

# GAEP *Informant* September 12, 2016

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



*Georgia Association of  
Environmental Professionals*

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

*Annual GAEP Scholarship Fund*

**Wednesday, September 28, 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 volunteer at 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) 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).

## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Georgia EPD Water Protection Branch**

The Outreach Unit of Georgia Environmental Protection Division's Water Protection Branch announces a full-time State Coordinator position for Georgia Adopt-A-Stream. This position is located in the GA EPD office in downtown Atlanta. Application deadline date is August 30, 2016. For more information about Georgia Adopt-A-Stream, visit: [www.georgiaadoptastream.com/db](http://www.georgiaadoptastream.com/db). For a complete position listing and details go [here](#).

### **Georgia Department of Transportation**

The Georgia Department of Transportation currently has multiple opening for an entry level NEPA planner. Please visit the following link for details: [https://ga.taleo.net/careersection/ga\\_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=REG00JA](https://ga.taleo.net/careersection/ga_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=REG00JA)

## **Upcoming Training & Workshop Opportunities**

### **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)

Adrian Collaborative, LLC Downtown Duluth

<http://adriancollaborative.com/training>

**We are offering a great training combination next week, September 13-15. Join GDOT and consultant staff for 3 days of engaging discussions about Public Involvement and Environmental Justice.**



## SUMMER/FALL TRAINING SCHEDULE

\*Discount code available for multiple topic registrations\*

### Public Involvement Approaches for Transportation Planning and Projects

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

### Addressing Environmental Justice in Transportation Projects

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

*We never stop learning, so why should you?*

**New Format:** 2 topics in 3 days, great for busy professionals who may be new to transportation NEPA or refocusing from other environmental disciplines.

**Not your typical training class:** we combine **media, group discussions, and hands-on case studies.**

**GDOT-approved training for prequalification** -- our courses focus on **transportation projects**, with an **emphasis on GA approaches including the latest procedures.** Classes include students from the consulting community and GDOT - a great mix to share ideas and case studies.

**Great food already is included in our costs:** breakfast from local restaurants and a downtown Duluth 'open tab' lunch or catering from local restaurants, plus breaks.

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

**FREE SHUTTLE FROM THE GDOT DECK**



## **Fall & Winter Class schedule is here!**

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### **ESA Overview**

*September 27, 2016 - Atlanta, GA*

### **Basic Wetland Delineation**

*October 3 - 6, 2016 - Atlanta, GA*

### **Interagency Consultation for Endangered Species (Section 7)**

*October 11 - 12, 2016 - Atlanta, GA*

### **Advanced Hydric Soils, Atypical Wetlands, and Hydrology**

*November 14 - 15, 2016 - Atlanta, GA*

### **Wetland Delineation Regional Supplement, Eastern Mountains/Piedmont**

*December 12 - 13, 2016 - Atlanta, GA*

# ***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.

## **2016 GAEP Executive Committee**

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