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A Message From the TNSA President

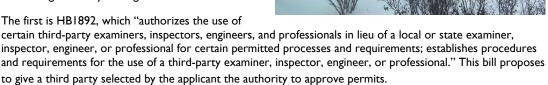
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Happy 2024, TNSA!

The big winter snow is long gone and the weather has been downright springlike in Nashville. I suspect that the groundhog is behind this turn of events, though I read that he is only right about 40% of the time. That's a pretty good rate, if you think about it. The best hitter in baseball history, Ty Cobb, only had a career .366 average!

Even if we're only right as often as the groundhog, we can still make a lot of progress if we work together. Despite the irks and obstacles of our noble if quiet little profession, we can gain momentum by going to region meetings, tuning in to TSNA talks, and lending a hand to our fellow MS4s. None of us is smarter than all of us!

I want to note that we are in the midst of a busy legislative season at the Capitol. TNSA members may want to keep an eye on two pieces of legislation that are making their way through committees this month.



The second is HB1054, which "prohibits the department of environment and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification of real property as a wetland, or otherwise regulating real property as a wetland, unless the property is classified as a wetland under federal law." This bill would result in significant changes to how wetlands are delineated in Tennessee and would almost certainly reduce their extents.

I recommend reading both of these bills in their entirety and thinking about how these could impact the day-to-day of your program.

We have an amazing series of events lined up this spring, including the confluence summit with TN AFPM on February 28th. I look forward to seeing you all out and about this year!

TNSA President, Aaron Rogge CDM Smith









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.

East Region Chair: Maddy Johnson, mjohn337@vols.utk.edu Time: 8:30am Networking, 9:30am-11:30am Meeting Time

March I: EnSafe 308 N. Peters Rd. Suite 200 Knoxville, TN 37922

Speaker: Jacob Dorman, Contech

Title: Tools for Treatment: MS4 Permit Compliance Strategies

Description: Discussion on the new TN small MS4 general permit requirements that includes clarification of commonly misunderstood rules, conversion of the water quality volume to a treatment flow rate, and examples of how manufactured SCMs can be used to meet the new requirements.

June 7, Sept 6 & Dec 6

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

Location: Lakeland City Hall 10001 Highway 70, Lakeland, TN 38002Time: Ipm-3pm

March 5 Iune 4

Speaker: Chris Allen, Contech

Title: Tools for Treatment: MS4 Permit Compliance Strategies

Description: Discussion on the new TN small MS4 general permit requirements that includes clarification of commonly misunderstood rules, conversion of the water quality volume to a treatment flow rate, and examples of how manufactured SCMs can be used to meet the new requirements.

Sept 3 & Dec 3

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

Time: 11am

March 6: Dyersburg Professional Development Center 305 College St. Dyersburg, TN 38024

June 5: Martin Public Library, 410 S Lindell St, Martin, TN 38237

Speaker: Chris Allen, Contech

Title: Tools for Treatment: MS4 Permit Compliance Strategies

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Sept 4: Jackson

Dec 4: City of Paris City Hall, 100 N. Caldwell St. Paris, TN 38242

If agendas were provided before the meeting they will be uploaded to the Club Express document library under Region Meetings.

TNSA TIPS AND REMINDERS

Club Express is the TNSA Membership website that provides all kinds of services for our members. Certain services are provided only to members, were other services are available to the general public.

Member Services: Forums (a great place for private discussions on any topic), document library with photos, videos, brochures, meeting notes and more. Photo library of events, member added photos and more. Event calendar of TNSA region meetings, conferences, symposiums, TNSA Talks and more. Member information, looking for a specific members contact information? Log in, and it's at your fingertips 365 days of

the year. Primary members can even add and delete employees.

Don't forget, our main **TNSA website** posts job openings, webinars, open grants, brochure order forms and more.

We work hard to make sure you receive important information and have access to what you need quickly.

Upcoming Regional Meetings (continued)

Middle

Region Chair: Don Green, biogreen I@comcast.net

Time: 10am-12pm

March 7: Linebaugh Public Library Upstairs Meeting Room 105 W Vine St Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Speaker: Glen Payton, Contech

Title: Tools for Treatment: MS4 Permit Compliance Strategies

Description: Discussion on the new TN small MS4 general permit requirements that includes clarification of commonly misunderstood rules, conversion of the water quality volume to a treatment flow rate, and examples of how manufactured SCMs can be used to meet the new requirements.

