



11th NATIONAL WATERSHED CONFERENCE

A Gathering on the Great Plains: Shaping the Future for Watershed Programs and Projects

Sponsored by the

National Watershed Coalition and State Association of Kansas Watersheds

In Cooperation with the
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

**May 17-20, 2009
Wichita Marriott
Wichita, Kansas**

National Watershed Coalition
PO Box 556
Chandler OK 74834

**11th National Watershed Conference
A Gathering on the Great Plains:
Shaping the Future for Watershed
Programs and Projects
Wichita, Kansas**

WHO WE ARE

The National Watershed Coalition (NWC) is a nonprofit coalition founded in May 1989. NWC is made up of national, regional, state, local, and tribal organizations, associations and individuals, that advocate dealing with natural resource problems and issues using the watershed as the planning and operational unit. We advocate using total resource management principles in planning and believe that the Small Watershed Program, authorized by PL 83-566, is the best management and implementation vehicle available for water and land resource management. We represent the needs of watershed project sponsors. We offer assistance on watershed planning when requested, sponsor biennial conferences and other special resource workshops and conferences. We believe that proper care of our Nation's resources is a top national priority. Visit NWC at our website www.watershedcoalition.org.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Local, state, tribal, regional, and federal watershed, floodplain, and natural resources program managers and project sponsors will find the conference informative and useful as they address their unique natural resource management concerns. Local community leaders will learn what programs are available to them and how they can be implemented. Governmental officials will hear from local program managers what works best at the local level and what needs to change. Those involved in land and water resource development, management and protection, and members of non-government organizations (NGOs) and other groups that have an interest in the watershed approach, will gain valuable insight as to the future of these beneficial watershed programs.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Kansas has a rich history and strong tradition in managing natural resources on a watershed basis. The State provides a perfect backdrop for a discussion of both the form and function of future watershed projects and programs.

The task of managing a full range of natural resources on a watershed basis is full of increasingly complex challenges. A wide range of issues face those who share responsibility for managing resources within the watershed. In our ever-changing society competing interests and the associated environmental and economic issues also abound. The 11th National Watershed Conference provides a forum designed to blend past experience with current knowledge and future perspective.

The goal of this conference program is to strengthen the knowledge base and abilities of the participants to successfully meet current and future needs in watershed management. Invited speakers include US Congressman Jerry Moran-KS, the incoming USDA-NRCS Chief, Mr. Albert Ashwood, Past President, National Emergency Management Association, Mr. Wayne Graham, USBR Hydraulic Engineer, a leader in dam failure/fatality research.

The Wichita program includes Federal, State and Local policy perspectives and presentations targeted on watershed management to meet diverse goals and concerns. Concurrent sessions will address issues such as watershed assessment and water quality, risk management through emergency preparedness and response, and watershed protection and restoration. Several case studies and technical sessions are scheduled which look at computer modeling as well as real time events and the effects of weather events on watershed structures.

Don't miss this opportunity for professional development and personal involvement in shaping the future. Register before May 1, 2009 and receive a \$25.00 discount. To receive the conference room rates at the Marriott you must make your room reservations by Saturday April 25, 2009. Don't delay, Register now!

Registration 11th National Watershed Conference May 17-20, 2009 Wichita Marriott Wichita, Kansas

First Name		Last Name	
Organization			
Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone	Fax	E-mail	
Accompanying Guest (if registering)			

Registration is due by **May 1, 2009**. Checks should be made payable to: **National Watershed Coalition · PO Box 556 · Chandler OK 74834**. NWC Tax ID is 84-1142882.

	Before May 1	After May 1	
Full Registration (Includes admission to all sessions, exhibit area, 1 reception, 2 luncheons, 3 continental breakfasts, and all breaks.)	\$350	\$375	
Guest Registration (Required for attendance at meal functions.)	\$175	\$200	
Sunday, May 17th – Kansas Tour	\$25	N/A	
Tuesday, May 19th – Kansas Night	\$30	N/A	
Single Day Registration (circle one): Monday - May 21 or Tuesday - May 22	\$175	N/A	
NWC Individual Membership	\$25	N/A	
NWC Organizational Membership	\$75	N/A	
GRAND TOTAL			

<p>Form of Payment</p> <p>Check (payable to NWC) Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Purchase Order with Billing Instructions Attached <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please charge my VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> Amex <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Card # _____ Expiration Date _____</p> <p>Print name as it appears on card</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Mailing address associated with card</p> <p>_____</p>

If you have questions about conference registration please contact Tammy Sawatzky at NWC09@sbcglobal.net. If you have questions about the conference program please contact Dan Sebert at nwchdqtrs@sbcglobal.net.

