



MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

WINTER NEWSLETTER

Happy Winter Everyone! I hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday season and were able to take time to relax, rejuvenate, and take in the beauty of nature during what is one of my favorite seasons for observations. Here in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, despite a late summer/fall drought and early season snowfalls, our wetlands have still been alive with wonder. We witnessed a few cinnamon fern that were tucked under tree roots along stream banks remain green and vibrant as 10-inches of snow melted; winterberries abundantly producing later in the season than normal; and just yesterday quite a bit of still viable hay-scented fern peaking through a dusting of snow. I believe the vegetation is just happy to have some long-awaited precipitation, even if it is now the frozen kind!

Here in our Winter Newsletter, I have included some upcoming events, continuing education webinars and courses that may be of interest, and a recap of what we've been up to in the Mid-Atlantic!

Enjoy and stay warm!

Jillian Olsen, PWS

Mid-Atlantic Chapter President

UPCOMING EVENTS



2025 SWS Student Virtual Conference (2nd Annual)

1/30/2025 - 2/1/2025

[REGISTER HERE](#)



World Wetlands Day

2/02/2025

[WETLANDS FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE](#)



2025 SWS Annual Meeting

7/15/2025 - 7/18/2025

Providence, RI

[VOLUNTEERS](#)

[CALL FOR SYMPOSIA, FIELD TRIPS, WORKSHOPS](#)

[CONTINUING EDUCATION WEBINARS / COURSES](#)

Rutgers University, Office of Continuing Professional Education

Identification of Wetland Plants in Winter

Wednesday - Thursday, January 22 - 23, 2025

Day 1: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (Check-in time: 7:30 am)

Day 2: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (Check-in time: 7:30 am)

Location for Day 1: Somerset County Environmental Education Center - Lord Stirling Park, 190 Lord Stirling Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 ([Directions & Map](#))

Location for Day 2: Cook Student Center, 59 Biel Rd, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 ([Directions & Map](#))

Format: Classroom course with hands-on field activities

Registration Fee: \$895 per person

Early Bird Discount Fee: \$850 per person (expires January 8, 2025)

Registration Closes: January 15, 2025

[REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION](#)

The Swamp School

2025 Wetland Status and Trends Webinar: Essential Insights for Environmental Professionals

Thursday, January 23, 2025 - 1 p.m. EST

[REGISTER HERE](#)

National Association of Wetland Managers

National Wetland Condition Assessment: Federal and State Perspectives on the 3rd Collaborative Survey of Wetlands in the U.S.

Thursday, February 6, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

Presenters:

- Gregg Serenbetz, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Joanna Lemly, Colorado Natural Heritage Program
- Mike Bourdagh, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER HAPPENINGS**SWS MAC Leadership**

December 2024

<p>MAC Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President - Jillian Olsen jillian.olsen@cherryridgellc.com ○ President Elect - Michael Gaul mgaul@pwgrosser.com ○ Past-President - Bill Morgante bill.morgante@maryland.gov ○ Treasurer - Haley Kelly HKelly@wetlands.com ○ Student Representative - Carolyn Grace Melton
<p>State Committee or Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delaware - Alison Rogerson ○ District of Columbia - Jennifer Dietzen ○ New Jersey - Kim Edelman ○ Maryland - Duncan Simpson ○ New York - Michael Gaul ○ Pennsylvania - Emily Genuardi ○ Social Media - open ○ Field Trips - -Erin Knauer (Coordinating with other Associations, MAC Board and State Reps)

NYC Field Trip

December 8, 2024

Several members of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter enjoyed the day in New York City on December 8th for an educational guided walking tour of wetland restoration sites in the historic Castle Hill and Soundview neighborhoods of the Bronx provided by member Ellen Hartig, Project Manager and Senior Wetland Scientist at NYC Parks. The tour included stops at Soundview Park, a future wetland restoration site in the neighborhood of Harding Park in the Bronx, a current wetland restoration site in Pugsley Creek Park, and Castle Hill Park and was attended by the following members:

- Ellen Hartig, NYC Parks - ellen.hartig@parks.nyc.gov
- Michael Gaul, MAC President-Elect, P.W. Grosser Consulting
- Frank Parisio, NYCDEP
- Stephanie Andreescu, USEPA
- Issac White, P.W. Grosser Consulting
- Kendal Westphal, A.D. Marble

A wonderful time was had by all!

Photographs taken by Michael Gaul are provided below:



Future Wetland Restoration Site in the neighborhood of Harding Park in the Bronx



Current Wetland Restoration Site in Pugsley Creek Park in the Bronx



Field Trip Attendees in Soundview Park

Wanted: Suggestions and Volunteers

- Please send your ideas for field trips, educational webinars, social hours to: Erin Knauer - eknauer@gpinet.com
- We are looking for a volunteer to handle our social media accounts so that we can provide more timely updates to members. If you are interested, please contact Jillian Olsen - jillian.olsen@cherryridgellc.com or Michael Gaul - mgaul@pwgrosser.com