

## 2023 Pennsylvania Statewide Conference for Watershed Organizations - Overview Schedule

Day	Activity	Time Frame	Community Engagement	Watershed Restoration & Partnerships	Science and Policy	Organizational Development & Watershed Strategies
Day 1 - Sunday, October 29, 2023	Arrival - Early Registration	9:30 am - 11:00 am				
	Media Workshop	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Effective and Impactful Media Engagement and Communication Workshop; includes boxed lunch			
	Optional Informal Field Excursions	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art: Private Guided Tour			
	Arrival - Regular Registration	11:00 am - 5:00 pm				
	Exhibitor Set-Up	10:00 am - 1:00 pm				
	Mid-Day Refreshments	12:30 - 1:00 pm	Lunch Snacks and Beverages			
	Opening Plenary: Watershed Organization Projects Showcase	1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Welcome, Short Presentation of Watershed Accomplishments Statewide, and 10 minute Lightning Rounds of Selected Success Stories			
	Beverage Break	2:15 pm - 2:45 pm				
	Concurrent Session #1	2:45 pm - 3:30 pm	Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected (BARC), Carbon County Presented by Kara Scott and others of BARC	Parks and Restoration: A Case Study for Climate Resiliency: Fox Run Floodplain Restoration at Eagle View Park Presented by Kelly Gutshall, Land Studies	Finding Water Quality Narratives in Community Collected Data, Presented by Phoebe Galione, Dickinson College's ALLARM	Advocating for Change in a Growing Organization, Presented by Lydia Martin, Donegal Trout Unlimited Chapter
	Concurrent Session #2	3:45 pm - 4:30 pm	Streambank Restoration as Community Engagement: Biodynamics, Permaculture and Public Art Presented by Ashley Kyber, Rivers of Steel	Connecting Communities with Farms Presented by Ron Ohrel, Director of Environmental Outreach with the American Dairy Association North East	Mill Creek Floodplain Installation Presented by Hank Zielinski of Northampton Generating Company	Washington County Watershed Alliance's Strategic Planning Process: Lessons Learned and the Path to Implementation Presented by Kimberlie Gridley and Sam Carroll
	Networking Event	5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Jeopardy, Bingo, Get to know ya's			
	Dinner Reception	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Dinner			
Movies and Meet-ups	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Tentative				
Day 2 - Monday, October 30, 2023	Registration - Speaker Check In	7:00 am to Noon				
	Breakfast and Networking	7:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast provided for overnight guests; light refreshments for Monday only attendees			
	CWO President's Club Meet-up	7:45 am - 8:30 am	Conversations, networking, problem-solving, and resource sharing among watershed organization board presidents/chairpersons			
	Welcoming Remarks	8:30 am - 9:00 am	Welcome: Davitt Woodwell, President PEC and others			
	Introduction of Keynote	9:00 am to 9:05 am	Tali MacArthur, Program Manager for Watershed Outreach, PEC/POWR			
	Keynote Speaker: Victoria Prizzia, Founder and Principal of Habithèque Inc.,	9:05 am - 10:15 am	Victoria Prizzia is Founder and Principal of Habithèque Inc., an award-winning and nationally recognized WBENC certified cultural production, planning and design studio. Habithèque's exhibitions work to build an informed and engaged citizenry by connecting the act of play and discovery with real world challenges and personal choices. Victoria's body of work brings together artists and scientists to demonstrate how we can build a more just and sustainable future for all living things. She creates cleverly whimsical cultural experiences in museums, public spaces and through digital platforms that connect individuals to their own curiosity and creativity. Her work and civic contributions combine a lifelong passion for the environment, a rich understanding of how people learn and a deep commitment to serving the public good.			
	Beverage Break	10:15 am - 10:45 am				
	Concurrent Session #3	10:45 am - 11:30 am	Using Art to Create Clean Water Awareness, Appreciation, and Connection Presented by Nancy Agati	Toms Creek Greenway Effort and the partnership with National Park Service - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (NPS-RTCA) Presented by Hazel Keahey and Jeff Dull	Franklin County CD Streamside Grass Buffer Program for Landowners Presented by Chris Swartz, Franklin County Conservation District	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources for Watershed Organizations, Presented by Kelly Knutson, CDRW
	Concurrent Session #4	11:45 am - 12:30 am	Collaborative Approaches to MS4 Presented by Beth Uhler, Center for Watershed Protection, Inc.	Engagement Opportunities and Resources from PA Rural Water Association Presented by Kurtis Wagner, PA Rural Water Assoc.	State Water Plan and the Water Atlas StoryMap Presented by James Horton, PADEP	The Non-Profit Legal Lifecycle: Legal Requirements for New CWOs From Formation to Operation Presented by Athira Sivan and Bill Warren: Saul Ewing, LLC
	LUNCH	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm				
	Concurrent Session #5	2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Allegheny National Forest's Artist-in-Residence Program: Expanding the conversation around what public lands mean to you Presented by Katherine Fenstermacher and Lauren Grace	The Choose Native Project Presented by Amber Stilwell, PSU MWS Coordinator	Pennsylvania's PFAS MCL Rule Overview, Presented by Jill Anderson, PADEP	Identifying and Overcoming Barriers to Waterway Recreation Access Presented by PFBC, DCNR, and POWR
	15 Minute Beverage Break	2:45 pm - 3:00 pm				
Concurrent Session #6	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Program: Training and Resources for a Healthier Bay Watershed Presented by Beth Ginter, Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council	Climbing Mountains and Making Art: Lessons Learned in Dam Removal, Jessie Thomas-Blate and Sarah Bach, American Rivers	Methods for Forested Buffer Restoration: Insights from Recent Research Presented by David Wise, Stroud Water Research Center	Environmental Justice Policy as Major Priority for PA DEP in 2023: Policy, Implementation, Tools, and Hopes Presented by Jordi Comas, PADEP	
Conference Wrap-Up	3:45 pm- 4:00 pm	Raffle, Thank you, and Safe Travels				

Color Key	
Set up, Registration Activities	
Breaks/Food	
Special Events	
Placeholder/TBD	
Concurrent Session	

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