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Quarterly Newsletter

A Message From the TNSA President

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Hello TNSA Family,

Thank you to everyone who came to our conference last month and a special thanks to those that helped organize the event. Having just moved to a new venue in Chattanooga, the conference committee and others put together a great experience that I truly appreciate.

As we head into the winter season, this is a perfect moment to reflect on the importance of staying connected and involved within our association. TNSA thrives because professionals from so many backgrounds come together to exchange ideas, learn from one another, and help shape the direction of our industry. Winter often gives us a natural pause to step back and think about how we can grow, contribute, and stay active in ways that benefit both our own work and the broader community.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities TNSA offers. Whether it's participating in events as a volunteer, joining a committee, or taking on a Board position, every form of involvement makes a difference. The insights and experiences our members bring forward help influence policy discussions, support professional development, and drive innovation in stormwater planning and management. Your participation strengthens not only your own professional network but the entire stormwater community.

While it has been a pleasure to serve as TNSA President, I'm very excited to welcome our incoming President, Will Stallard, whose energy and commitment will help guide TNSA into the coming year.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve.
I'll see you soon at one of our many events!

Warm regards,
TNSA President
Joe Phillips
Sumner County



The Tennessee Stormwater Association is Tennessee's premier membership organization for stormwater professionals. TNSA's mission is to assist members with their local efforts to comply with State and Federal clean water laws; including stormwater regulations through EPA and TDEC (Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation). TNSA's goal is to protect and improve the quality of the waters of Tennessee through the exchange of information and knowledge regarding design, construction, maintenance, administration and operation of stormwater facilities.

Upcoming Regional Meetings

Regional meetings are held each quarter. You do not have to be a TNSA member to attend a meeting. Region meetings are a great way to keep updated within your area and the state. Meet like-minded professionals, network, learn about statewide events and new ideas within the stormwater community. Region chairs are always looking speakers at the meetings. If you are interested in speaking; please contact the region chairs. The chairs arrange the meetings and set the agendas.

Meeting Dates/Locations are subject to change. Email the region chair if you would like to be added to a specific region email list. If agendas were provided before the meeting they will be uploaded to the Club Express document library under Region Meetings.

West Region Chair: Chris Masin, Chris.Masin@shelbycountyttn.gov

Dec 2: City of Lakeland 10001 US Hwy 70 Lakeland, TN 38002 Conf. Room A

Lunch and Learn: Robert Chandler with Jen-Hill

Title: Design and Innovative Solutions with the New TDEC Small MS4 Permit

Arrive at 11:30am. Lunch and Learn talk is 11:45am-12:45pm

RSVP to Tom Lawrence for lunch: tomlawrence@bellsouth.net, 901-237-4819

TNSA Meeting Time: 1pm-3pm

2026 Dates: March 3, June 2, Sept 1, Dec 1

**Meeting
dates/locations
are subject to
change**

North West Region Chair: Tom Lawrence, tomlawrence@bellsouth.net

Dec 3: City of Jackson 115 E. Main St. Jackson, TN

Part of meeting will be attending the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance Meeting via Zoom at noon.

Lunch will be provided, please RSVP to wrhyne@jacksontn.gov

Time: 11am-1:30pm

2026 Dates: March 4, June 3, Sept 2, Dec 2

Middle Region Chair: Don Green, biogreen1@comcast.net

Dec 4: Metro Water Services 1607 County Hospital Road Nashville, TN 37218

Meeting includes tour of facilities. Plan for time to enter through security gate and parking.

Time: 10am

2026 Dates: March 5, June 4, Sept 3, Dec 3

East Region Chair: Josh Clemens, joshua.clemens@adspipe.com

Dec 5: Town of Farragut 11408 Municipal Center Drive Farragut, TN 37934 Admiral Room 102

Parking is in the rear of the building.

Time: 8:30am Networking, 9:00am-11:30am Meeting Time

2026 Dates: March 6, June 5, Sept 4 (do you want to move this to Sept 11 due to Labor Day?), Dec 4

South East Region Chair: Erik Hancock, ehancock@chattanooga.gov

Dec 9: Greenway Farm Conference Center 4960 Gann Store Road, Hixson TN 37343

Time: 11am-12:30pm

2026 Dates: March 10, June 9, Sept 8, Dec 8

North East Region Chair: Amanda McMullen, AmandaMcMullen@KingsportTN.gov

Dec 11: Kingsport Water Services Center 1113 Konnarock Rd Kingsport 37664

Lunch and Learn: Hunter White with StormTrap

RSVP to Amanda for lunch.

