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SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

June 5, 2023



Honoring Ohio's Environment and Celebrating its Champions

7:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Nationwide & Ohio Farm
Bureau 4-H Center**



This program is being recorded and posted to the EPN YouTube channel for future access and viewing.



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

AGENDA

7:45 a.m. Doors open at Ohio State 4-H Center; Coffee served.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet served for in-person attendees.

8:15 a.m. Livestreaming service begins for virtual attendees. **Neal Sargeant** (president, Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society) provides welcome remarks.

8:20 a.m. Honorary 100 induction ceremony and welcome by Eric Toman, PhD (interim director, Ohio State's School of Environment and Natural Resources).

Jon Gerken: Jon dedicated 42 years to the soil science and natural resources profession for USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service as assistant soil survey manager and state soil scientist. Throughout his career, John has provided unwavering support of the School of Environment and Natural Resources and helped the advancement of both academics and professions related to agronomy, soil science, and natural resources conservation.

John O'Meara: John has over 35 years of career accomplishments and outstanding contributions to his profession in natural resources and conservation, serving for 16 years as executive director of the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks. Under his leadership the Park District more than doubled in both size and attendance and became the largest metro park system in the state of Ohio.

Ric Queen: “Ranger Ric” began his long public service career in 1978 with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources before serving as senior environmental manager and scientist in OEPA’s Division of Surface Water and Wetland Mitigation Unit for 27 years. Ric’s passion to protect Ohio’s natural and cultural resources has led to a lifelong career and personal commitment toward education, conservation, and land preservation.

Dorothy Teater: Dorothy is an educator and outreach professional who served as Franklin County commissioner, becoming the first woman elected to that position. In 2015, Dorothy and her sons established the Dr. Robert W. Teater Endowment fund providing scholarships and program support for students and natural resource professionals. Dorothy Teater’s legacy in education and conservation has greatly enhanced the future of the School of Environment and Natural Resources and its students, alumni, faculty, staff, and stakeholders.

8:40 a.m. Cathann A. Kress, PhD (vice president for agricultural administration and dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences) shares words in acknowledgement of Ohio’s environment and its champions.

8:50 a.m. Bill Stanley (state director, The Nature Conservancy in Ohio) addresses the importance of natural resource management in Ohio and creating diverse partnerships to solve Ohio’s water, landscape, agricultural and forest conservation challenges.

9:05 a.m. Audience Q & A session with Stanley for both in-person and virtual audiences. This session will explore the role of environmental professionals in contributing to the preservation and enhancement of Ohio's natural resources.

9:25 a.m. Dr. Toman concludes the indoor program component. Break and networking session for in-person guests. Coffee and snacks are provided for in-person guests. *Livestreaming service concludes for virtual attendees.*

9:35 a.m. Andrew “Dewey” Mann, PhD (director, Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory; interim director, Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens) provides an overview of the program's field tour.

Waterman Lab (outdoor) tour for in-person attendees begins. Transportation will be provided for all guests. Please contact Callia Téllez (tellez.13@osu.edu) if you have mobility access questions or to request mobility assistance.

This one-hour field tour session will explore Waterman Lab's specific field-based research and learning sites with SENR research faculty. Participants will learn how these agronomic, pasture, and forestry plots have contributed to groundbreaking and internationally significant scientific advancements and served as a tool for informing practical natural resource management applications for decades. At the two learning stations participants will:

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Agricultural Soils with Dr. Rattan Lal: Experience the agronomic and soil science plots utilized by Ohio State researchers, including one of the world's top scientists, Dr. Rattan Lal and the CFAES Rattan Lal Center for Carbon Management and Sequestration (C-MASC), to advance crop management education and research.

Pawpaws and Forest Restoration with Dr. Matt Davies: Checkout Dr. Davies pawpaw orchard and learn how his research team is utilizing a 28-acre Waterman Lab research site for honeysuckle removal, native pawpaw studies, and various forestry-related research studies.

10:15 a.m. Transition between sessions

10:45 a.m. All participants return to 4-H Center. Coffee and snacks are provided for in-person guests. Dr. Mann provides remarks about the future of the Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory.

11:00 a.m. Dr. Toman provides concluding program remarks

**WATERMAN LAB FIELD
TOUR MAP**

(Click to view)

SPEAKER BIOS



Bill Stanley, state director, The Nature Conservancy in Ohio

Bill Stanley is the state director for The Nature Conservancy in Ohio, where he sets strategy and leads a team that protects lands and waters, helps to provide food and water sustainably, connects people and nature, builds healthy cities and works to address climate change. He believes that it is not only possible to have thriving economies, rich cultural opportunities and preserved natural communities, but that these are mutually supportive. The path to success includes taking more time to listen, and collaborating with businesses, governments and communities.



Andrew “Dewey” Mann, director, Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory, interim director, Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens

Dewey Mann has been with CFAES since 2010, serving as a lecturer and faculty advisor. He earned his PhD in food, agricultural and biological engineering at Ohio State and his MS in agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue University. He completed his undergraduate work in agricultural systems management at the University of Missouri. Mann has established a track record in CFAES for his passion for teaching, experiential learning, and engaging industry partners.

Tuesday, July 11, 2023



Breakfast with the Birds: Advocacy and Conservation in Urban Green Spaces

8:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center on the Whittier Peninsula (downtown Columbus).

This event will feature **Nicole Jackson** (founder, N Her Nature LLC), **Matthew Shumar** (program coordinator, Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative), **Shelly Douglas** (executive director, Green Columbus), and **Leigh Ann Miller** (director, Grange Insurance Audubon Center) who will lead us in exploring the places, spaces and people who are increasing community involvement in the outdoors, birding, and ecological restoration in central Ohio.

Register today at: go.osu.edu/epnjul23

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

SAVE THE DATE

Rivers and Parks + Imagination + Design: How to utilize Ohio's rivers to stimulate and enhance community and economic development.

7:15- 9:30 a.m. at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center at Ohio State

Ohio's rivers are an innate natural asset to our state's geography. Join this EPN event to connect with a panel of RAPID 5 leaders will outline the rivers and resources that can be aligned to create America's largest inter-connected park system. Following the RAPID 5 presentation, in coordination with the Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO), TerrAqua (a crossdisciplinary student organization at Ohio State and WMAO affiliate), and the Ohio Water Resources Center stay for an extended workshop session. This extended workshop program, will provide participants with tools and strategies to bring communities, nonprofits, philanthropic groups, the private sector, and others together on ideas and projects that leverage ecologically healthy rivers to stimulate and enhance community and economic development.

Become an EPN member (it's free and easy) and learn more about our EPN Breakfast and Summer Field Trip Series at epn.osu.edu



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The Environmental Professionals Network (EPN), created nine years ago, is a service of the School of Environment and Natural Resources that connects and grows environmental professionals in-person and online. Over 2,000 environmental professionals statewide have active online membership accounts. EPN participants can access many online services and are linked to thousands of professionals in Ohio and beyond. Professionals are connected in a “community” of people who share their passion for our world and its environment, natural resources, people, and communities – local to global.

******* Thank You! *******

Students registered at the discounted rate (\$5) today courtesy of Ohio State's School of Environment and Natural Resources, the Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society, the Sustainability Institute at Ohio State as well as the Office of Sustainability and Strategic Services, and the following individuals who chose to "sponsor a student" during their online registration:

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