

AWAG 2004 Watershed Conference Agenda

Thursday, September 9, 2004

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Field Experiences and Registration

Eco-Friendly Development

Don Curran, Virco Manufacturing Corporation
Gerald Cound, Heifer International

Ecosystems in Your Watershed

Tom Foti, AR Natural Heritage
Ken Smith, Audubon Arkansas

Bayou Bartholomew Watershed & the Delta Rivers Nature Center

Bill Layher, Bayou Bartholomew Alliance

Friday, September 10, 2004

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 8:35 am Welcome

Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey

8:35 am – 11:30 am - Plenary Session

8:35 am – 8:40 am

Welcome & Introduction to Panel
Presentations & Discussion *
Sandi Formica, ADEQ, Moderator

8:40 am – 8:55 am

*ADEQ and Watershed Management**
Marcus Devine, ADEQ Director

8:55 am – 9:10 am

*Restoring Wetlands & Riparian in Arkansas**
Kalven Trice, NRCS State Conservationist

9:10 am – 9:25 am

*The Mapping of Hydrologic Units for Watershed Planning **
Randy Young, ASWCC Director

9:25 am – 9:45 am

*Adaptive Management**
Tom Davenport, USEPA Nonpoint Source Program

9:45 am – 10:00 am - Panel Discussion *

Previous Plenary Speakers

10:00 am – 10:15 am - BREAK

10:15 am – 10:40 am –

Water Use & Impacts in Arkansas
John Czarnecki, USGS

* denotes Panel Discussion Participant

“What is a field experience?”

A field experience is like a field trip but with more participant interaction and involvement. This on-site learning experience will be directed by the project coordinator or other experienced professionals familiar with the selected site and topic. They will show first-hand examples of projects and techniques and discuss their accomplishments and potential problems that may lie ahead.

10:40 am – 11:05 am

Restoration Possibilities and Conservation Strategies for Arkansas
Ken Smith, Audubon Arkansas

11:05 am – 11:30 am – Keynote Address

Integrating Environmental Considerations into Municipal Planning
Mayor Steve Womack, City of Rogers

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Conference Luncheon & Awards

Creating a Watershed Partnership in Arkansas,
Jennifer Michaels, Lake Fayetteville Watershed Partnership
Awards Presentation
Ellen McNulty, ADEQ

1:00 pm – 2:50 pm Concurrent Sessions I

Track 1: Protecting Water Quality: Issues, Regulations, & Local Policy

Workshop - Using the Clean Water Act to get local Water Quality Protection

Ken Steele, U of A, Moderator
Instructor: Bill Painter, USEPA

Track 2: Watershed Groups: Making a Difference

Workshop - Developing a Watershed Group

Instructor: Ellen McNulty, ADEQ

Track 3: Assessment & Restoration Tools – Urban & Land Management

Workshop - Developing Watershed Management Plans

Luanne Diffin, City of Rogers, Moderator and Instructor
The Role TMDL Has in Using the Watershed Approach-
Walt Poole, ACWF

*Using GIS for Watershed Planning-*Roger Miller, ADH

2:50 pm – 3:10 pm BREAK

3:10 pm – 5:00 pm Concurrent Sessions II

Track 1: Protecting Water Quality: Issues, Regulations, & Local Policy

Workshop – TMDLs and New Approaches

Willie Lane, EPA, Region 6, Moderator
Instructors:

*TMDL Basics-*Bill Painter, USEPA

*Status of Arkansas' TMDLs-*Jim Wise, ADEQ

*New Approaches-*Walt Poole, ACWF

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3:10 pm – 5:00 pm Concurrent Sessions II

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Track 2: Watershed Groups: Making a Difference Workshop – Financing Your Watershed Group

Instructor: Bill Jarocki, Boise State University

Track 3: Assessment & Restoration Tools – Urban & Land Management

Breakout Session– Assessment/Monitoring Tools Used to Evaluate Sediment in the West Fork White River Watershed

Sandi Formica, ADEQ, Moderator

Overall Watershed Assessment-Sandi Formica, ADEQ

Streambank Erosion Loading Estimates-Matt Van Eps, ADEQ

Biological Assessment-Andrea Radwell, U of A

Continuous Monitoring Station-Marc Nelson, AWRC

Bonus Track:

Workshop – Watersheds 101

Instructors:

Rob Beadel, ADEQ

Jim Petersen, USGS

Joy DeClerk, ARWA

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm Poster Session & Reception

“Linking Water to Communities”

“What is a workshop?”

A workshop is a session in which leading experts provide training that will help participants make better decisions concerning natural resources and the environment.

