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## 2025 OHIO SURFACE WATER POLICY CONFERENCE

RENAISSANCE COLUMBUS WESTERVILLE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 &  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ohio Surface Water Policy Conference will bring together representatives from business, industry, regulatory agencies, and the legal field to evaluate recent federal and state policy issues that affect Clean Water Act permitting, land development, water quality, and habitat restoration in Ohio. Anticipated speakers will include experts from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Agriculture, consultants, attorneys, and others.

### Agency Partners:



Oct. 29th Lunch Keynote  
Dir. Baldrige (ODA) and Dir. Logue (OEPA)



Oct. 30th Lunch Keynote  
Admin. Vogel (USEPA Region 5)

**\$375/person early bird pricing ends September 15**

Please contact Kellie Griffin with any questions or to pay by check:  
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# 2025 OHIO SURFACE WATER POLICY CONFERENCE — AGENDA

## Wednesday, October 29

- 8:00 Coffee, Light Refreshments
- 8:40 **Welcome and Introductions, Day 1**  
Vince Messerly, PE, President  
*Stream + Wetlands Foundation, Lancaster, OH*
- 8:45 **Updates from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) and Ohio River Basin Alliance (ORBA)**  
Craig Butler, Executive Director (MWCD) and Past Chairman (ORBA)  
*MWCD, New Philadelphia, OH*
- 9:30 **Networking Break**
- 9:45 **404(b)(1) Guidelines - Tips and Tricks from Large Development Projects**  
Judith Mitchell, Senior Project Manager  
*Davey Resource Group, Kent, OH*  
Vinnie Tremante, Senior Env. Scientist  
*Burns & McDonnell, Columbus, OH*
- 10:45 **Networking Break**
- 11:00 **2025 Waters of the United States Rulemaking, Continuous Surface Connection, & Relatively Permanent Waters**  
Gary Pasheilich, Esq.  
*Roetzel and Andress, Columbus, OH*  
Paul Loftus, District Counsel  
*USACE, Huntington, WV*
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 12:30 **Day 1 Keynote Address: H2Ohio Program Updates**  
Brian Baldrige, Director  
*Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, Columbus, OH*  
John Logue, Director  
*Ohio EPA, Columbus, OH*
- 1:00 **Networking Break**
- 1:15 **404/401 Permitting Updates - NWP, LOPs, RGP, WQCs, & OSAM**  
Wes Barnett, Regulatory Chief - South/Transportation Branch  
*USACE, Huntington, WV*  
Teresa Spagna, Regulatory Chief - North Branch  
*USACE, Huntington, WV*  
Anna Kamnyev, 401 Section Manager  
*Ohio EPA, Div. of Surface Water, Columbus, OH*
- 2:30 **Networking Break**
- 2:45 **USACE and Ohio EPA - Updates and Interagency Panel Discussion**  
Moderator: Vince Messerly  
Mike Hatten, Regulatory Division Chief  
*USACE, Huntington, WV*  
Mark Johnson, Assistant Director  
*Ohio EPA, Columbus, OH*
- 3:45 **Networking Break**
- 4:00 **Whoops, I Filled a Wetland! How to Deal with Violations and Enforcement Actions**  
Shane Farolino, Esq.  
*Roetzel and Andress, Columbus, OH*  
Bill Fischbein, Supervising Attorney  
*Ohio EPA, Div. of Surface Water, Columbus, OH*
- 5:00 **Networking Event and Reception**

## Thursday, October 30

- 8:00 Coffee, Light Refreshments
- 8:40 **Welcome and Introductions, Day 2**  
Shane Farolino, Esq.  
*Roetzel and Andress, Columbus, OH*
- 8:45 **Water Quality Trends Across Ohio - TMDLs and Stormwater Updates**  
Josh Griffin, Lake Erie Program Manager  
*Ohio EPA, Div. of Surface Water, Columbus, OH*  
Dan Figola, PE, Director of Product Development  
*Advanced Drainage Systems, Hilliard, OH*
- 9:45 **Networking Break**
- 10:00 **Endangered Species Act Updates**  
Megan Seymour, Wildlife Biologist  
*US Fish and Wildlife Service, Columbus, OH*  
Jessica Miller, Account Director  
*Environmental Consulting & Technology, Northfield, OH*
- 11:00 **Networking Break**
- 11:15 **Central Ohio Development Updates and Water Infrastructure**  
Jim Roberts, PE, Director  
*Licking Regional Water District, Pataskala, OH*  
Rick Platt, President & CEO  
*Licking County Port Authority, Newark, OH*
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 12:30 **Day 2 Keynote Address: USEPA Program and Region 5 Updates**  
Anne Vogel, Administrator  
*USEPA Region 5, Chicago, IL*
- 1:00 **Networking Break**
- 1:15 **Recent Court Rulings and their Effects on Water Laws and Regulations**  
Amanda Ferguson, Esq.  
*Roetzel and Andress, Columbus, OH*
- 2:15 **Networking Break**
- 2:30 **Understanding Ohio's Wetlands, Food Security Act Compliance & Mitigation Banking for USDA Programs**  
Nick Schell, Framework Coordinator - East / Central Working Lands for Wildlife  
*USDA-NRCS, Columbus, OH*  
Steve Baker, State Soil Scientist  
*USDA-NRCS, Columbus, OH*
- 3:30 **Adjourn**

\*Tentative agenda - subject to change pending policy developments and confirmation from invited speakers\*



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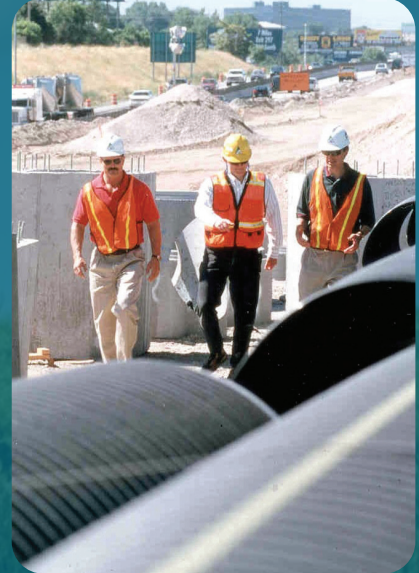
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