KANSAS TOUR

Sunday, May 17, 2009

This Sunday tour will focus on four major Kansas resources: Wind, Water, Soil and Oil. Tour highlights include the state of the art Cowskin Creek Water Quality Reclamation facility as well as lunch served at the City of Wichita's Water Center. Following lunch the group will travel through the Flint Hills to the Elk River Wind Project a 150mw, 100 turbine wind farm that generates electricity for 42,000 homes. Participants will get a firsthand look at Kansas soil and water conservation and watershed work near El Dorado. An additional stop in El Dorado includes the Kansas Oil museum and Flint Hills exhibit at the Butler County History Center.

KANSAS NIGHT AT COWTOWN

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Relax a bit from the "information overload" and join your friends for an evening of great food, great music, and wonderful memories at the Diamond W Chuckwagon Supper. Located at Wichita's historic Old Cowtown Museum, the Diamond W Chuckwagon sits in grand western style on the shores of the Arkansas River near downtown Wichita, Kansas. The Diamond W Chuckwagon offers year round family dining with its world famous Diamond W Wranglers providing the western musical entertainment. We will depart the Wichita Marriott at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. the supper bell will ring and it's all you can eat bar-b-que. Afterwards, you'll sit back in your padded chair and enjoy the world famous Diamond W Wranglers. Kansas night should wrap up by 10:00 p.m. The Kansas Night fee is \$30.00 per participant. Space is limited, so requests will be filled on a first-come, first served basis.

Previous National Watershed Conferences include:

1989 Oklahoma City, OK. - An Examination of the PL 83-566 Small Watershed Program
 1991 Kansas City, MO. - An Agenda for Action
 1993 Jackson, MS., PL 83-566 - A Holistic Approach to Watershed Management
 1995 Charleston WV. - Opening the Toolbox: Strategies for Successful Watershed Management
 1997 Reno, NV. - Living in Your Watershed
 1999 Austin, TX. - Getting the Job Done at the Ground Level
 2001 Richmond, VA. - Small Watershed Programs: The Past, the Present, and the Future
 2003 Council Bluffs, IA. - Exploring Working Watersheds: Changes Since Lewis & Clark
 2005 Ft Mitchell, KY. - The Watershed Program at 50: Reflections on the Past and Forecasts for the Future
 2007 LaCrosse, Wisconsin - Total Watershed Awareness: Extending the Legacy

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Become a conference supporter and enhance your organizations visibility. Select one of the following sponsorship options and your organization will be recognized in the conference program and with on-site signage as an event sponsor.

Continental Breakfast:

Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday
 Level 1-\$150 Level 2-\$300 Level 3-\$500

Refreshment Breaks:

Monday or Tuesday
 Level 1-\$150 Level 2-\$300

Exhibitors Mixer:

Level 1-\$150 Level 2-\$300 Level 3-\$500

EXHIBIT AREA

Commercial exhibitors are those in business for profit. Government / Nonprofit are those not for profit organizations. Each exhibitor registration includes one conference registration with admission to all sessions, the exhibitor's mixer, two luncheons, three continental breakfasts and all breaks. Exhibits displays will be located near the conference meeting and meal functions. Conference attendees are encouraged to spend time visiting the exhibits. The exhibit area will be open Sunday evening and all day on Monday and Tuesday. The exhibit area will open at noon on Sunday, May 17th. All exhibits must be installed and ready for opening by 5:00 PM. No dismantling can begin before 3:30 PM on Tuesday, May 19nd. All exhibits must be removed by 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 19nd. Each exhibit space will be 10' X 10' with one table and 2 chairs. Exhibitors are responsible for transporting their exhibits to the conference site in time for set-up, and return home.

