



MWMC 22nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

December 2, 2016



The Maryland Water Monitoring Council will hold its 22nd Annual Conference at the [Maritime Institute](#), North Linthicum, Maryland, on Friday, December 2, 2016. Registration will begin at 7:30 AM and the conference will adjourn at 4:30 PM. The conference will include a plenary session, six concurrent breakout sessions, lots of posters and exhibitor tables, plenty of snacks, and, of course, the famous Maritime Institute all-you-can-eat buffet lunch. You'll also have plenty of time to network and catch up with old friends and colleagues during the long breaks and the post-meeting social at Heavy Seas Brewery (registration required).

We Marylanders love our water. We depend on clean fresh water for drinking, bathing and recreation. We continue to cherish the Chesapeake Bay in the face of continued threats to its fragile ecosystem. In these times of tight budgets and limited resources, it behooves us all to seek partners, build connections, and work together on our efforts to restore and protect our waters. The theme of the 2016 MWMC conference is ***A River Runs Through It – Strengthening Networks and Connections***. With this common thread, this year's conference will address many issues and challenges facing our waters. Themed sessions include ***Climate Change, Sustainable Bay Fisheries, Stream Restoration Monitoring, Community Partners, Urban Waters, Blue-green Algae, National Aquatic Resource Surveys, Citizen Science, Advocacy and Outreach, Inland and Coastal Flooding Resiliency, Nutrient Trading, and Road Salt***. Conference highlights include plenary talks by Wayne Gilchrest (former US Representative from Maryland's 1st District) and George Hawkins (CEO and General Manager – District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority).

Click [HERE](#) for a draft agenda.

Click [HERE](#) for the conference program (includes presentation and poster abstracts).

-----REGISTRATION-----

UPDATE – The conference venue has reached capacity and registration is closed. Please contact Dan Boward at dan.boward@maryland.gov to be placed on a waiting list. Sorry for the inconvenience.

-----STUDENT POSTER AWARD-----

The Fifth MWMC Student Poster Award will be offered this year. Open to junior high, high school and college undergraduate students, the Award offers \$200 for first place and \$100 for second. Click [HERE](#) for information and scoring criteria. A printable Student Poster Award Flier can be found [HERE](#).

----- NEW IN 2016! THE FIRST MWMC STUDENT-PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING SESSION -----

This 60-minute session is a great opportunity for junior high, high school, and undergraduate students to interact and talk with professionals in the fields of aquatic biology, freshwater ecology, marine biology, watershed science, integrated management, science communication, and more! Representatives from agencies, consulting firms, and academia will be available to answer questions and engage in lively discussions. The session is FREE and is included with each student conference registration. Contact Dot Lundberg (dotlundberg@gmail.com) for more information. Click [HERE](#) for a printable Student-Professional Networking Session flyer.

For information about the Maritime Institute, follow [this link for directions and a parking lot map](#).

Please refer all conference questions to Dan Boward (MD DNR; 410.260.8605; dan.boward@maryland.gov)

See [PHOTOS](#) from previous MWMC Annual Conferences.

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