Saturday, September 11, 2004

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 8:40 am Saturday, General Session

8:40 am – 10:30 am: Concurrent Sessions III

Track 1: Protecting Water Quality: Issues Regulations, & Local Policy

Breakout Session - Working towards Going Beyond the Minimum Stormwater Requirements

Kim Fuller, ADEQ, Moderator

Local Policy Building-Gary Coover, City of Fayetteville

Fourche Creek-Daniel Devun, Audubon Arkansas

Heifer International Project Site-Martin Smith of Larson, Burns & Smith

Track 2 Watershed Groups: Making a Difference Workshop - Getting In Step: Conducting Watershed Awareness Campaigns

Instructor: Lisa Knerr, Tetra Tech

Track 3: Assessment & Restoration Tools – Urban & Land Management

Workshop - Conservation and Restoration of Wetland Ecosystems & Stream Corridors

Rob Fisher, NWF, Moderator

Instructors:

Elizabeth Murray, MAWPT

Art Parola, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Louisville

Bonus Track:

Workshop - Watersheds 101 (Repeat Workshop)

Instructors:

Rob Beadel, ADEQ

Jim Petersen USGS

Joy DeClerk, ARWA

10:30 am – 10:45 am BREAK

10:45 am – 12:00 pm Concurrent Sessions IV

Track 1: Protecting Water Quality: Issues, Regulations, & Local Policy

Breakout Session- Reducing Phosphorus Loads

Mary Leath, ADEQ, Moderator

Poultry Litter Regulations-Adrian Baber, ASWCC

Addressing Septic Tank Problems on Table Rock Lake-

Dave Casaletto, Table Rock Water Quality, Inc.

The Phosphorus Index and Reducing P Runoff-

Paul DeLaune, U of A

Treating Phosphorus at Roger’s Municipality-

Luanne Diffin, City of Rogers

Track 2: Watershed Groups: Making a Difference

Breakout Session- Non-Profit Status for Watershed Partnerships

Bonnie Johnson, Moderator and Presenter

Track 3: Assessment & Restoration Tools – Urban & Land Management

Workshop -Urban BMPs for Managing Stormwater Runoff

Ralph Davis, U of A, Moderator

Instructors:

Findlay Edwards, U of A

Kim Fuller, ADEQ

“What is a breakout session?”

A breakout session is an interactive session featuring a panel of speakers with expertise in the session topic. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, make comments, and engage in discussions with the speakers and other participants.

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Saturday, September 11, 2004 cont.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch (on your own)

1:00 pm – 2:45 pm Bonus Track and Special Time

Repeat Workshop - Financing Your Watershed Group
Instructor: Bill Jarocki, Environmental Finance Center, Boise State University

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions V

Track 1: Protecting Water Quality: Issues, Regulations, & Local Policy

Breakout Session – Interstate Efforts

Marty Matlock, U of A, Moderator
Upper White River Foundation Helping Interstate Waters-
Floyd Gilzow, Upper White River Basin Foundation
Lessons Learned from the Eucha/Spavinew Watershed
Experience-John Elrod, Conner & Winter PLLC
Louisiana and Arkansas Working Together to Restore the
Bayou Bartholomew Watershed-Ronnie Ulmer, TNC

Track 2: Watershed Groups: Making a Difference

Breakout Session - Successful Watershed Groups with Panel Discussion

Ellen McNulty, ADEQ, Moderator
George Peters, *Friends of the North Fork/White River*
Phillip Fields, *Lower Little River Watershed Coalition*
Panel Discussion – Curtis Merrell, Phillip Fields, Melissa Terry, Ron Michaels, and George Peters

Track 3: Assessment & Restoration Tools – Urban & Land Management

Breakout Session - Using Alternative Land Management Practices to Reduce NPS Pollution Impacts

Mark Powell, Moderator
Alternative Water Sources & More Effective Uses-
Phil Tacker, U of A CES
Using Rotational Grazing to Improve Pastures -
Claire Whiteside, NRCS
Potential for Carbon Credits on Private Land in Arkansas-
Mark Powell

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm BREAK

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm: Special Watershed Symposium

“Building Effective Watershed Partnerships” -

Tom Davenport, USEPA and Len Pardee, USEPA Region 6
Topics to be covered include:

- The evolution and role of locally lead partnerships in watershed management projects
- Barriers to effective partnerships and what can be done to overcome them
- Working with stakeholders

After conference: “Informal get-together at River Market District”

Acronyms

ACWF	American Clean Water Foundation
ADEQ	Ark. Dept. of Environmental Quality
ADH	Arkansas Department of Health
AEF	Arkansas Environmental Federation
AGFC	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
ARWA	Arkansas Rural Water Association
ASU	Arkansas State University
AWRC	Arkansas Water Resources Center
BBA	Bayou Bartholomew Alliance
BWD	Beaver Water District
CES	Cooperative Extension Service
LFWP	Lake Fayetteville Watershed Partnership
LLRWC	Lower Little River Watershed Coalition
MAWPT	Multi-Agency Wetland Planning Team
NWF	National Wildlife Federation
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USDA NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
UWRBF	Upper White River Basin Foundation
U of A	University of Arkansas

Arkansas Watershed Advisory Group's 2004 Watershed Conference Committee

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