June 6, Sept 5 & Dec 5

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

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

Time: I lam
March 19

Speaker: Glen Payton, Contech

Title: Tools for Treatment: MS4 Permit Compliance Strategies

Description: Discussion on the new TN small MS4 general permit requirements that includes clarification of commonly misunderstood rules, conversion of the water quality volume to a treatment flow rate, and examples of how manufactured SCMs can be used to meet the new requirements.

June II, Sept I0 & Dec I0

<u>North East</u> Region Chair: Amanda McMullen, AmandaMcMullen@KingsportTN.gov Location: Kingsport Water Services Center 1113 Konnarock Rd Kingsport 37664

Time: 12pm-3pm

March 20

Speaker: Glen Payton, Contech

LUNCH INCLUDED

Title: Tools for Treatment: MS4 Permit Compliance Strategies

Description: Discussion on the new TN small MS4 general permit requirements that includes clarification of commonly misunderstood rules, conversion of the water quality volume to a treatment flow rate, and examples of how manufactured SCMs can be used to meet the new requirements.

June 12

Time: 12pm-3pm LUNCH INCLUDED

Speaker: Cal Hanson-Advance Drainage Systems

Description: presentation will encompass various aspects, including recycling initiatives, microplastic mitigation, the promotion of water quality devices to reduce litter in waterways, and an overview of diverse erosion control methods.

Sept II & Dec II

** Meeting Dates/Locations are subject to change **

TNSA Committee Updates

Conference: Coordinates the Annual Conference

Chair: Amy Hathaway, WK Dickson

We are excited to announce this year's theme is "Making Stormwater Beautiful" and our keynote speaker is Mike McClahanan with the TDOT Beautification Office. We are building ideas for the agenda and have a few different specific asks from our fellow TNSA members.

I. Can you serve on a panel? We are asking MS4s from all sizes (big and small) across the TNSA Regions to serve as panelists to share their stories and lessons learned for the different MCMs in their NPDES permit. We would like each panel to have 3 different MS4 representatives to share stories and answer questions from the audience. If you aren't comfortable presenting solo, this is a great opportunity to share knowledge with your fellow MS4s.

2. Do you have any SCM maintenance successes or failures to share? We are asking for 3 presentations to focus specifically on SCM maintenance, to fit with our "Making Stormwater Beautiful" theme so we can have a specific track focused on that topic. Do you have a case study to share? Or lessons learned? Or maintenance situations you've encountered that would be improved with a different design? This would

be an ideal space to share those ideas with designers and plan reviewers in the audience.

3. Can you share an IDDE case study? We are asking for presentations as case studies for IDDE situations from our MS4 partners. What can we say? These are always entertaining and good learning experiences to share.

This year, we have a separate Abstract Submittal Form and Panel Speaker Form to streamline building the agenda. Please use Abstract Submittal Form if you would like to have a presentation slot on your own and please submit the Panel Speaker Form only if you are volunteering to serve on a panel with other MS4 representatives to share your experiences with a specific MCM. P lease contact Amy at ahathaway@wkdickson.com if you have questions.

2024 TNSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Making Stormwater Beautiful" OCTOBER 22-24, 2024 MONTGOMERY BELL STATE PARK Call for Abstracts Open: Due June 1

Conference Fees:

Registration Opens April 1



TNSA Member Early Bird: \$300 (Regular \$350) Non-Member Early Bird: \$350 (Regular \$400)

Early Bird Ends September 30, 2024

https://www.tnstormwater.org/tnsa-conference Save the Date: October 21-23, 2025

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.

Chair: Jacob Dorman, Contech

- 1. A couple new members added- one from a manufacturer and another from the engineering sector
- 2. Quarterly meetings planned for 2024
- 3. First SCM Sizing Guide is nearly complete
 - a Final Draft copy is attached if it's appropriate to share. Minor revisions expected before requesting Board approval between meetings or at the next Board meeting
 - TDEC has expressed agreement with Guide content and had an opportunity to review
 - b Expect to use this first guide as a template for other critical SCMs

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

Chair: Aaron Rogge, CDM Smith

The committee is preparing "community profiles" as part of a video series highlighting success stories and neat approaches to running their MS4s. We will be looking for MS4s to participate throughout the year. Do you have an interesting new project? A community event that went really well? These are the sorts of things we're looking to highlight.

