

# **Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance Webinar Series Presents:**

## **The Iowa Watershed Approach: A New Paradigm for Flood Resilience**

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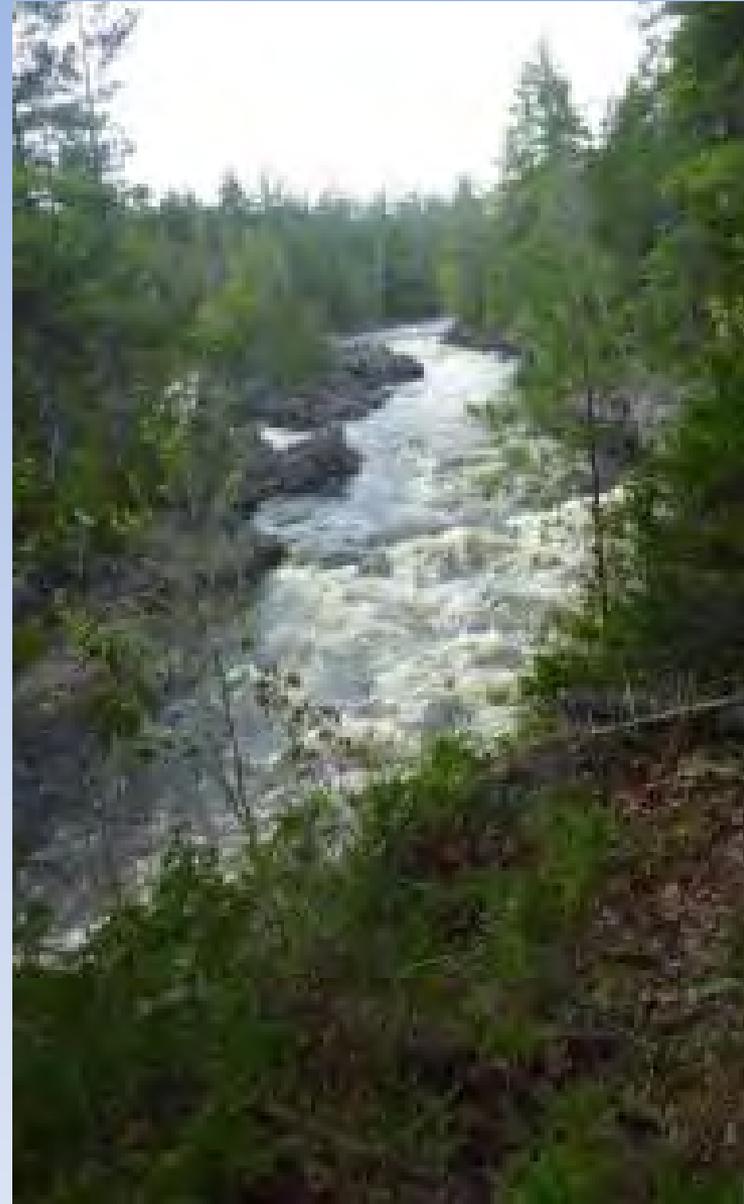
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# Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** (10 minutes)
- **Federal policy update** (15 minutes): Merrie Inderfurth, Washington Liaison, Association of State Floodplain Managers
- **Webinar presentation and Q&A** (60 minutes):  
The Iowa Watershed Approach: A New Paradigm for Flood Resilience