Time: 12pm. TNSA Meeting 1pm

2026 Dates: March 12, June 11, Sept 10, Dec 10

TNSA BROCHURES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE & DELIVERED AT REGION MEETINGS

Small orders need to be submitted at least 1 week before delivery

Large orders need to be submitted 1 month before delivery

HOA Brochure - \$10.00 per 50 Homeowners Guide - \$15.00 per 100 EPA After the Storm - \$18.00 per 100

TENS! Activity Booklets and Stickers Booklets \$30, Stickers \$5

Order Link: <https://www.tnstormwater.org/ed>

CONFLUENCE: A Stormwater and Floodplain Summit

February 18, 2026 9am-5pm

Williamson County Expo Center
 4215 Long Lane Franklin, TN 37064

Registration Fee: \$75

You are invited to attend the 3rd Annual 2026 Confluence: Stormwater & Floodplain Summit.
 The Summit is a new one-day partnership event presented by the Tennessee Association of Floodplain Management and the Tennessee Stormwater Association. Our goal is to bring together floodplain and stormwater professionals in order to create a better understanding of the permit responsibilities and how they can work together in the future.

CEU and PDH's and lunch provided.

www.tnstormwater.org/confluencesummit



CONFLUENCE SPONORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

Event Sponsor \$500

Friend Sponsor \$250

Thank you to our 2026 Sponsors



2026 EROSION CONTROL EVENTS

NEW EVENT!! Middle Region Event to be held in Springfield

April 15, 2026

Thank you to Kenny Morris for working diligently on this and making it happen!

Mid-South Clean Water Day

Memphis, TN

Shelby Park Farms

May 13, 2026

Thank you to Chris Masin and Tom Lawrence for all of your hard work to make this happen for the 4th year!

Interested in holding an event in your region?

Contact Charlene DeSha to ask about how to start the planning process.

Metro Water Stormwater Building

Nashville's Metro Water Services built their new Stormwater Demonstration Campus with education in mind. The campus uses stormwater control measures like bioretention ponds, permeable pavers, a green roof, and a cistern to educate people about how these controls decrease the quantity and improve the quality of runoff. We offer community tours to schools, conservation groups, or anyone who just has a curiosity about what stormwater is all about. You can request a tour through this online form.

Attend the TNSA Middle Region Meeting, December 4 at 10am for a tour of the facility, located at 1607 County Hospital Road Nashville, TN 37218.



TENNESSE STORMWATER ASSOCIATION

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP!

Want to be a part of the **SCM Committee**?

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SCM GUIDANCE TO TNSA MEMBERSHIP

Join our committee! We're developing guidance on SCM design, and calculating the required WQTV in accordance with TDEC standards. By contributing to this resource development, you'll help us provide members with current and reliable recommendations.

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TN Stormwater Management Training Schedule

Registration Link: <https://tnepsc.org/index.asp?vp=1>

TNEPSC Level 1

December 2, 2025 - Nashville- Southwestern Travel,
2451 Atrium Way, Nashville, TN (Closed)

December 17, 2025 - Knoxville - Rothchilds Catering Center,
8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN (Closed)

January 12, 2026 - Zoom - 8am CT

Level 2 Design

December 9 & 10, 2025 - Franklin - Drury Hotel, 1874 West McEwen
Drive Franklin, TN 37067 (Closed)

Level 2 Recertification

December 12, 2025 - Zoom - 8am CT

TN Hydrologic Determination Course

Website: <https://tnhdt.org/schedule.asp>

April 20-23, 2026 - Burns -

Montgomery Bell State Park, 1020 Jackson Hill Road, 37029

August 10-13, 2026 - Burns -

Montgomery Bell State Park, 1020 Jackson Hill Road, 37029

Contact: Tim Gangaware
Tennessee Water Resources Research Center
gangwrrc@utk.edu 865-974-2151

TNSA Committee Updates

Conference Committee: Coordinates the Annual Conference

Chair: Amy Hathaway, Ardurra

2025 TNSA Conference Recap

This year's TNSA Annual Conference marked an exciting milestone — our first-ever sold-out event! With record attendance and even a sold-out social at the Tennessee Aquarium, it's clear our stormwater community across Tennessee is stronger and more connected than ever.

