

**Preliminary Conference Announcement,
Call for Abstracts and Call for Exhibitors**

**STREAM RESTORATION AND PROTECTION IN THE MID-ATLANTIC
REGION**

**Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Sections
of the American Water Resources Association**

New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Delaware Sections



**Montclair State University's New Jersey School of Conservation, Branchville, NJ
Wednesday to Friday, June 14-16, 2006**

Conference web site: www.awra.org/state/new_jersey/mac2006

The Mid-Atlantic Sections of the American Water Resources Association will host their annual conference at Montclair State University's New Jersey School of Conservation (NJSOC) in Branchville, NJ near the nexus of PA, NY and NJ.

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA AND ACTIVITIES

Wednesday and Friday Afternoons Tours and Workshops: Several tours and workshops are being planned for Wednesday and Friday afternoons, including hiking and canoeing expeditions, stream ecology and geomorphology workshops and other tours of local highlights. The NJSOC is located within Stokes State Forest, which provides a multitude of opportunities for exploration.

Wednesday Evening Dinner & Reception: Dinner will be served on the NJSOC campus, followed by keynote speaker and poster session.

Conference Sessions: The conference presentations will begin Thursday morning and continue through mid-day on Friday. Experts from the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond will discuss their experiences with stream restoration.

Thursday Evening Banquet: No Mid-Atlantic AWRA Conference would be complete without the annual banquet. This year, our banquet will be held in nearby Milford, PA.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are sought for oral presentations and posters relevant to the conference theme: "Stream Restoration and Protection in the Mid-Atlantic Region". Abstracts will be selected for presentation based on their technical and policy merit, currency and relevance to conference topics (see below). The conference committee may request persons submitting abstracts for oral presentations to exhibit a poster if all presentation slots are filled. Presentation length will be 20 minutes, including questions. A book of abstracts will be distributed at the conference and placed on the NJ-AWRA website following the conference. All conference presenters are required to register for the conference.

We invite you to submit an abstract that addresses one of the following topics:

1. Site selection and prioritization using GIS and other technologies
2. Defining goals and success criteria
3. Planning and managing for multiple objectives and constraints (e.g., restoring channelized streams in flood prone areas)
4. Stream restoration case studies: Successes and lessons learned
5. Urban stream restoration
6. Techniques, successes and lessons learned for various situations, including restoring incised channels, restoring fish passage at road crossings, restoring impacts from abandoned mined drainage and removing dams
7. Funding stream restoration and protection projects
8. Post-restoration maintenance and monitoring
9. Approaches to permitting stream restoration and mitigation projects
10. Measurable ecological and water quality improvement resulting from stream restoration
11. Public access to stream restoration sites
12. Successful partnerships for stream restoration
13. Stream protection/restoration in agricultural areas

Abstract format (1 page, 12 pt font, single-spaced, 1-inch margins):

Title of the presentation

Authors and affiliations, including email address of contact author one author per line

Body of Abstract

Indicate format preference: Oral Presentation or Poster

Schedule

Abstract submittal deadline: January 15th, 2006

Notification of acceptance: On or about March 1st, 2006

Revised abstract (if required) submittal deadline: May 1st, 2006

Submission procedure

E-mail abstracts in MS Word, HTML or PDF format to kirk.barrett@montclair.edu or submit through the conference web site <http://www.njawra.org/mac2006>

Questions regarding abstract submission should be directed to the conference chair, Dr. Kirk R. Barrett, Director, Passaic River Institute, Montclair State University, phone: 973-655-7117 fax: 973-655-6810 e-mail: kirk.barrett@montclair.edu.

CALL FOR CONFERENCE SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

We invite organizations to sponsor and/or exhibit at the conference.

- ✓ Conference sponsorship: Minimum \$500. Includes an 8' x 4' exhibit space, 2 registrations and acknowledgement in conference materials.
- ✓ Commercial/Corporate Exhibitors: The exhibitors' fee is \$250. Includes an 8' x 4' exhibit space and 1 registration.
- ✓ Nonprofit Exhibitors: An 8' x 4' exhibit space will be provided free to nonprofits/government. No registration is included.

If your organization is interested in sponsoring or exhibiting, please contact Mr. Michael Cox (973-812-6833; michael_cox@urscorp.com) or Mr. Tony McCracken (908-231-7183; mccrackt@co.somerset.nj.us) by May 15th, 2006. Exhibits should be appropriate for the conference theme, as judged by the conference committee. Space is limited, so please respond promptly.

CONFERENCE LOCATION AND LODGING Montclair University's New Jersey School of Conservation <http://www.csam.montclair.edu/njsoc>

Facilities: The New Jersey School of Conservation is an environmental education camp operated by Montclair State University on a 240 acre campus within near-pristine Stokes State Forest in northwest New Jersey. The location promises a unique conference experience, far different from a urban/suburban hotel. A small lake on the campus offers canoeing and license-free fishing; one of NJ's best trout streams is adjacent to the property. Hiking opportunities abound.

Lodging: On-site lodging is available at the rate of \$20/night in rustic, three-room cabins with each room sleeping up to 6 people. Bathroom and showers are located in adjacent buildings. There are several cabins available, and we do not anticipate filling each to capacity, but attendees should anticipate sharing sleeping quarters. Tent camping is allowed on site. Attendees should make lodging reservations directly with the School of Conservation by calling 1-800-624-7780 ext. 3.

For attendees who prefer more luxurious lodging, a block of rooms are reserved at the Best Western in Matamoras PA (~20 minutes away) at the rate of \$60/night (Phone: 570-491-2400). Rooms will be held until May 4, after which they will be provided on a space and price available basis. Other accommodations are available in Milford, PA (~15 minutes), including the Mount Haven Resort, Dimmick Inn, Scottish Inn, and Red Carpet Inn.

Transportation: Parking is available on the NJSOC campus, but carpooling is encouraged. If you are staying at the Best Western, shuttle service between the Best Western and the NJSOC campus will be available for \$5-\$10 per person one-way. More information will be included with your registration confirmation. If you are staying at the NJSOC, your conference registration includes a free shuttle to/from the dinner banquet in Milford on Thursday night.

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Registration:

Includes dinner on Wednesday; breakfast, lunch and dinner banquet (with free shuttle bus) on Thursday, and breakfast and lunch on Friday.

- \$145 Early Registration (received by May 1, 2006)
- \$165 Regular Registration (received by June 1, 2006)
- \$185 Day of event (**subject to space availability; does not include Wednesday or Thursday dinners**).
- \$75 student registration (received by June 1). **Must submit a valid ID and signed note from a faculty member.**

Please make out purchase order, vouchers or checks to "New Jersey Section AWRA".

Mail to: Kathy Hale – MAC 2006
NJ Section – American Water Resources Association
PO Box 7814
West Trenton, NJ 08628

For additional information, contact Kathy Hale at khale@rارانbasin.org or (908) 303-3591 x28

For planning purposes, indicate where you will be staying:

___ NJSOC ___ Best Western ___ Other

___ I would like to take a shuttle from the Best Western to NJSOC on Wednesday afternoon to attend workshop/tours

___ I would like to take a shuttle from the Best Western to NJSOC on Wednesday early evening to attend dinner

___ I would like to take a shuttle from NJSOC to the Best Western on Wednesday night after dinner