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North Central Region One Water Action Forum

Indianapolis, Indiana
December 11-13, 2018
www.onewaternc.org

Call for Presentations Now Open

The North Central Region One Water Action Forum call for poster presentations is now open!

The North Central Region Water Network, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Iowa Soybean Association, and US Water Alliance are teaming up for the North Central Region One Water Action Forum on December 11-13, 2018, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The forum will bring together researchers, educators, practitioners, and policy-makers to advance more connected and cohesive approaches to water and watershed management in the North Central Region of the United States.

Visit www.onewaternc.org for additional information. Registration will be open soon!

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September/October Issue of the Journal



The September/October cover features one of the winning photos from this year's photo contest, taken by Beth Burdolski.

Don't miss the latest issue of the [Journal of Soil and Water Conservation](#)! September/October feature articles include a literature review and analysis by Tellatin and Myers on the potential for cover crops to sequester carbon on US crop lands. Additionally, Corry discusses the benefits of strategic integration of perennial cover in farm landscapes, and a photographic simulation of a farm in southern Ontario provides a helpful illustration of the concept in practice. In the Research

Section, Nyawade et al. share the results of a study to determine soil organic matter losses of soils in various potato-legume rotations in central Kenya, and Wren et al. evaluate factors associated with the erosion and impairment of irrigation reservoir levees in Arkansas.

This issue also includes a new article type to the JSWC, the Research Brief, which serves as an opportunity for publication of short reports on research of high relevance, novelty, or emerging concern. This issue's brief by Yost et al. assesses the ability of the Haney Soil Health Test to improve nitrogen recommendations for corn crops in the Midwest. Watch for more of these short, high impact articles in future issues.



Aerial photograph of southern Ontario agriculture showing settlement patterns, remnant woodlands, road system, farmsteads, and crop fields from Corry's article "Designed strategic redeployment of perennial cover in North American farm landscapes."



2018 International Annual Conference Presentations Available



CULTURE, CLIMATE, AND CONSERVATION
73RD SWCS INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2018

Presentations from the 73rd SWCS International Annual Conference are now available for viewing! Links to the conference [presentations](#) and [photos](#), as well as a PDF of the final conference [program](#) and [abstract book](#), can be found at www.swcs.org/18AC.

We hope to see you next year at the 74th SWCS International Annual Conference, July 28-31, 2019, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania!



Upcoming Events

[Wyoming Chapter Annual Technical Workshop](#)

Sheridan, Wyoming
September 24-25, 2018

[Razorback Chapter 2018 Fall Meeting](#)

Little Rock, Arkansas
September 24, 2018

[Nebraska Chapter Annual Golf Tournament](#)

Lincoln, Nebraska
October 5, 2018

[North Dakota Chapter Meeting and Technical Workshop](#)

Devils Lake, North Dakota
October 16, 2018

[California/Nevada Chapter Annual Meeting: Soil Health in Northern California](#)

Suisin City, California
October 18-19, 2018

[North Central Region One Water Action Forum](#)

Indianapolis, Indiana
December 11-13, 2018

News from DC

Courtesy of SWCS DC Representative John Peterson

- Farm bill joint conference committee [meets](#) as September 30 deadline looms.
- California [report](#) predicts doubling of wildfires, made worse by climate change.
- Republicans say iconic Endangered Species Act is no longer working, call for major takeover.
- Houston, Texas, voters [pass](#) \$2.5 billion flood infrastructure bond to protect area from future storms.
- As North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) [talks](#) resume, United States and Canada aren't budging on key priorities.
- US efforts to maintain and restore the nation's beaches through seawalls and added sand may make sense in the short run, but three experts [write](#) that those type of actions only stifle more necessary long-term measures and encourage shore dwellers to remain where they are.
- US judge [reinstates](#) proposed listing of bi-state sage grouse.
- 1.7 million acres of grasslands were [lost](#) to cultivation in 2017, a slowdown from the prior year.
- The USDA's National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) has [released](#) "Nutrient Management Practices on U.S. Dairy Operations, 2014."
- The world economy could [grow](#) \$26 trillion in a decade if governments and businesses focus on climate change.
- The Senate [confirmed](#) James Hubbard as USDA undersecretary for natural resources and environment.
- J. Scott Angle, a soil scientist, was named by the White House to serve as director of USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Conservation NewsBriefs: Popular Articles from August



Are you up-to-date with news about soil and water conservation research and policy? *Conservation NewsBriefs* is a highly informative e-news brief that delivers the most relevant content to your inbox each and every Thursday. Below are links to some of the most read articles from over the past month:

- [Environmentally friendly farming practices used by nearly one third of world's farms](#) (Washington State University via ScienceDaily)
- [There are many 'ifs,' but the discovery of corn that fertilizes itself could transform agriculture](#) (Journal Sentinel)
- ['A complete shock': Economists stunned by USDA's decision to move economic research arm](#) (Politico)
- [California groundwater law means big changes above ground, too](#) (Water Deeply)
- [California regulators consider conservation protections for the state's largest estuary](#) (Pacific Standard)

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New Members

Welcome members who joined in August!

Arkansas—Razorback

Brooks Davis

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Joseph Blankinship
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Joseph Tabor
Christopher Williams

Canada—Ontario

Richard Pilon

Colorado

Lisa Ferguson
Kristie Maczko

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Calvin Perry

Idaho

Fred Pierson

Illinois

Sarah Acquah

Maryland—Maryland Old Line

Ali Sadeghi

Missouri—Show Me

Josiah McClellan
Garrett Pulley

Mississippi—Mississippi State University Student Chapter

Austin Omer

North Dakota

Jacob Bratvold
David Mushet

Nebraska

Paul Jasa

New Hampshire/Vermont

Nancy Parker
Obediah Racicot

New Mexico

Sultan Begna
Joel Brown
Dave DuBois
Jeff Goebel
Abdel Mesbah
Sarah Wentzel Fisher

Oklahoma

David Brown
Amy Seiger

Pennsylvania—Keystone

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