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

Chair: David Mason, CDM Smith

The Policy Committee is tracking SB2100 & HB1892, which would authorize developers to hire third-party firms to conduct development plan reviews and site inspections in place of municipal government oversight with the goal of accelerating the review and inspection process. The Policy Committee is currently compiling talking points regarding key issues in these bills to distribute to the membership. We encourage all members to read up on these bills and speak with your local representatives if you have concerns of them.

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

Chair: Tom Lawrence, Thomas Lawrence, PLLC

The committee is working on the next HOA brochure which will discuss how to maintain stormwater features within the HOA.

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

We currently have 3 brochures, a children's activity booklet and stickers. For additional brochures please visit the

Club Express document library. These can be printed by you in any quantity.

Education: Manages and Creates Educational Training and Resources

Chair: Tim Gangaware, UT Water Resources Research Center

Upcoming Event:

Confluence Summit, Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Lebanon, TN Registration Link: https://www.tnstormwater.org/confluencesummit

The education committee have lined up three TNSA Talks so far this year. Topics range from Community Outreach/ Education, MTD Sizing under the new permit and Streambank repair. Dates to be released soon.

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.

TDEC Updates

Municipal Stormwater

Rule 0400-40-05 and 0400-40-10 amendments

Rule 0400-40-05 – Title: <u>Individual</u> National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) <u>Permits</u>

Rule 0400-40-10 – Title: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permits

The amended Rules were filed with the Tennessee Secretary of State on December 20, 2023, and will become effective on March 19, 2024.

Small MS4 General Permit Public Hearing

On February 14, 2024, the Division of Water Resources held a public hearing pursuant to Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (8) on the issuance of the Small MS4 General permit for discharges of urban runoff from small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s).

A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing is available on TDEC's website at

https://www.tn.gov/environment/ppo-public-participation/ppo-public-participation/ppo-water.html.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the draft permit on TDEC's Water Resources Permits data viewer.

TDEC staff considers written comments accepted at the hearing and through February 28, 2024, to be part of the hearing record. Written comments can be emailed to Ariel Wessel-Fuss at ariel.wessel-fuss@tn.gov.

Small MS4 Option 2 Monitoring Plans

It's not too late for Small MS4s programs to develop an Option 2 jurisdiction-specific monitoring plan as an alternative to the plan identified in Option 1 of the 2022 Permit.

The deadline to submit an Option 2 plan to the Division is **September 1, 2024**.

Submit proposed Option 2 Monitoring plans to water.permits@tn.gov

UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS)

Draft 2023 MTAS Model Stormwater Ordinance

You can access a copy of MTAS' draft 2023 MTAS Model Stormwater Ordinance online at https://

www.mtas.tennessee.edu/node/2045332

Upcoming Sessions - Model Stormwater Ordinance for Municipalities

Continuing Municipal Education | MTAS (tennessee.edu) The sessions are intended for Municipal Elected Officials and Stormwater Program Managers.

Session highlights:

Overview of the new ordinance and key differences from the previous version.

TDEC role in regulating the new ordinance.

Q&A session to address your questions.

March 12, 2024

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. EDT / 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. CDT Register for March 12, 2024 - AM Session

March 13, 2024

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EDT / 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. CDT Register for March 13, 2024 - PM Session



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Updated EPA Stormwater Phase II Final Rule Fact Sheet Series - August 2023

EPA's updated Fact Sheets are available online at

https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-phase-ii-final-rule-fact-sheet-series

EPA Stormwater Smart Outreach Tools

EPA has developed a collection of communication tools you can use to promote the value of sound stormwater management for creating a community where your residents want to live and work. You can access the tools online at Stormwater Smart Outreach Tools | US EPA

TDEC Updates (continued)

Construction Stormwater

Tennessee Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Training Program for

Construction Sites https://tnepsc.org/index.asp?vp=1

Level I - Fundamentals of Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control for Construction Sites

Level I - Recertification Fundamentals of Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control for Construction Sites

Level 2 - Fundamentals of Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control for Construction Sites

Level 2 - Recertification Fundamentals of Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control for Construction Sites

Water Notices & Hearings (tn.gov)

Public Participation Opportunities

02-06-2024 - Water Quality Data Request

The Tennessee Division of Water Resources is soliciting data to conduct a thorough investigation of water quality conditions across Tennessee. The results of this statewide assessment will be used to develop documents required under the federal Clean Water Act such as the EPA Approved Lists of Impaired and

Threatened Waters. The Division is specifically requesting water quality data from the **Group I watersheds**. 2024 Data Solicitation Public Notice

To be fully incorporated into this process, data needs to be received by April 1, 2024.

