

## 33 Years of Protecting Wetlands

The Association of State Wetland Managers is a nonprofit membership organization established in 1983 to promote and enhance protection and management of wetland resources, to promote application of sound science to wetland management efforts and to provide training and education for our members and the public. ASWM's members and partners include states and tribes, federal agencies, nonprofit partners, wetland professionals, educators, wetland enthusiasts and many others. Membership is open to all. The main common goal between these groups is a better understanding of wetlands and how to protect the resources throughout the Nation.

### What we do

- Help states develop and implement wetland regulatory and management programs
- Improve the coordination of wetland programs and policies at all levels of government
- Provide training and capacity building for state wetland programs
- Facilitate the integration of wetlands into water resources and watershed management
- Build conservation and restoration partnerships among states, tribes, local governments, not-for-profits and other interested parties
- Translate wetland science into fair and reasonable government policies

### Cultivating a Wetland Ethic

Since its founding in 1983, ASWM has laid the groundwork to support wetlandkeepers—those unsung heroes who work tirelessly to protect wetlands. They restore and regulate wetlands of all kinds: bogs, fens, marshes, swamps, playas, freshwater and tidal wetlands, mangroves, forested wetlands, vernal pools and streams, riverine and lake-adjacent wetlands. ASWM fosters a wetland ethic—a legacy to benefit the wetlandkeepers of today and those of tomorrow for future generations. We build bridges between science and policy and provide the training and tools to wetlandkeepers, so that they can do a better job of protecting wetlands.

## Publications

ASWM publishes several newsletters, including the weekly Insider's Edition, the monthly *Wetland Breaking News* and bi-monthly membership newsletter, *Wetland News*.

ASWM also regularly publishes white papers, handbooks and reports on current topics such as climate change, restoration, program development, legal issues, and permitting. Recent publications include:

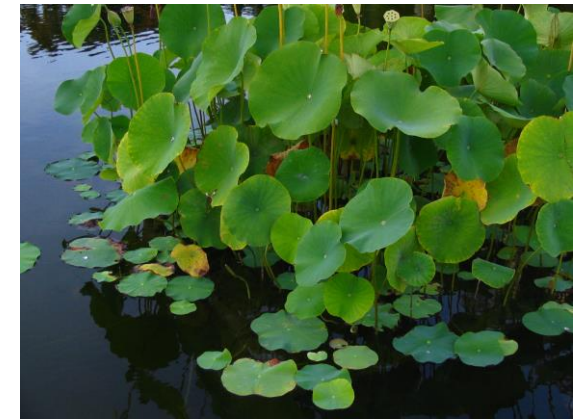
- Protecting and Restoring Riparian Areas
- Model "Riparian" Protection Ordinance
- A Comparative Analysis of Ecosystem Service Valuation Decision Support Tools for Wetland Restoration
- Status and Trends Report on State Wetland Programs in the United States



## Website

ASWM's website provides numerous resources, including:

- information on state and federal wetland programs, wetland science, regulation, policy and law
- Wetlands One-Stop Mapping Website
- ASWM publications, wetland news, a jobs board & calendar of events



## Webinars

ASWM conducts webinars on a variety of topics year-round. These webinars provide opportunities to work closely with other wetland professionals on specific issues of wetland science, policy and management.

- Members' Wetland Webinar Series
- Hot Topics Webinar Series
- Improving Wetland Restoration Success Project
- Wetland Mapping Consortium Webinars
- Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance Webinars

## Social Media & Blogs

ASWM features three staff blogs, including:

- The Compleat Wetlander
- The Wetland Wanderer
- For Peat's Sake!

ASWM uses social media to generate good discussions on proposed legislation and regulations, legal decisions and hot topics, such as wetland mapping and floodplains. Find our group page on Facebook or join our LinkedIn group.



## JOIN ASWM TODAY!

### Benefits:

- Bi-monthly newsletter, Wetland News
- Webinar series for members
- Weekly Insider's Edition
- Reduced prices on publications
- Reduced registration fees for ASWM meetings and workshops

**Individual Membership**  \$60.00

**Student Membership** (I.D. Required)  \$25.00

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### Why Protect Wetlands?

Wetlands provide critical habitat for waterfowl, certain mammals and amphibians, reptiles, aquatic insects, fish and birds. Depending on the type of wetland, whether it is a freshwater marsh, a tidal estuary, a peat bog or fen, forested wetland or swamp, headwater streams or saltwater marsh, a wetland performs different types of “services” for a watershed. Wetlands are often nicknamed the “kidneys” of the earth because they filter out pollutants, which improve water quality for surrounding streams, rivers, lakes and other wetlands. But they also perform other functions, such as flood attenuation, water storage, providing habitat for wetland-dependent species and recreation opportunities for people, including nature-watching, birding, hunting, hiking, paddling and fishing. Wetlands also help natural resource managers better understand climate change impacts, such as sea level rise and natural hazards like hurricanes. Because wetlands are naturally carbon sinks, which means they can sequester carbon, they are part of the solution for reducing greenhouse gasses. For all of these reasons and many more, it is essential to protect and conserve wetlands.

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