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Journal of Soil and Water Conservation Updates

We're Hiring!



Are you looking for a remote job and to be a part of a great team? Have experience with managing peer-reviewed publications and strong editing and communication skills? We have the perfect job for you!

SWCS is hiring a part-time Managing Editor for the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*. The journal was started at the beginning of SWCS itself, making it 79 years old. As the Managing Editor, you would be continuing the journal's long-standing history of excellence, ensuring the impact of scholarly discourse within soil and water conservation.

Apply Today!

Submit Your Research to the JSWC

Do you have groundbreaking research, innovative techniques, or insightful perspectives in the field of soil and water conservation? We invite you to submit your papers to be considered for publication in the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*. Whether your work focuses on agricultural practices, land management, water quality, erosion control, or any other aspect of soil and water conservation, we welcome your submissions.

In addition to submissions for regular issues, we are accepting submissions through August 1 for papers to be included in an upcoming special issue on [Soil Health and Conservation](#).



Join us in advancing knowledge, fostering dialogue, and driving positive change in soil and water conservation. You can learn more about the journal at www.jswconline.org and direct any questions to Acting Editor Jody Thompson at jody.thompson@swcs.org.

Latest Issue of the Journal



The May/June *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* is here, and this issue is packed with the latest in natural resource conservation research and practice. In the journal's A Section, [Spaeth et al.](#) offer insights from the USDA Grazing Land National Resources Inventory and field studies. Also, [Ray and Barker](#) give an overview of the USGS's new hydrological features

dataset. Additionally, [Rattan Lal](#) puts the inclusion of "soil health" in COP28's UAE Declaration into a historical context and expands on its significance to climate and food security. Research articles include a review by [Nietch et al.](#), who examine strategies to mitigate nutrient pollution in a watershed, focusing on the cost-effectiveness of various practices; [Crompton et al.](#), who

investigate the hydrologic effects of water spreader berms on degraded rangelands in the western United States; and [Martinez et al.](#), who assess the availability and consistency of ecological site identification, soil observations, and geomorphology characteristics collected through the Bureau of Land Management's Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring (AIM) strategy in the western United States. Find these articles and more in the [online journal](#).

79th SWCS International Annual Conference Updates

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
July 21-24, 2024
www.swcs.org/24AC

Become an Exhibitor or Sponsor by May 31

It's your last chance to become an exhibitor or sponsor! The SWCS International Annual Conference gives your company a unique opportunity to get in front of a targeted and interdisciplinary audience of conservation and environmental professionals. Put your brand in front of those directly involved in the decision-making process of purchasing products or those who influence prospective buyers and conservationists.

Check out the [Exhibitor and Sponsor Guide](#) for full details and become an exhibitor or sponsor today! Registration deadline is **May 31, 2024**.



Register for Conference by June 3 to get the Early Bird Discount

There is less than a month to get the early bird rate and save up to \$100 on registration! This year's conference is action-packed with 35 symposia sessions and over 150 oral presentations on the latest in conservation research, issues, and projects across the world. There are also four workshops, three tours, and many networking opportunities, exhibits, and more! If you are limited in your professional development/conference funding, this conference is the perfect one for you! This conference hits all the bases in

conservation with presentations and professionals spanning every sector and discipline in conservation.

For complete conference details, visit www.swcs.org/24AC. The early registration cutoff is **June 3, 2024**, and the online registration cutoff is **July 3, 2024**.

Emerging Leaders at Conference

We are excited to announce that participants from our 2024 Class of the SWCS Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) will be joining us at the upcoming 79th International Annual Conference! These emerging conservation leaders have diligently cultivated their skills and expertise, and we eagerly anticipate highlighting their experiences at the event.

To help you make the most of this valuable opportunity, we prepared a [comprehensive guide](#) specifically tailored for Emerging Leaders at the Conference. This guide will provide essential information about the program, highlight ELP-specific events and sessions, and offer insights into how and where you can support and engage with these future conservation leaders.

