

2026 ESTP Virtual National Workshop

Day 1: Tuesday September 1, 2026 1-5 pm ET (12 pm-4 pm CT; 11 am-3 pm MDT; 10am-2pm PT)

- Welcome and Introductions
- EPA Updates
- What is EPA's Enhancing State and Tribal Program (ESTP)?
- Cross-Funding Opportunities
- Discussion: Wetlands Program Best Practices

Time	Item	Speaker/Facilitator
1:00 PM	Welcome	EPA National ESTP Coordinator, Myra Price
	Online Logistics	
	Agenda Review	National Association of Wetland Managers: Executive Director, Portia Osborne
1:15 PM	Introduction of Participants	National Association of Wetland Managers: Environmental Analyst, Ian Grosfelt
1:45 PM	EPA Updates: • National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS): 2026 National Wetland Condition Assessment (NWCA) and 2027 National Lakes Assessment (NLA) • WPDG Database • Tribal Set-Aside Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)	EPA National Wetland Condition Assessment Lead, Gregg Serenbetz and National Lakes Assessment Lead, Lareina Guenzel EPA National ESTP Coordinator, Myra Price
2:15 PM	What is EPA's Enhancing State and Tribal Program (ESTP)? • The Core Elements Framework, and Wetland Program Plan Development • Wetland Program Plans Handbook Update • State Summary Updates	EPA R9 ESTP Coordinator, Sarvy Mahdavi National Association of Wetland Managers: Executive Director, Portia Osborne
2:45-3:00 PM	BREAK	

3:00-3:15 pm	TRIVIA	National Association of Wetland Managers: Environmental Analyst, Ian Grosfelt
3:15 PM	Sustaining Your Wetland Program: Cross-Funding Opportunities • EPA Funding • NRCS Funding • National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Funding	EPA National ESTP Coordinator, Myra Price EPA Biologist, National Nonpoint Source Program, Ellie Flaherty EPA 106 Coordinator, TBD USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services: National Program Manager, Wetland Reserve Easement Program, Ken Kriese National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Northeastern Regional Office Director, Amanda Bassow
4:15 PM	Small Group Discussion: Wetlands Program Best Practices • Break-Out Discussion Topics • Report Out	National Association of Wetland Managers: Executive Director, Portia Osborne
4:55 PM	Wrap-Up	National Association of Wetland Managers: Executive Director, Portia Osborne
5:00 PM	Adjourn	

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Day 2: Wednesday September 2, 2026 1-5 pm ET (12 pm-4 pm CT; 11 am-3 pm MDT; 10am-2pm PT)

- Welcome
- Regulatory and Policy Approaches
- Community Engagement for Wetlands Protection
- Tribal Partnerships for Wetland Protection
- Discussion: Wetlands Protection Best Practices

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1:00 PM	Welcome, preview of the day	EPA R8 ESTP Coordinator and 401 Coordinator, Estella Moore National Association of Wetland Managers: Executive Director, Portia Osborne
1:15 PM	Regulatory and Policy Approaches • Virginia's Permit Environmental Efficiency Platform (PEEP) (15 min) • Quantifying the Effects of the Sackett v. EPA Decision on Wetland Jurisdiction in Colorado (25 min)	Virginia Department of Environmental Quality: Office of Wetlands and Stream Protection Manager, Brenda Winn Colorado State University Colorado Natural Heritage Program: Senior Wetland Ecologist, Joanna Lemly and Wetland Restoration Ecologist, Sarah Smith
2:00 PM	Community Engagement for Wetlands Protection • Utah's Collaborative Approach to Building a Wetland Program Plan (15 min) • Bridging the Gap between People and Wetlands in Nebraska (25 min)	Utah Geological Survey State Wetland Coordinator, Jess Stern Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Wetland Program Manager, Ted LaGrange and Outdoor Education Specialist, Grace Gaard