The week began with a pre-conference workshop and a hands-on field tour led by the City of Chattanooga, offering attendees an up-close look at innovative local stormwater projects and best practices in action. We were thrilled to welcome new members and hosted a Newcomers Reception to help them connect with TNSA leadership. Another proud moment was the launch of our Student Scholarship Program, which brought eight college students from across the state to learn, network, and engage with mentors throughout the event.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our outstanding speakers, MS4 panelists, and keynote speaker, Dr. Dodd Galbreath, for sharing their knowledge and inspiration. We also extend our sincere appreciation to all our exhibitors and sponsors, whose support helps make this conference possible year after year.

Finally, a huge thank-you to our dedicated Conference Committee and Executive Director, Charlene DeSha, whose tireless work, creativity, and leadership made this record-breaking conference such a success. Here's to another year of growth, collaboration, and innovation in stormwater management across Tennessee!

Remember to mark your calendars for November 3-6, 2026 at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg. Please contact Amy at ahathaway@ardurra.com if you have suggestions for next year's conference.

2026 TNSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 3-6, 2026

<https://www.tnstormwater.org/tnsa-conference>

The Park Vista Hotel

705 Cherokee Orchard Rd, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Pre-Conference Workshop Monday, November 2

Room Reservations are Open to Book

Registration Opens April 2026

Call for abstracts open February 2026

TNSA Committee Updates (Continued)

**INTERESTED IN BEING MORE INVOLVED? CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN A COMMITTEE.
POLICY, CONFERENCE, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION, SCM AND PUBLIC OUTREACH
CONTACT CHARLENE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

SCM: Standardizes Device Evaluation and Develops SCM Toolkit.

Co-Chairs: Dana Stayer, StormTrap & Jacob Dorman, Contech

The TNSA SCM Committee is seeking additional participants to assist with the development of SCM-focused guidance and tools to be made available for TNSA membership. Since 2020, the SCM Committee has produced several technical guides focused on proprietary treatment solutions, SCM maintenance, and proper SCM sizing. We would like to do more and need your help to do so! Please consider participating. Reach out to the SCM Committee Chair, Jacob Dorman (jacob.dorman@conteches.com), or Co-Chair, Dana Stayer (dstayer@stormtrap.com) for more information or to express your interest in joining.

Policy: Works with TDEC to share and update members on state and EPA regulations and policies.

Chair: Aaron Rogge, CDM Smith (NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR)

This committee meets as needed

Public Outreach: Working to create education resources for MS4's and TNSA members

Chair: Tom Lawrence, Thomas Lawrence, PLLC

You can purchase pre-printed brochures here: <https://www.tnstormwater.org/ed>

We currently have 3 brochures, children's activity booklet and stickers for sale at a low cost

For additional brochures please visit the Club Express document library.

Communication: Goal is to work on communication within and outside of the organization

Chair: Aaron Rogge, CDM Smith

The focus this year will be supporting TNSA talks and Conference Committees by capturing popular topics and guiding speakers to produce lasting content for TNSA. The committee is also researching social media posting strategies to disseminate to MS4s so that we can all boost engagement while satisfying our MCMs. If you're interested in helping out, contact Aaron Rogge for more details.

Education: Manages and Creates Educational Training and Resources

Chair: Tim Gangaware, UT Water Resources Research Center

We are in need of TNSA Talk speakers. TNSA Talks are held on Zoom, one hour in length and include PDH's.

Contact Tim or Charlene if you are interested in speaking at a TNSA Talk.

TNSA 2026 NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

East Region, Joshua Frerichs, City of Knoxville

Middle Region, Mario Forgione, Williamson County

North West Region, Chad Gurien, City of Union City

Private Member, Dr. Anne Wester, CDM Smith

South East, Dane Williams, City of Chattanooga

Each Region has 2 MS4 representatives voted on at region meetings

Private Members have 4 representatives (voting takes place online)

Associate Members have 2 representatives (voting takes place online)

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

TNSA MEMBERSHIPS & SOCIAL MEDIA SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF TNSA!

TDEC UPDATES

A Note of Thanks from the Division of Water Resources

As we celebrate the season of gratitude, the TDEC Division of Water Resources would like to thank TNSA for their continued leadership in advancing stormwater quality across Tennessee.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Annual Conference and value the resources and collaboration TNSA provides to support communities statewide.

