

Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance Webinar Series Presents:

**Floodplains and Green Infrastructure as Tools for
Hazard Mitigation: Barriers and Funding
Opportunities**

Presenters:

Rowan Schmidt, Earth Economics

Brad Gordon, American Rivers

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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** (15 minutes)
- **Federal policy update** (15 minutes): David Conrad, ASFPM and Marla Stelk, ASWM
- **Webinar presentation** (40 minutes):
 - Rowan Schmidt, Earth Economics (20 minutes)
 - Brad Gordon, American Rivers (20 minutes)
- **Questions and Answers** (20 minutes)



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1. Encourage information-sharing among organizations and agencies that support restoration and conservation of natural floodplain resources
2. Use sound science to develop fair and reasonable policies and programs that support restoration and conservation of natural floodplain resources
3. Integrate natural floodplain management into broader landscape and watershed management initiatives.
4. Facilitate creation and integration of programs and policies to sustain and restore natural floodplain resources
5. Support revision or elimination of policies and programs that degrade and destroy natural floodplain resources
6. Improve communication about the importance of natural floodplain resources at all levels of government

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<http://www.aswm.org/watersheds/natural-floodplain-function-alliance>



NFFA Meeting

**ASFPM Annual Conference
Cleveland, Ohio**

Conference Room: 11

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Draft Agenda

3:30pm – 3:35pm	Welcome/Introductions
3:35pm – 3:40pm	Background on NFFA
3:40pm – 3:55pm	New info on BCA Ecosystem benefits
3:55pm – 4:10pm	2018 WRDA requirement to consider nature-based approaches to problem solving
4:10pm – 4:20pm	PL8499 program – Levee setbacks & nature-based approaches
4:20pm – 4:45pm	Federal updates
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Next steps for NFFA



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- **NFFA Webinar:** Floodplains and Green Infrastructure as Tools for Hazard Mitigation: Barriers and Funding Opportunities - 5/14/19
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- **Members' Wetland Webinar:** Identifying Listed Species and Streamlining Section 7 Consultation for Wetland Permitting (And More): Introduction to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Online IPaC Tool - 6/12/19

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On Wednesday, April 10th, the White House issued an Executive Order (EO) "Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth" that aims to streamline Federal processes surrounding energy infrastructure development. The EO directs the EPA to consult with States, Tribes, and relevant executive departments and agencies in reviewing Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and EPA's related regulations and policies.

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September 8, 2018

Green Infrastructure Case Studies:
How to Successfully Lower Risk in
Your Community



Presenters:

- Jennifer Henaghan, AICP,
American Planning Association
- Dr. Tom Ballestero, University of
New Hampshire
- Jared Soares, Earth Economics



Future Schedule

- **Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern**
 - **Floodplain Prioritization and Spatial Analysis**
 - Kris Johnson PhD, The Nature Conservancy
 - Eugene Jacobson, The Nature Conservancy
 - Christine Shepard PhD, The nature Conservancy
 - Lily Verdone, The Nature Conservancy

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Questions?

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The Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance thanks you for your participation!

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