GROUP I WATERSHEDS (HUC-8)

Nonconnah Creek (08010211) South Fork Forked Deer (08010205)

 Pickwick Lake (06030005)
 Harpeth River (05130204)

 Wheeler Lake (06030002)
 Emory River (06010208)

 Watts Bar Lake (06010201)
 Conasauga River (03150101)

 Ocoee River (06020003)
 Watauga River (06010103)

Electronic data and/or questions may be submitted to: tdec.watershedplanning@tn.gov

Tennessee General Assembly (tn.gov)

About the Tennessee Legislature (tn.gov)

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Tennessee General Assembly Calendar

Search Legislation and Track Bills

The following are some examples of bills being considered this year that have a water resources component to them.

HB1054 / SB0631 Water Pollution - As introduced, prohibits the department of environment and conservation from applying criteria that will result in the classification of real property as a wetland, or otherwise regulating real property as a wetland, unless the property is classified as a wetland under federal law. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 11, Chapter 14, Part 4; Title 66 and Title 69.

HB2149 / SB2579

Water - As introduced, clarifies that an ephemeral wet weather conveyance is not a stream under the Water Quality Control Act; defines "isolated wetlands" and clarifies that isolated wetlands are not waters under the act; prohibits requiring a permit or other authorization under the act for impacts to isolated wetlands; makes other related changes to the act. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 11, Chapter 14, Part 4; Title 66; Title 68 and Title 69.

HB2842 / SB2377

Environment and Conservation, Department of - As introduced, prohibits the department from regulating or otherwise overseeing farming activities involving topsoil, rock removal, or the building of a pond when such activities are conducted in an area that is less than five acres in size, and the property on which the activities occur has a greenbelt classification pursuant to the Agricultural, Forest and Open Space Land Act of 1976. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 11; Title 13; Title 43; Title 44; Title 64; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 69.

The following is a bill being considered this year that has a code inspector component.

HB1010 / SB0707

Codes - As introduced, lowers the population threshold, from 25,000 to 20,000, below which two or more cities may agree to jointly engage one building inspector. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 68, Chapter 120.

Join the Tennessee Smart Yards Overview and Update Webinar

Interested in a ready-made education program for residents that has built in measurable metrics? This I-hour webinar will provide an overview of the <u>Tennessee Smart Yards</u> program and an update of resources available to local governments to help meet their education and public participation permit requirements. Tennessee Smart Yards is an education and yard certification program for residents that has been delivered through UT Extension since 2008 and has been available as a free and online program since 2020. Register for this free webinar here: https://tiny.utk.edu/tnsyoverview

One of the new tools is the <u>Smart Yards Resources Network</u>, an interactive map to help landowners and contractors find materials for conservation projects in Tennessee. The tool includes a button where anyone may suggest an addition to the map, so please help populate it with suitable vendors in your area.





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FLOODPLAIN AND STORMWATER CONFLUENCE SUMMIT

A one day partnership event presented by the Tennessee Association of Floodplain Management and the Tennessee Stormwater Association

Scan the QR code to register. Registration fees are fifty dollars per person

2.28.2024

9 A.M to 5 P.M | Wilson County FairGrounds James E. Ward A.g Center| 945 East Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37087





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE URBAN RUNOFF AND WATER QUALITY FESTIVAL

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Bring your friends and family to the 5k Urban Run off event Enter to participate in the race Enjoy food, educational booths, and more

Participate in the Race

Anyone who would like to run or walk the 5k run off must submit their registration fee for thirty five dollars. You must be at least ten years old to participate

Booths

There will be booths following the race for public education efforts, educational signage about water, runoff, and pollution along the course

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third runner up in each race

Volunteer Activities

Anyone who volunteers will assist with race support, recycle, and complete festival activities. They will also All receive a free t-shirt and snacks