In the spirit of the season, we invite you to view and share this short video highlighting our shared commitment to protecting Tennessee's waters. Video link

Wishing you all a safe and joyful holiday season!
– Division of Water Resources



EPSC Handbook – Public Comment Open

The **TDEC Division of Water Resources** has released **Chapters 4-7** of the *Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Handbook* on public comment.

Email comments to: dwr.engineering@tn.gov

Subject line: "Comments on EPSC Handbook"

Deadline: December 4, 2025

[Click here for link](#)

New Statewide Email for MS4 Inquiries

The Division of Water Resources has launched a dedicated email address for all **MS4-related questions and updates**: DWR.MS4@tn.gov

Please use this contact for streamlined communication moving forward.

Upcoming Virtual Workshop

Comprehensive Stormwater Management for TN - A Workshop for Consultants

Date: December 10, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM CT

[Click here to register](#)

Presented by:

Dr. Janey Camp, University of Memphis

TDEC Division of Water Resources

Topics Include:

Strategies for Taking a Comprehensive Approach

Stormwater Project Funding Options for TN

Types of Eligible Projects

Examples of Successful Projects

Resources for Additional Information

Q&A Session

2025 TNSA Exceptional Quality Award Winners

The Tennessee Stormwater Association (TNSA) announces the 2023 “Exceptional Quality” Award Winners. TNSA recognizes individuals and stormwater professionals that have devoted time and energy into making TNSA a success and have accomplished great strides within the Tennessee stormwater arena.

Nominations were accepted by TNSA members and voted on by the TNSA Membership and Board Members. Winners were recognized at the TNSA Annual Conference on October 22, 2025 held at the Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga, TN.

Person of the Year: An individual who displays Exceptional dedication and commitment to TNSA and stormwater within Tennessee.

Organization of the Year: An MS4 or other Organization that displays Exceptional stewardship of Water Quality in Tennessee and provides Exceptional education and assistance to MS4s. Individuals are not eligible for this award; only a member organization is eligible.

Dr. Bruce Tschantz Lifetime Achievement Award: TNSA’s highest honor for outstanding, longtime stormwater professionals with a minimum of 20 years of service. These individuals’ long-term contributions have made a noticeable impact on stormwater management efforts in the State of Tennessee. The board reviews nominations from the TNSA Membership and vote on the recipient.

Chris Masin, with Shelby County, was recognized for the Dr. Bruce Tschantz Lifetime Achievement Award this year. Chris has embodied the spirit of service to TNSA throughout his entire career. He has generously given his time and energy, always willing to lend a hand wherever needed. As a long-standing member of the TNSA Board and an active contributor to the TNSA Conference Committee, Chris has been a constant source of leadership and support. At every event, he is among the first to arrive and the last to leave, ensuring the success of the TNSA mission. His dedication and servant-hearted attitude have been unwavering for as long as we have known him. For his years of commitment, leadership, and selfless service, Chris is truly deserving of the TNSA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Person of the Year was awarded to Trey Vincent with Strand Associates. Trey Vincent exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding TNSA member. His commitment to the mission of TNSA is evident in his consistent involvement, leadership, and willingness to step in whenever support is needed. Trey actively participates in events, attends regional meetings, serves on the Urban Runoff Committee, contributes his expertise to important stormwater discussions, and encourages collaboration among members. He brings both professionalism and passion to the organization, helping to elevate TNSA’s work and impact across the state. Trey’s dedication, reliability, and positive influence make him an invaluable part of our community. For these reasons, he is highly deserving of recognition as the TNSA Individual Member of the Year.

Organization of the year was awarded to The City of Lakeland. Lakeland has been extremely involved with TNSA for years. They host every West Region meeting and have taken the lead on the West Trail Run for three years! Their entire staff is extremely involved even through staffing changes and new hires. They showcase the trail run on the local TV stations and go out of their way to make sure the event is successful and supported. They are a driving force in the West Region and work to bring TNSA members together in order to achieve their education permit requirements.

Website link to past award winners: <https://www.tnstormwater.org/award-nomination-form>

Award nominations will open again in August 2026. Pay attention at region meetings, local events and TNSA Newsletter to see who is outstanding for next year!

2025 TNSA Conference Photos

