

# Overcoming Policy and Permitting Challenges to Implementing Natural Infrastructure Solutions

## A Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance Workshop\*

The Pew Charitable Trusts, 901 E St. NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20004

**November 29, 2016**

### AGENDA

- 8:30 – 8:45** Check-in
- 8:45 – 9:15** Welcome and Introductions  
Laura Lightbody, The Pew Charitable Trusts; Larry Larson, Association of State Floodplain Managers; and Jim Schwab, American Planning Association
- 9:15 – 9:45** Background Context and Agenda Review  
Jeanne Christie, Association of State Wetland Managers
- 9:45 – 10:30** CASE STUDY: Cox Brook Dam Removal Project, Northfield, VT  
Presented by Rob Evans, Vermont State Floodplain Manager
- 10:30 – 11:15** CASE STUDY: Private Lands Riverine Restoration Project, Nebraska  
Presented by Ted LaGrange, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- 11:15 – 11:45** Break
- 11:45 – 12:30** CASE STUDY: Shuford Dam Removal Project, Brookford, NC  
Presented by Eileen Shader, American Rivers
- 12:30 – 1:30** Lunch
- 1:30 – 3:30** FEDERAL PANEL AND DISCUSSION: Current Efforts and New Opportunities to Revise Existing Policies and Programs to Leverage Natural Infrastructure Solutions  
  
Jennifer Moyer, Regulatory Program Chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
  
Cindy Barger, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Army (Civil Works)  
  
Rachel Sears, Director Floodplain Management Divisions, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
  
Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- 3:30 – 4:00** Break
- 4:00 – 4:45** DISCUSSION: Opportunities for Facilitating Natural Infrastructure Solutions  
Facilitator: Mike Kline, Vermont State Rivers Program Manager
- 4:45 – 5:00** Final Thoughts and Next Steps

**Informal gathering to follow – All are welcome to attend.**

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