Scan to Register

Registration and Festival will begin at 6:30 A.M, Race starts at 7:30 A.M









6:30 A.M - 9:30 A.M

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SHELBY BOTTOMS

Shelby Bottoms Park and Greenway, 1900 Davidson St. Nashville, TN 37206



The Keynote speaker for this year's KTnB Month and Great American Cleanup Kick-off event is Commissioner Mark Ezell, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development.
The recipients for the 2024 "Love Where You Live" Award and Keep Tennessee Beautiful Leader Against Litter Award will be announced during this event.

save the date



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

August 20 & 21, 2024

@ Tennessee Aquarium Chattanooga, TN

www.trbnetwork.org

2024 STORMWATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCES

Tennessee American Society of Landscape Architects Conference April 11-12 Nashville

Municipal WET Conference (EPA/IECA) May 15-17 Auburn University

TN Environmental Show of the South May 15-17 Chattanooga

Tennessee Municipal League Conference July 20-23 Knoxville

TN Association of Floodplain Managers August 5-7 Franklin

StormCon August 27-29 Reno, NV

KY/TN Water Professionals Conference Sept. 8-11 Louisville, KY

TN Engineers Conference September 29 - Oct. I Franklin

SESWA October 9-11 Chattanooga

TN Sustainability Conference Oct. 21-23 Gatlinburg

TNSA Annual Conference October 22-24 Burns

TCAPWA/SWANA Annual Conference Oct. 28-30

Any other conferences or symposiums? Notify Charlene to be added to the list. charlene@tnstormwater.org



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TN ASCE EWRI and USACE would like to invite interested parties to attend a WOTUS update virtual presentation on February 29th, 2024 from I-2 PM Eastern, (I2-I PM Central).

The presentation is FREE and open to all.

Almost immediately after the 1972 passage of the Clean Water Act, questions about which waters were covered by the Act arose – and the litigation has not stopped since! For this presentation, the Nashville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide an overview of the waters which are covered by the Clean Water Act post Sackett v. EPA.

Click here to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdXZeXMJam_gmolSxgJGjUAvLlRows_h-Xzbl 7mPlq2GwXPA/viewform

i-Tree Open Academy Spring 2024

Occurs on Wednesdays @ 1:00pm ET

No fee to attend

March 20th - May 1st, 2024

Online via Microsoft Teams

Click here to register.

Whether your work with trees involves planting, managing, funding, educating, or beyond, i-Tree can help you better understand the benefits that trees provide, the impacts of where those benefits are, and how to apply that science to your project goals. Each session is one hour long and offered on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm ET.

- March 20th Introduction to i-Tree. Understand the basic science of tree benefits and the USFS research behind them. Explore the relationships between the i-Tree tools and the data they provide. Start to consider which i-Tree tools will be best for the project you have in mind.
- March 27th Online with MyTree, i-Tree Design, and i-Tree Planting. Explore the easiest to use online i-Tree
 tools for individual trees. Get a better sense of their advantages and most common uses.
- April 3rd The view from the top: i-Tree Canopy and OurTrees. You can't manage your forest resource unless you know what you have. Get an estimate of tree canopy cover for any area or monitor change with a few hours of image analysis. Or save your mouse clicks and see if a quick visit to OurTrees will get you what you need.
- April 17th i-Tree Landscape: Data, maps, and equity portal. With dozens of layers covering a wide range of
 geographies, Landscape has a lot going on. This session will keep you on track to finish with maps of tree benefits
 and identify priority areas in your community.
- April 24th i-Tree Eco the flagship tool. i-Tree Eco is where the latest science goes first. It is a large, flexible tool that offers much more than we can cover in a single hour. We'll help you decide if Eco is right for you and let you know where to go to learn more.
- you know where to go to learn more.
 May 1st Putting i-Tree to Work. Take a whirlwind tour through the many ways that i-Tree can be used to further your tree initiatives, from communication to site selection to accountability metrics. Get inspired and make a plan to put i-Tree to work for you.

This seminar-style offering serves as both a refresher and an introduction to the newest tools and features, with one-hour virtual sessions over a six-week period. There are no fees or pre-requisites for the Academy, and you can join all live sessions, or drop in just for those that meet your schedule and interests.

All sessions will be recorded and posted to the i-Tree YouTube channel, so that you can catch up on anything you missed or learn at your own pace. CEUs will be offered, so check out the registration form for details. Questions? Feel free to inquire anytime at info@itreetools.org. https://www.itreetools.org/