Wetland Training Webinar Series

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Webinar #7 of 9: What are the Choices and Benefits: Matching Wetland Objectives to Programs and Getting Additional Help

August 5, 2019 3:00 – 5:00 pm Eastern

Webinar Presenters:

- Andrew James, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Karen Fullen, USDA Natural Resources
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- Ted LaGrange, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission



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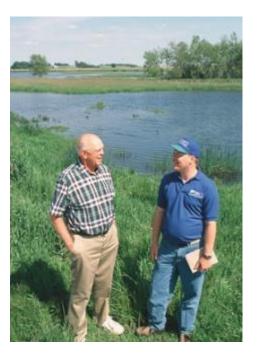
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Target Audience

- Level 1&2 NRCS Conservation Planners in field offices
- State and tribal wetland program staff
- Soil and Water Conservation
 District staff
- Those working with NRCS Planners
- Staff from other agencies working on these issues (e.g. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management)
- NRCS non-planners who can use this knowledge/skillbuilding in their work.



This webinar series...

Works to help participants build general knowledge about wetlands, wetland restoration options and considerations.

Ties in with the NRCS nine-step planning process, focusing on Phase I collection and analysis steps: identify problems, determine objectives, inventory resources and analyze resource data.

Has been designed so that each webinar can be viewed as a stand-alone training module, but they are **best viewed** sequentially.



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- Webinar 1: Introduction to Wetlands (June 22, 2018)
- Webinar 2: Wetlands in a Watershed/at the Landscape Scale (July 13, 2018)
- Webinar 3: Wetland Ecology for Planners: How a Wetland Should Function (November 14, 2018)

- Webinar 4: Wetland Ecology for Planners: Examples of Variation Across the United States (December 14, 2018)
- Webinar 5: Dealing with Reality: How to Work with Wetlands in Altered Landscapes (January 16, 2019)
- Webinar 6: Dealing with Changing Weather Patterns in Restoration Planning (May 6, 2019)
- Webinar 7: What are Wetland Restoration Choices? Matching Objectives to Programs and Getting Additional Help (August 5, 2019)
- Webinar 8: Identifying Resource Concerns and Determining Landowner Objectives
- Webinar 9: How to Talk about Wetlands with Landowners



Webinar Agenda



Welcome & Introductions (10 minutes)

Presentations

(110 minutes)

- Brief Overview of USDA Programs
- Potential Use of CPA-52 Environmental Evaluations to Assess Concerns and Alternatives
- Partner Agencies and Organizations with Complementary Programs
- Examples of Collaborative Projects Around the Country

Q&A Session

 May extend beyond scheduled webinar time if more questions



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Today's Presenters







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Webinar Moderator



Brenda Zollitsch Association of State Wetland Managers



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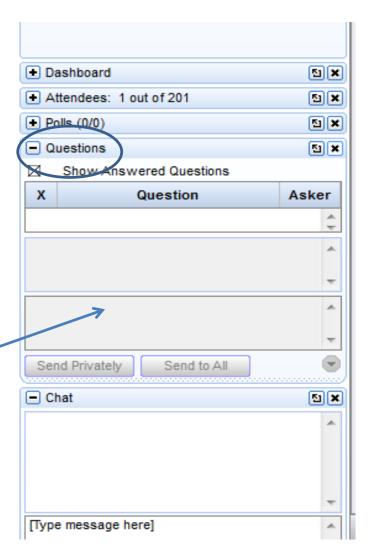


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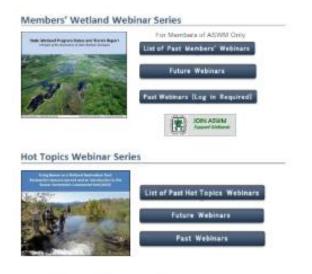
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