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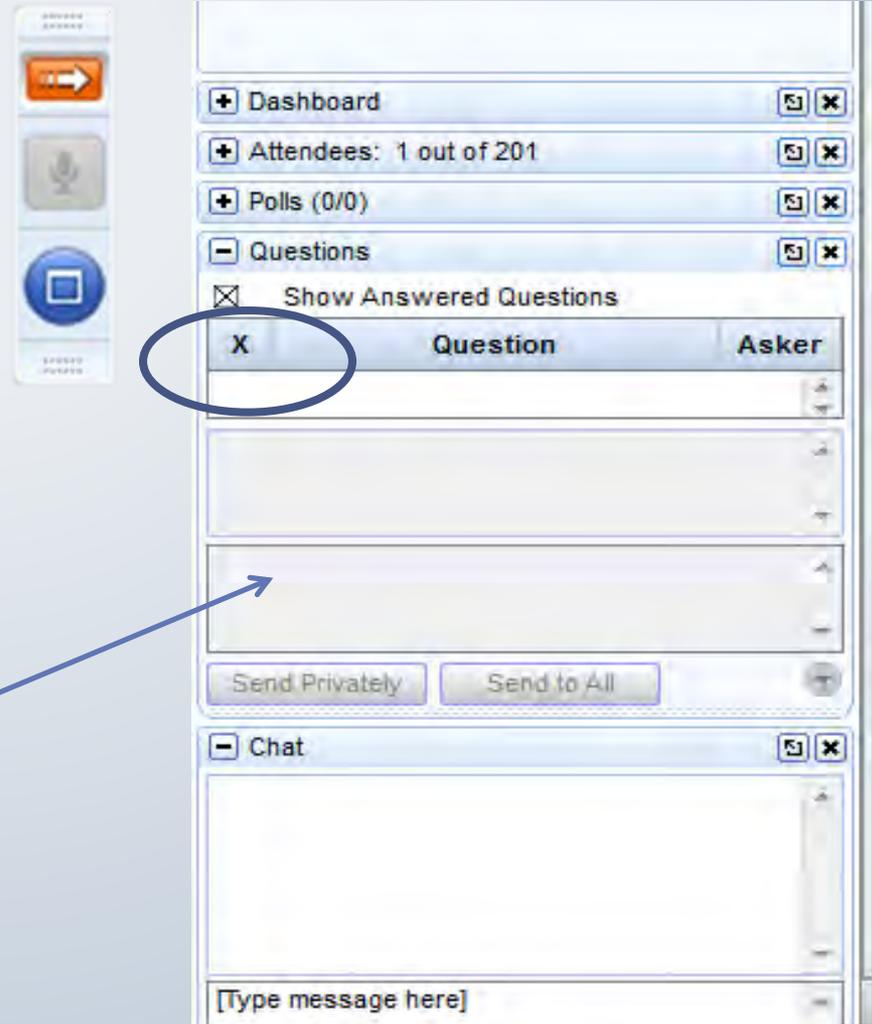
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1. Encourage information-sharing among organizations and agencies that support restoration and conservation of natural floodplain resources
2. Use sound science to develop fair and reasonable policies and programs that support restoration and conservation of natural floodplain resources
3. Integrate natural floodplain management into broader landscape and watershed management initiatives.
4. Facilitate creation and integration of programs and policies to sustain and restore natural floodplain resources
5. Support revision or elimination of policies and programs that degrade and destroy natural floodplain resources
6. Improve communication about the importance of natural floodplain resources at all levels of government

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The Association of State Wetland Managers signed on to a letter with the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) and the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) raising concerns about provisions of H.R. 3043, the Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017. If enacted as written, the draft bill would modify Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing requirements under the Federal Power Act and may conflict with state authority under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act to protect water quality and provide critical input on federal dredge and fill permits to wetlands and other waters under § 404. The joint letter is [available here](#).

### ASWM Comments on Proposal to Rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule

The Association of State Wetland Managers has responded to the request for comments on the rule proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Army to rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule and replace it

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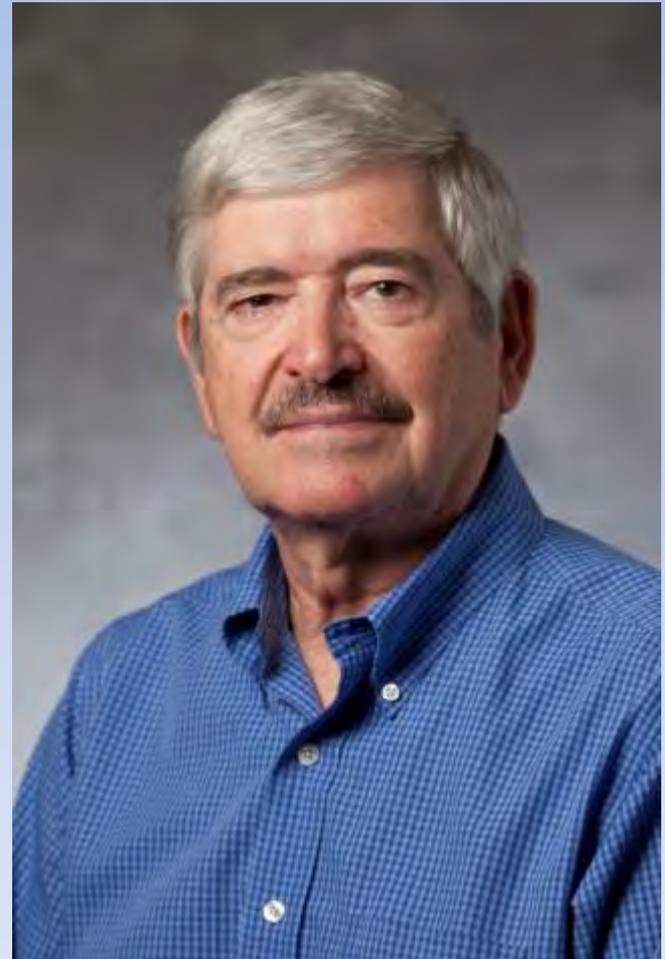
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**From July 25, 2017**

Integrated Stream and Wetland  
Restoration: A watershed approach  
to improved water quality on the  
landscape

**Presenter:**

Dr. Curtis Richardson  
Duke University Wetland Center



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- **Upcoming topics:**
  - **Minnesota's Watershed Approach to Restoration and Protection of Lakes and Streams**
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# **NFFA Federal Update**

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**Association of State Floodplain  
Managers**



A scenic view of a river flowing through a lush green landscape. The river is in the foreground, reflecting the sky and the surrounding greenery. The middle ground is filled with dense evergreen forests, and the background shows a hazy, distant forest line under a light sky.

## Changing over to Presenters' Computer...

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# Questions?

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