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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 28–31, 2019

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Bridging the Divide: Uniting Rural and Urban Landscapes for Conservation

Registration for the 74th SWCS International Annual Conference is now OPEN, and we can't wait to see you in Pittsburgh! Take advantage of the opportunity to learn about the latest research, policies, and practices in natural resource conservation, as well as network and connect with conservation professionals from around the world. This year's conference will feature workshops, plenary sessions, symposia sessions, breakout sessions, poster presentations, and tours designed to raise awareness of recent developments in the science and art of natural resource conservation and environmental management.

Register today at www.swcs.org/19AC to receive the \$100 early registration discount.



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Preliminary Program Now Available

Want a sneak peek at the great topics and presentations being offered at this year's Annual Conference? Check out the Preliminary Program [here](#).

Exhibitor and Sponsor Opportunities Available

Do you have an organization or know of one that could benefit from increased exposure to over 400 conservation professionals? If so, view the opportunities in our [Exhibitor and Sponsor Guide](#) for details on becoming an exhibitor or sponsor of the 74th SWCS International Annual Conference, "Bridging the Divide: Uniting Rural and Urban Landscapes for Conservation." Contact events@swcs.org with any questions.

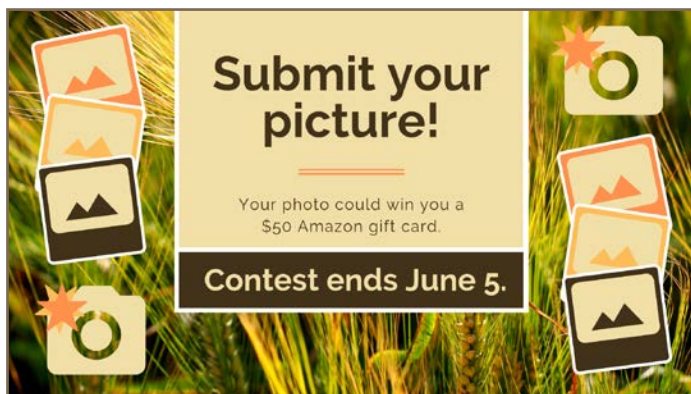
Thank you to Syngenta, the 2019 SWCS International Annual Conference Presenting Sponsor!



Conservation Photo Contest

What does "Bridging the Divide: Uniting Rural and Urban Landscapes for Conservation" look like? We want to see the places and people that inspire you to work for a sustainable future. Enter our 2019 photo contest to share your conservation photos today.

Submit a photo by June 5, 2019, for a chance to be selected for display at the SWCS International Annual Conference, July 28-31, 2019, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and to compete for the People's Choice and Bridging the Divide: Uniting Rural and Urban Landscapes for Conservation awards! Submission is free. Visit www.swcs.org/19AC for full details.



SWCS and Green Infrastructure Foundation Sign Partnership Agreement



On April 1, 2019, the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the [Green Infrastructure Foundation](#) (GIF) and [Green Roofs for Healthy Cities](#) (GRHC) in anticipation of the 74th SWCS International Annual Conference, to be held July 28-31, 2019, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The theme of this year's conference is "Bridging the Divide: Uniting Rural and Urban Landscapes for Conservation."

The MOU represents a formal partnership between GIF, GRHC, and SWCS to collaboratively promote the use of green infrastructure throughout North America and explore the many rural/urban connections associated with its use. The three organizations share the mission of enhancing landscape sustainability and resilience, and advance their goals by providing programs and resources, improving technical knowledge, and raising public awareness. Planned cooperative efforts include a green infrastructure workshop at the SWCS Annual Conference; participation in the GRHC Biophilia Symposium on July 29, 2019; and development of a series of rural-focused green infrastructure activities to be held in the Midwest region.

"We are excited that the crossover of our upcoming events provides a platform for SWCS and GIF to kick off a partnership that will enhance opportunities for rural and urban connections and sustainability resources for agriculture and communities," said Clare Lindahl, CEO of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. "We look forward to expanding our like missions with this newly formed relationship."