	Building a Statewide Vernal Pool Monitoring Program in West Virginia (10 min)	West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Save Our Stream Coordinator, Jessica Bryzek
3:00-3:15 PM	BREAK	
3:15-3:30 PM	TRIVIA	National Association of Wetland Managers: Environmental Analyst, Ian Grosfelt
3:30 PM	Tribal Partnerships for Wetland Protection - Tribal Wetland Support Groups (25 min) - Monitoring and Assessment Methods of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Wetland Program (25 min) - Wetland Mapping and Inventory Project – Western Prince William Sound, Alaska (15 min)	Pacific Northwest Tribal Wetlands Working Group (TWIG): Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources, Rue Hewett Hoover; Skokomish Department of Natural Resources Environmental Programs Manager, Seth Book; Quinault Indian Nation Wetland Specialist, Janice Martin Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Wetland Specialist, May Flores-Hill Chugach Regional Resources Commission: Environmental Director, Carolyn Spencer
4:45 PM	Large Group Discussion: Wetlands Protection Best Practices Wetland Wins: Share Your Successes!	National Association of Wetland Managers: Executive Director, Portia Osborne
5:00 PM	Adjourn	

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Day 3: Thursday September 3, 2026 1-5 pm ET (12 pm-4 pm CT; 11 am-3 pm MDT; 10am-2pm PT)

- Welcome
- Wetlands Mapping and Inventory
- Wetlands Program Management
- Wetland Program Tools and Resources
- Next Steps and Closing Remarks

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1:00 PM	Welcome, preview of day	EPA R9 ESTP Coordinator, Sarvy Mahdavi National Association of Wetland Managers: Executive Director, Portia Osborne
1:15 PM	Wetlands Mapping and Inventory • National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) (15 min) • Updating the National Wetlands Inventory for an Urbanizing Riverine Landscape: Kansas City, Missouri (15 min) • Wetland Protection and Restoration Strategy Mapping Support for Hawai'i Island (15 min)	US Fish and Wildlife Service NWI Regional Wetlands Coordinator, Amanda Pachomski Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Executive Director, Andrew Robertson University of Hawaii at Hilo Affiliate Faculty, Lisa Marrack and Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources Aquatic Biologist, Troy Sakihara
2:15 pm	Wetlands Program Management • Restoration and Management Planning for Idlewild Marsh (10 min) • Lessons Learned from establishment of a wetland hydrology monitoring network to advance establishment of wetland thresholds (20 min)	New York City Parks Wetland Restoration Project Manager, Alexis Canney Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Wetland Program Coordinator, Jennie Skancke

	Developing a Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Strategy for City of Boulder Open Space Mountain Parks (10 min)	City of Boulder Open Space Mountain Parks Senior Wetland and Riparian Ecologist, Cat McIntyre
3:10-3:25 PM	BREAK	
3:25-3:40 PM	TRIVIA	National Association of Wetland Managers: Environmental Analyst, Ian Grosfelt
3:40 PM	Wetland Program Tools and Resources - Attenuation of Flood Risk in the Missouri River Floodplain: Characterizing Prospects for Strategic Wetland Establishment (25 min) - The California Estuary Monitoring Dashboard: A Function-Based Tool for Assessing Estuarine Condition Statewide (15 min) - Ridge to River: Connecting Our Backyards and Wetlands to Create Healthy, Resilient Communities (10 min)	University of Missouri PhD student, Mohammad Jaweed Nazary Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Coastal Ecologist, Jan Walker Ventura County Research Conservation Division/Watershed Progressive Creative Director, Aja Bulla Zamastil
4:40 PM	Next Steps and Workshop Conclusion	National Association of Wetland Managers: Executive Director, Portia Osborne and Environmental Analyst, Ian Grosfelt EPA R8 ESTP Coordinator and 401 Coordinator, Estella Moore EPA R9 ESTP Coordinator, Sarvy Mahdavi
4:50 PM	Closing Remarks	
5:00 PM	Adjourn	

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