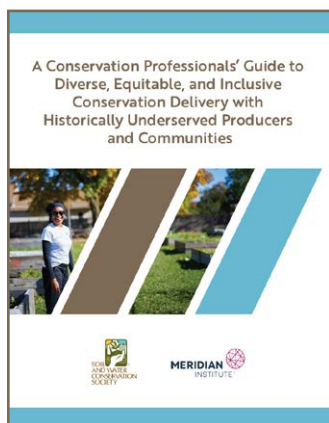
Donate to the SWCS International Annual Conference Silent Auction

The silent auction is a tradition at the SWCS International Annual Conference. Each year, chapters, exhibitors, and sponsors donate unique and diverse items.

As this year's host, the Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter of SWCS is requesting the donation of an item to help make this year's silent auction a success!

View the [Silent Auction Donation Request](#), [List of Donation Ideas](#), and [Donation Form](#) for additional information.

DEI Guidebook for Conservation Professionals is Available Now!



It's HERE! *A Conservation Professionals' Guide to Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Conservation Delivery with Historically Underserved Producers and Communities* is officially online and open for everyone to use.

It is a tool conservation professionals in any sector can use to ensure their conservation work is inclusive and

equitably fulfilling the needs of historically underserved

communities. It includes actionable guidance developed by historically underserved stakeholders on the barriers faced in the nine-step conservation planning process. Most importantly, it provides recommendations for addressing these barriers, language, national avenues to improve conservation delivery, and additional resources.

[Read the Guidebook](#)

Thank you to our project partners, [Meridian Institute](#) and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, for helping put this guidebook together.

Join a SWCS National Committee

Are you looking to get more involved with SWCS and connect with your peers across the country? Consider joining one of our [national committees](#)! We are accepting applications now for the following three committees:

2025 SWCS International Annual Conference Program Planning Committee

The Annual Conference Program Planning Committee collaborates to build a strong, science-based technical program for the Annual Conference. Committee members decide on yearly themes and special areas of interest and review and select conference presentations.

Annual Conference Program Planning Committee members receive a discount on Annual Conference registration!

The 2025 SWCS International Annual Conference Program Planning Committee application is due by **June 30, 2024**.

[Apply Today!](#)

2024-2025 SWCS Science and Policy Committee

The SWCS Science and Policy Committee is at the forefront of bridging science with impactful policy decisions. As a member, you'll stay informed on current policy trends, shape SWCS's strategy to integrate science into policy, and showcase your leadership in your field while expanding your professional network.

Email Rachel Owen (swcsadvisor@swcs.org) by **June 1, 2024**, if you are interested in joining the 2024-2025 SWCS Science and Policy Committee.

Awards and Scholarships Committee

As a member of the Awards and Scholarships Committee, you'll help shape the application process, share the applications, rank applicants, recommend winners, and write communications on the selected winners.

The award and scholarship programs help recognize outstanding work in our field and support education. Be a part of celebrating and uplifting those passionate about conservation!

Applications for the Awards and Scholarships Committee are due by **June 30, 2024**. Email awards@swcs.org with any questions.

Apply Today!

Upcoming Events

[Sandusky Bay Initiative Informational Session*](#)

Sandusky, Ohio

May 16

[Invasive Species Management & Demonstration*](#)

Conklin, Michigan

May 16 (12:30 - 3 p.m.)

