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## **SWCS Annual Conference Presentations**

Presentations from the 74th SWCS International Annual Conference are now available for viewing! A link to the conference presentations, photos, conference program, and abstract book can be found at <a href="https://www.swcs.org/19AC">www.swcs.org/19AC</a>.







## Save the Date of Our Next Annual Meeting

Save the date for the 75th SWCS International Annual Conference, July 26-29, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa. We hope to see you there!



### **Upcoming Events**

North Dakota Chapter Soil Summit

Medora, North Dakota September 18-19, 2019

Razorback Chapter Fall Meeting

Greenbrier, Arkansas October 10, 2019

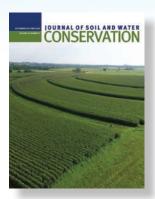
Imagine a Day Without Water Trivia

Des Moines, Iowa October 23, 2019

Virginia Chapter Annual Meeting

Charlottesville, Virginia October 28, 2019

## September/October Issue of the Journal



The latest Journal of Soil and Water Conservation is here! In this issue, don't miss the feature by Sharpley et al., which describes nutrient management to achieve water quality goals. Written for a wide audience, the article provides a useful overview of the many complexities that must be considered when making operationally sound and environmentally strategic

decisions around crop nutrient management. In the research section, studies by Gmach et al. and Selim et al. evaluate the effects of residue management in sugarcane fields in Brazil and Louisiana, respectively, to make recommendations for optimal soil water storage and water quality. Additionally, Matlock et al. and Karnatz et al. address urban conservation concerns through examination of turf replacement in arid residential landscaping and assessment of three stormwater best management practices—bioretention cells, native landscaping, and thee-zone vegetated riparian buffers. Finally, this issue includes a comprehensive review by Prokopy et al. of all recent quantitative studies on agricultural conservation practice adoption. The authors identify the characteristics most strongly associated with practice adoption in order to make recommendations to focus conservationist efforts and inform future research directions. Find these articles and many more in the online journal.

## **Imagine a Day Without Water**

Trying to think of a fun activity for your chapter or fellow conservationists? Participate in *Imagine a Day Without Water* trivia on October 23, 2019! The US Water Alliance is leading a national campaign to help Americans think more critically about our water resources. Last year, in observance of the campaign, the Society and the SWCS lowa Chapter hosted a water-themed trivia and networking event at a local brewery, and you can, too!



Explore this Water Trivia Kit that includes a customizable presentation, questions, and answers. Use the questions as a starting point and add in your own local conservation-themed queries. Consider reaching out to other conservation partners or local businesses for sponsorships. Use the event as a fundraiser for your chapter, offer free snacks, and give out prizes to the winning teams.

SWCS again will be hosting *Imagine a Day Without Water* trivia and networking event in Iowa! If you participate, let us know on social media and be sure and use the hashtag #ValueWater!

## **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.

- Waters of the United States (<u>WOTUS</u>) repealed
- China waives <u>tariffs</u> on some US goods for first time since the trade war began
- Many US <u>farmers</u> fume at Washington, not Trump, over biofuel, trade policies
- Organic farmers to harvest record acres in 2019
- Agtech Landscape: Tracking 1,600+ startups innovating on the farm and in the supply chain
- As billions flow to farmers, Trump administration faces internal concerns over unprecedented <u>bailout</u>
- Optimism falls in farm country, ag barometer shows
- Idaho still holding million-dollar <u>hemp</u> cargo, as trial nears for trucker
- Brazil raises US ethanol quota, leaves tariff in place
- Nebraska could soon be at the center of national legal battle over <u>Roundup</u>
- General Mills shares four ways it will reduce pesticide use
- Forests on Utah's public lands may soon be torn out
- Colorado <a href="here">hemp</a> farmers will finally get crop insurance
- Trump moves to permit new logging in Alaska's <u>Tongass</u> National Forest
- Maryland concerned about Pennsylvania's water plans for the bay
- Mayor Pete Buttigieg reveals climate plan
- Senator Cory Booker also reveals climate plan
- Former HUD Secretary <u>Julian Castro</u> also also reveals climate plan

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.

## **Conservation NewsBriefs: Popular Articles from August**

# CONSERVATION NEWSBRIEFS

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 the past month:

- The tilling catch-22: Erosion vs. superweeds (Sightline Institute)
- As climate change hits Florida agriculture, could the future be 'carbon farming'? (Miami Herald)
- Farmers are using drones to help save an endangered <u>US river</u> (The Associated Press via USA Today)
- Mapping the strain on our water (The Washington Post)

<u>Click here</u> to sign up and start receiving your weekly Conservation NewsBriefs today!



#### **New Members**

Welcome members who joined in August!

#### **International**

Maria Regina Gmach

#### California/Nevada

Phil Smith Sami Tellatin

#### Georgia

JaBioas Glenn

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Ray Gaesser Mike Henning Doug Kaiser Becky Lockwood Marcy Torgerson

#### Indiana—Hoosier Chapter

Elizabeth Bower Michael Komp

#### **Kansas**

Cindy Pulse

#### Kentucky—Bluegrass

Jeff Thomas

#### Maryland—Maryland Old Line

Greg McCarty

#### Missouri—Show Me

Anh Bui John Jones Gary VanDeVelde

#### North Carolina—Hugh Hammond Bennett

William Byrum

#### Ohio—All Ohio

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#### Pennsylvania—Keystone

Nick Lubecki James Shallenberger

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## **New Conservation Community Members**

Welcome community members who joined in August! Learn how to become a conservation community member <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Iowa

Buena Vista SWCD Calhoun County SWCD Floyd SWCD Fremont SWCD Sac County SWCD