



**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**14TH NATIONAL WATERSHED CONFERENCE**  
**MAY 17-20, 2015**  
**WORTHINGTON RENAISSANCE FORT WORTH HOTEL**  
**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

You are invited to be part of the National Watershed Coalition's (NWC) **14th National Watershed Conference**. The conference will address both current and future water resource issues related to conservation, management, water quality and flood protection on a watershed scale.

**Background:** As always the program committee is soliciting abstract of presentations that address USDA Watershed Program specific concerns. 2014 has been a remarkable year for USDA Watershed Program milestones. The largest infusion of program funding since 1993 and the expansion of opportunities through the new Regional Conservation Partnership Program effort have created many new watershed opportunities.

The NWC 2015 program will also highlight opportunities for combining resources from the portfolio of complimentary programs such as the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Chesapeake Bay Initiative, Mississippi River Basin Initiative, Regional Conservation Partnership Program or EPA's 319 efforts to meet watershed management goals. The goal of the conference program committee is to provide a blend of presentations that address efforts to create safe, productive as well as healthy watersheds using a wide variety of resources.

The 14th National Watershed Conference program committee will give special consideration to abstracts that address several emphasis areas:

- Expanding Watershed Services and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- Achieving water quality and quantity management strategies for the future through expanded partnerships
- Utilizing Watershed Program benefits to mitigate the impacts of changing climate
- Taking program opportunity and O&M performance to the next level
- Design and finance alternatives for aging USDA Watershed Program infrastructure

All accepted papers will be eligible for publication in the conference proceedings. Abstracts should be a 400 word or less description of your presentation. Electronic copies must be submitted in Microsoft Word format. Include your name, complete mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address with your abstract and e-mail to: **Dan A. Sebert, Ph.D. at [nwchdqtrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nwchdqtrs@sbcglobal.net). Abstract deadline is January 16, 2015.**

Abstracts will not be returned. Notification of accepted abstracts will start in February 2015. If your abstract is accepted, your full paper is due April 13, 2015. Maximum length of your final manuscripts is 6,000 words, about 9 pages. Questions concerning presentation categories and potential topics of interest may be directed to [nwchdqtrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nwchdqtrs@sbcglobal.net). **Presenters are responsible for providing their own conference travel, registration and other related expenses.**

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