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

11th National Watershed Conference

May 17-20, 2009

Wichita Marriott

Wichita, Kansas

Contact Person Name		Additional Person(s)	
Company/Organization			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
E-mail	Phone	Fax	
Booth ID Sign to Read			
Commercial Exhibitor – Nonmember	\$600	\$	
Commercial Exhibitor – NWC Member	\$525	\$	
Government/Nonprofit – Nonmember	\$550	\$	
Government/Nonprofit – NWC Member	\$475	\$	
Continental Breakfast Sponsor: Mon Tue Wed	\$150 \$300 \$500	\$	
Refreshment Breaks: Mon Tue	\$150 \$300	\$	
Reception: Exhibitor's Mixer	\$150 \$300 \$500	\$	
GRAND TOTAL		\$	
Form of Payment			
Check (payable to NWC) Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>			
Purchase Order with Billing Instructions Attached <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please charge my VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> Amex <input type="checkbox"/>			
Card # _____ Expiration Date _____			
Print name as it appears on card _____			
Mailing address associated with card _____			

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO REGISTER

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ✘ A separate form must be completed for each registrant.
- ✘ Credit card or purchase order registrations may be faxed to (405) 258-2561
- ✘ Payment is required prior to processing.
- ✘ Registrations cannot be mailed or faxed after **May 11, 2009**. After this date, all registrations must occur on-site.
- ✘ Completed forms with payment should be mailed to: NWC, PO Box 556, Chandler OK 74834.

FEES INCLUDE

Register early and take advantage of the discounted registration fee. Register by **May 1st** and **save \$25**. We urge you to take advantage of this money saving opportunity. All participants are required to pay the registration fee.

Full Registration

- ✘ admission to all sessions
- ✘ admission to the exhibits
- ✘ exhibitor reception (Sunday)
- ✘ 3 continental breakfasts
- ✘ 2 luncheons
- ✘ all breaks

Guest Registration

- ✘ meal functions at the Wichita Marriott
- Note: Guest registration is intended for use by the spouse or guest of a registered attendee and is not intended for use by a co-worker.**

One-Day Registration (Monday or Tuesday)

- ✘ admission to sessions that day
- ✘ admission to the exhibits that day
- ✘ meal functions at the Marriott that day

The field trip and Kansas Night fees are in addition to the conference registration fee, and are payable in advance.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

To receive a refund, notice of cancellation must be received by NWC by the close of business **Thursday, April 30th**. All refunds are subject to a processing fee equal to 15% of the total registration fee. There are no refunds for cancellations after **Monday, May 11th**.

FORM OF PAYMENT

Registration fees can be paid by check, credit card, or purchase order. Please provide credit card or billing information where indicated. A copy of the purchase order, with billing instructions must accompany the registration form if payment is to be processed by purchase order. If payment is made by credit card the card holder's name, mailing address associated with the card, card number and expiration date are required.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Conference Hotel:

Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Dr
NWC Rate - \$89 per night plus tax
1-800-610-0673

Mention you are attending the National Watershed Coalition meeting to take advantage of the discounted room rates. **Reservations must be made by Saturday, April 25th**. The Wichita Marriott offers a complimentary shuttle service on request from the Wichita Airport.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

8:00 AM–6:00 PM Registration
8:45–4:30 PM Wichita Tour Departs
12 Noon–5:00 PM Exhibit Set-up
5:30–7:00 PM Exhibitors Mixer

MONDAY, MAY 18ST

6:45–7:45 AM Complimentary Continental Breakfast
7:00 AM–5:00 PM Registration
8:00–10:00 AM General Session – Leadership Perspectives on Watershed Policy and Programs
10:00–10:30 AM Exhibits / Refreshment Break
10:30–11:30 AM General Session, Cont.
11:45 AM–1:15 PM Luncheon
1:30–5:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
Evening On Your Own

TUESDAY, MAY 19ND

7:00–8:15 AM Complimentary Continental Breakfast
7:00 AM–5:00 PM Registration
8:30–10:00 AM General Session “Run For It!” – Is Not an Emergency Action Plan - Keeping People and Projects Safe
10:00–10:30 AM Exhibits / Refreshment break
10:30–11:30 AM General Session, Cont.
11:45 AM–1:15 PM Luncheon
1:30–5:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
6:00–9:30 PM Kansas Night at Old Cowtown Museum

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH

7:00–8:00 AM Complimentary Continental Breakfast
Registration Desk Closed
8:30–11:30 AM General Session
NWC Awards
Introduction of new NWC Officers