TNSA Annual Conference Agenda — November 3-5, 2026

Tuesday, November 3

Start time	End time	Ballroom		
8:30	8:45	**Welcome Address** - Will Stallard (TNSA President)		
8:45	9:30	**Flutter & Glow: How more Butterflies, Birds & Fireflies = Stormwater Resilience** - Regina Santore (Wild Ones Smoky Mountains Chapter)		
9:30	10:15	**Long-term Shifts in Water Quality in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park** - John Schwartz (University of Tennessee)		
10:15	10:45	Break with Exhibitors		
10:45	11:30	**Introduction to FEMA-Floodplain Basic Terminology** - Jeremy Holley (Tennessee Emergency Management Agency)		
11:30	12:00	**Keeping Stormwater Education Fresh & Effective: Practical Approaches for MS4 Permittees*** - Mary Halley (WSP)		
12:00	1:30	**Keynote Luncheon. Speaker: Todd Witcher, Executive Director, Discover Life in America. Title: Water and Wildlife in Great Smoky Mountains National Park**		
1:30	2:00	Break with Exhibitors		
		Room A	**Room B**	**Room C**
		Rethinking Flood Risk	Project Planning	Monitoring Matters
2:00	2:30	**Strategic Stormwater Solutions for Flood Resilience in Athen's Tennessee** Rebekah Higgins (Gresham Smith) & Ben Burchfield (City of Athens)	**Capital Improvement Planning for Small Municipalities** Claudia Bible Tolson (CEC)	**Finally! Automated, In-situ Bacteria Measurement - Case Studies from MS4s*** James Riddle (Woolpert Inc.)
2:30	3:00	**Off the Map, Into Action: Managing Community Risk Beyond FEMA Floodmaps** Tom Murray & Lisa Wells (Ardurra)	**From Data to Decisions: Tools for Stormwater Project Prioritization** Jordan Hyatt (Barge Design Solutions)	**AIoT Technologies for Flood Monitoring and Retention Pond Management*** Roy Chuang, Joseph Fan & Dannis Huang (NEXCOM International Co., Ltd.)
3:00	3:30	**Creating a Statewide Gauge Network for Water Levels Across Roadway Crossings** Adam Spiller & Crystal Moore (KCI Technologies)	**Understanding Stormwater Calculators: An Urban Chattanooga Site Case Study** Priya Chowdhury & Dr. Jejal Reddy Bathi (University of Tennessee at Chattanooga)	**Water Quality Monitoring: A Community Partnership between ETSU and Johnson City*** Lena Rodante & Cadence Oliver (East Tennessee State University)
3:30	4:00	Break with Exhibitors		
		Room A	**Room B**	**Room C**
		Frameworks to Fieldwork	Watershed Planning	Next-Generation Asset Management
4:00	4:30	**A Holistic, Adaptive Framework for Integrated Watershed Planning in Knox County** David Mason (CDM Smith)	**Streamlining Watershed Plans: Forming Frameworks for Modeling and BMP Selection** E. Grace White (Tennessee Technological University)	**Digital Stormwater Infrastructure Inventory for the City of Kingsport, Tennesse*** Evan Needham (Barge Design Solutions) & Will Stallard (City of Kingsport)
4:30	5:00	**TBD**	**Targeting Instream Sediment Sources for Watershed Protection** Lori Visone (CDM Smith)	**Strengthening Stormwater Asset Management with Intelligent Data*** Karen Ferency (CDM Smith)
5:00	6:00	*Reception & Networking for TNSA Newcomers*		

Wednesday, November 4

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8:00	8:30	Visit with Exhibitors		
8:30	9:15	**Urban Waters Report Card: Tool Demonstration for Assessing Stream Quality -** John Schwartz (Tennessee Water Resources Research Center)		
9:15	10:00	**Mud, Sweat, and Streams: Putting Communities to Work in Riparian Restoration* -** Andrea Ludwig (University of Tennessee) & Mary Beth Sutton (WaterWays)		
10:00	10:30	Break with Exhibitors		
		Room A	**Room B**	**Room C**
		Sustaining Success in Program Planning	Evolving Stormwater Solutions	Design to Construction
10:30	11:00	**Forward with Funding – How Utility Fees Propel MS4 Planning** Aaron Rogge (CDM Smith)	**Novel Gravel Tree Stormwater System Pilot Project Update** Kay Bernard & Bradan Bruce (University of Tennessee)	**Improving BMP Design: Closing the Gap Between Design Intent & Actual Conditions*** Danielle Schwanke (RK&K)
11:00	11:30	**Mature (but Evolving!) Stormwater Utilities** Katie Cromwell (Raftelis)	**High Flow Stormwater Treatment in an Era of Intensifying Storms** Dana Staver (StormTrap)	**Contractors, Municipalities, Engineers, Lend Me Your Ear: About Field Changes*** Ryan Forte (City of Gallatin)
11:30	12:00	**Turning Stormwater Vision into Funded, Data-Driven Investment** Amy Hathaway & Lisa Wells (Ardurra)	**When Sweeping Isn't Enough: A New Approach to Cleaning Clogged Paver Joints*** Van Oldham (EverGreen Infrastructure)	**Fine Tuning your PC1044 for Plans Review Process** Shelia Huffmire (MTAS)
		Ballroom		
12:00	1:00	**Awards Luncheon**		
1:00	1:30	Break with Exhibitors		
		Room A	**Room B**	**Room C**
		Smarter Flows, Cleaner Streams	Roots of Restoration	Designing for Approval
1:30	2:00	**A Framework for Evaluating Nutrient Reduction Potential of Tennessee Urban SCMs** Tori Denney & Dr. Tania Datta (Tennessee Technological University)	**Compensatory Mitigation for Streams in Urban Watersheds: A Process-Based Study** Ceara Parks Oliver & John Schwartz (University of Tennessee)	**Guidance for Extended Detention Ponds: Row 3 of the WQTV Table*** Christine Guy-Baker & Steven Casey (CEC)
2:00	2:30	**Real Time Stormwater Control and Beaver Dam Effects on Stream Water Quality** Theodoros Kyriakopoulos (University of Tennessee)	**From Plans to Plants: Lessons Learned Developing a Plant & Tree Guidance Manual*** Parci Gibson (WSP)	**From Watershed Theory to Submittal: Improving Hydrology for Municipal Review*** Jacob Mabrey & Ben Butler (CEC)
2:30	3:30	Travel to Ober		
3:30	4:30	TNSA Membership Meeting (Ober) & Ask anything		
4:30	6:00	Break with Conference Attendees		
6:00	9:00	*Networking Event & Dinner for TNSA Members and Conference Attendees at Ober*		

Thursday, November 5

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8:30	9:00	**A Picture is Worth a Thousand Hydrographs -** Matt Schlicker (Kimley-Horn)
9:00	9:30	**From a Stormwater Campus to a Classroom: Engaging 1,400 Middle School Engineers* -** Gretchen Judkins (Metro Water Services)
9:30	10:00	**Tennessee Mitigation Assessment Tool: Overview with Stormwater Focus -** John Schwartz (Tennessee Water Resources Research Center)
10:00	10:15	Coffee Break
10:15	11:00	**Continuation of Nashville's SCM Inspection and Compliance Program* -** Matthew Lockhart (Metro Water Services)
11:00	11:45	**Updates and Panel Discussion from TDEC**
11:45	12:00	**Closing Address** - Christine Guy-Baker (TNSA President 2027)