

**4445 Britt Road**

**Tucker, GA 30084**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

**Registration & Sponsorship  
Information to Follow**

**Questions & Information  
Contact: Karen Trujillo**

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**\*\*\*Please see attached registration and sponsorship  
information!\*\*\***

**If you would like to be involved in planning this important event to benefit the GAEP  
Scholarship Fund, please email Karen Trujillo [karen.trujillo@aecom.com](mailto:karen.trujillo@aecom.com) for more information!**

**Do you have suggestions for GAEP Social Events or Lunch 'n' Learn topics? Please email Social  
Events Directors Stephen Holland [stephen.holland@cardno.com](mailto:stephen.holland@cardno.com) and Elaine Ceccacci  
[ececcacci@croyengineering.com](mailto:ececcacci@croyengineering.com) to share your ideas!**

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS



# An Environmental Crossroads: Navigating Our Ever-Changing Regulatory Landscape

## National Association of Environmental Professionals Annual Conference

**March 27-30, 2017**  
Durham, North Carolina

### Call for Papers

Abstracts will be accepted for oral presentations, posters, workshops, and special sessions focused toward the following topics:

Air Quality

Climate Change

Coastal Resiliency

Cultural Resources

Ecological Restoration

Endangered Species

Energy

Environmental Technology

Mountains to Sea: NC Issues

NEPA

Policy / Regulatory Updates

Public Involvement

Remediation & Brownfields

Sustainable Development

Transportation

Water Resources

Please submit abstracts to [www.naep.org/2017-conference](http://www.naep.org/2017-conference)

Questions? Contact Lynn Mcleod at [naep2017@battelle.org](mailto:naep2017@battelle.org)  
or 781-681-5510

The submission deadline is September 15, 2016

Photos Courtesy of  
Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau  
and Peter Lamb & the Wolves

### **NAEP 2017 Conference Training Sessions**

NAEP is soliciting proposals for Training Sessions to be held at the Annual Conference on Monday, March 27, 2017. Training Sessions should be either four or eight hours long and need to be pertinent to the topics normally covered by the conference.

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

- A syllabus or detailed description of what will be taught and by whom is required. This will be used for advertising as well as PDH certification approval purposes.
- A CV or Biosketch of each trainer is required.
- Benefits received by the trainers are dependent upon number of paid course registrations. (Benefits are per course not per instructor.)
- Instructors will be asked to commit to teaching the course(s) four (4) weeks prior to the course date.
- Courses will be chosen from those proposals received, and if enough registrations are not received to conduct the course, it will be cancelled prior to the conference.

Direct questions to Lynn McLeod, CEP, PMP, at [naep2017@battelle.org](mailto:naep2017@battelle.org).

Call for papers for publication in the scholarly journal:

# ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE

The journal of the National Association of Environmental Professionals

## AIR QUALITY vol. 19 no. 1 (March 2017)

Air quality affects every individual in the world. In the United States, air quality issues are in the press daily, as well as in the political arena. Concerns over public health issues emanating from air quality and effects of greenhouse gas emissions are on the forefront. Regulatory changes are being proposed and litigation is the norm. How does the environmental professional navigate the ever changing landscape?

The March 2017 issue of *Environmental Practice* will be devoted to the subject of Air Quality. We welcome a variety of perspectives from scholars, practitioners, and students in a variety of fields.

Specific topics that could be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- i. Regulatory changes
- ii. Greenhouse gas emissions
- iii. Innovative approaches to impact assessment and mitigation
- iv. Climate change
- v. Industry case studies
- vi. Remediation and The Clean Air Act – technical and regulatory strategies
- vii. Communication between decision-makers and the public

**Deadline for submittals is  
August 22, 2016 to  
[ruth.gaulke@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.gaulke@gmail.com)**

**Sample issues of the journal  
can be found at:**

[http://journals.cambridge.org/action/  
displayJournal?jid=ENP](http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=ENP)

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## Upcoming Training & Workshop Opportunities



**Adrian Collaborative, LLC Downtown Duluth**  
***New training scheduled!***

Four core topics, divided into 2 sessions of 3 days each. Learn details and register:  
<http://adriancollaborative.com/training>



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- Learn practical tools for your environmental career in a fun and engaging format!

## Summer/Fall 2016 Training Sessions

\*Discount code available for multiple topic registrations\*

### **Effective NEPA Analysis and Documentation for Transportation Projects:**

**Date: August 16 & 17, 2016**

### **Assessing Indirect and Cumulative Effects of Transportation Projects:**

**Dates: August 17 & 18, 2016**

### **Public Involvement Approaches for Transportation Planning and Projects:**

**Dates: September 13 & 14, 2016**

### **Addressing Environmental Justice in Transportation Projects:**

**Dates: September 14 & 15, 2016**

Hosted in our offices on Main Street, Duluth

**Free shuttle from the GDOT deck**

## Blueline Environmental

Protecting and restoring water resources through assessment, design, and education

Blueline Environmental will host their 2016 Stream Class from October 11-13th at Panola Mountain State Park. This 3-day course will focus on the North Carolina methodology for identifying streams. Register here:  
[http://bluelineenv.com/?page\\_id=57](http://bluelineenv.com/?page_id=57)

## ***Fundamentals of Stream Morphology and Ecology Assessment, October 26-28, 2016***

City of Auburn Harris Center  
425 Perry Street  
Auburn, AL 36830

### Instructors:

Greg Jennings, PhD, PE, NC State University Professor Emeritus

Eve Brantley, PhD, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University, Associate Professor

Dusty Kimbrow, MS, City of Auburn Watershed Division

This 3-day workshop introduces concepts of fluvial geomorphology and stream processes related to channel and floodplain formation, bankfull stage identification, regional hydraulic geometry curves, applications of the Rosgen classification system for natural streams in the Southeast, and assessment tools for stream morphological and ecological conditions.

Morning classroom sessions are followed by afternoon field sessions where students work in small groups to measure stream physical and ecological conditions. Students will learn to calculate stream morphology relationships for channel dimension, pattern, and profile by hand and using a spreadsheet. Students will also learn about field techniques for measuring streambank erosion, pebble count techniques for substrate analysis, and channel ecogeomorphology assessment of reference and impaired streams.

These assessment techniques provide a basis for determining a stream system's departure from reference conditions and opportunities for restoration. Students should bring field gear, waders, calculator, and a laptop for Excel spreadsheet calculations. This workshop is open to individuals from all backgrounds interested in learning to assess stream conditions. Future workshops on stream restoration techniques will be based on the concepts learned in this fundamental workshop.



<http://www.shipleypgroup.com/>

Cultural & Natural Resource Compliance  
Aug 9, 2016 – Aug 11, 2016

Environmental Risk and Public Involvement  
Aug 16, 2016 – Aug 18, 2016

## **Duncan & Duncan Wetland and Endangered Species Training**

<http://www.ddwest.com/>

Interagency Consultation for Endangered Species \$500  
October 11 - 12 Atlanta, GA

Wetland Delineation Regional Supplement \$450  
Eastern Mountains/Piedmont: December 12 - 13, 2016 Atlanta, GA

Basic Wetland Delineation \$950  
October 3 - 7, 2016 Atlanta, GA

Endangered Species Act Overview \$250  
September 27, 2016 Atlanta, GA

Advanced Hydric Soils, Atypical Wetlands, and Hydrology \$450  
Piedmont: November 14 - 15, 2016 Atlanta, GA

Hydrophytic Vegetation \$450  
Piedmont: August 8 - 9, 2016 Atlanta, GA

Identification of Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes \$450  
September 12 - 13, 2016 Charleston, SC

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