"We look forward to working with the Soil and Water Conservation Society to advance the use of green infrastructure to support the health and well-being of all our communities, large and small," said Steven W. Peck, GRP, Honorary ASLA, Founder and President, GRHC.

To learn more about activities at the SWCS Annual Conference and the connections between rural and urban conservation, visit www.swcs.org/19AC. Information about the GRHC Pittsburgh Biophilia Symposium is available at www.cvent.com/d/v6q961.

SWCS Goes to Washington

Earlier this month, SWCS CEO Clare Lindahl and Special Projects Director Catherine DeLong traveled to Washington, DC, to discuss farm bill implementation with federal policy makers and to advocate for conservation professionals. They met with individuals from a wide-range of organizations including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Conservation Districts, The Nature Conservancy, and National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition. They also held a “March Madness Warm-Up” networking event with the SWCS National Capital Chapter, giving SWCS members a chance to relax, fill out a conservation practice bracket, and network with fellow conservation professionals.



SWCS CEO Clare Lindahl (left) and Special Projects Director Catherine DeLong (right) with USDA NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr (center).

Upcoming Events

[California/Nevada Chapter Conference:
Women in Conservation](#)

Reno, Nevada
May 23-24, 2019

[Oklahoma Chapter Annual Meeting](#)

Davis, Oklahoma
June 6-7, 2019

[SWCS 74th International Annual Conference](#)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 28-31, 2019

Science and Policy News

Below you will find a list of some of the latest conservation science and policy news. Links to full articles on the different subjects are included.

- The 2017 [Census of Agriculture](#) was released by the USDA
- United States criticizes [Vietnam](#) ban of glyphosate herbicide imports
- California adopts new [wetland](#) protections as Trump administration eases them
- US Congress approves [Colorado River](#) drought plan
- [Louisiana's](#) disappearing coast: the state loses a football field's worth of land every hour and a half
- In [Puerto Rico](#), a new agriculture industry is born in the wake of Hurricane María
- Hemp concerns and trade jitters top agriculture [appropriations](#) hearing
- SWCS joins several other farm, wildlife groups to ask appropriators to fund [conservation](#) programs
- Senators urging USDA to move on [dairy](#) provisions
- The challenging life of [female farmers](#): Why a gender mainstreaming is necessary in agriculture
- Senators Warren and Klobuchar agree on breaking up [Big Ag](#)
- China books fresh deal for 828,000 tonnes of US [soybeans](#)
- Farm Bureau: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) in the 2018 [Farm Bill](#)
- Report shows how ag [research](#) funding can supercharge US industry
- Outlook remains dim for farmers as [trade war](#) and weaker growth raise risks, new report says
- Disaster aid won't cover crops drowned by Midwest [floods](#)
- Biotech crops among sticking points in US-China [trade deal](#)
- Flooded [grain](#) in storage not eligible for current disaster aid program
- Emails show Food and Drug Administration worry after [romaine](#) outbreaks

The opinions expressed in these articles are meant to keep SWCS members informed of current conservation conversations and do not necessarily represent the views of SWCS.

New Members

Welcome members who joined in March!

Alabama

Patrick Rohling

Arkansas—Razorback

Cager Ridge

California/Nevada

James Booth

Connecticut—University of Connecticut

Student Chapter

Maria Serana

Connecticut/Massachusetts/Rhode

Island—Southern New England Chapter

Steve Ivas

Cynthia Martin

DC—National Capital Chapter

Kim Rush Lynch

Iowa

Lori Altheide

Corey McKinney

LuAnn Myers

James Petitti

Val Tracy

Courtney Wolken

Iowa—Iowa State University

Student Chapter

Stephanie Brooner

Idaho/Washington—Inland Empire

Stephen Johnson

Illinois

Jennifer Sandrik-Rubio

Louisiana

Kayla Hebert

Michigan

Jon Weyhrauch

Mississippi—Mississippi State University

Student Chapter

Sam Kirk

North Carolina—Hugh Hammond

Bennett

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