[Native Plant Fest*](#)

West Lafayette, Indiana

May 18 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m. CT)

[ELP Networking Session #2](#)

Virtual Event

May 21 (3 - 4 p.m. CT)

[KAEF Outdoor Learning Symposium*](#)

Midway, Kentucky

May 30 (8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST)

[Women and Soil*](#)

Dyersville, Iowa

June 8 (1 – 4:30 p.m. CT)

[Nebraska Chapter Tech Talks and Walks](#)

Scottsbluff, Nebraska

June 11-13

*[Emerging Leader](#) Hosted Event

SWCS in Washington, DC, 2024



SWCS CEO Clare Lindahl wrapped up her third year of work from Washington, DC, in April. While she had a shorter stay than the past few years, it was an action-packed month! It was full of meetings with members of Congress, SWCS members, agriculture industry leaders, and organizations to build partnerships and spread the word about the value and needs of conservation

professionals. Some of her highlights include:

- 16 impactful congressional visits, sharing the new SWCS [white page](#) on Conservation Technical Assistance;
- Attended the NACD Policy Fly-In;
- Cultivated relationship with our Women in Natural Resources partners and found opportunities for partnership;
- Meetings with current and former leadership in USDA, including Under Secretary Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief Noller Herbert, and Former NRCS Chief and Under Secretary of Marketing and Regulatory Programs Bruce Knight;
- Attended the Agri Pulse Ag & Food Policy Summit to connect with industry leaders in conservation and agriculture;
- Finalized the [DEI Guidebook for Conservation Professionals](#);
- Attended three impactful SWCS National Capital Chapter events, including one hosted by SWCS Emerging Leader Makayla Brister;
- Met with Senior Advisor for Agriculture to the Administrator of EPA Rod Synder on building relationships between EPA and rural agricultural stakeholders; and
- Met with the Director of Innovation at DC Water and toured the DC Water's Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Read all about Clare's activities in her own words through her exclusive, [members-only briefing](#).

New Membership Levels

Have you heard? SWCS has added two new membership levels at a discounted \$75/year rate for those in their first three years of careers and those who have retired from full-time positions.



Early Career Member | \$75 annually

Individuals who have graduated from their latest academic program within the last three years. Members are limited to three years at this level.

Retired Member | \$75 annually

Individuals who are retired from their full-time positions.

These membership tiers offer enhanced access to the Society's resources, events, and mentorship opportunities. By bridging the gap between generations, we aim to promote the exchange of knowledge and ensure the retention of valuable expertise and experience within our organization. Join us in welcoming and supporting members at every stage of their career journey!

[Learn More](#)

SWCS Headquarters Clean-Up

At the start of the month the SWCS Iowa Chapter hosted a clean-up at the SWCS headquarters property. Everyone came out and helped us clear brush, weed the flower beds, and get the property looking great! Our headquarters building is situated on about 6 acres of land with lots of trees and a pond. With a staff of only 5 locally, it can be hard to keep up, so we are so appreciative of everyone who came out for the clean-up. Huge shoutout to Iowa Chapter President Jerry Neppel for helping organize the event!



SWCS Board of Directors at SWCS Headquarters



In April we held our in-person SWCS Board of Directors meeting. We kicked off the meeting the night before with a networking reception with the Board, staff, and local Iowa partners. The next day was filled with

reportouts and discussion on our new 2024-2027 SWCS Strategic Framework.

We also carried on a new tradition of having the Board help us plant pollinator habitat at the office. Huge thank you to SWCS Board Member Keith Berns with Green Cover Seed for providing the seed!



We are so lucky to have such a supportive and passionate group of conservationists leading and guiding SWCS as we work to meet the needs of you, our members, and push the conservation movement forward.

New Members

Welcome members who joined in April!

International

Mubashar Ali
Paul Odewale

Georgia

Maria Teresa Tancredi

Iowa

Chuck Cornillie

Kansas—Kansas State University Student Chapter

Sara Vulgamore

Missouri—Show Me Chapter

Collin Ankton

North Carolina—North Carolina State University Student Chapter

Jennifer Bower
Carlee Epting

Ohio

Nathan Reaver

Oklahoma

Haylie Dobbs

South Carolina

Javad Alavi

Texas—Heart of Texas Chapter

Lori Ziehr

Corporate Partners

Please visit www.swcs.org/corporatepartner for more information on how to become a corporate partner.

Platinum



Gold



Silver

We are actively looking for a Silver Level sponsor. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact memberservices@swcs.org.

Bronze

