

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 28th Annual Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference for the New England states and New York will be held on April 12-13, 2017 at the Hotel Northampton in Northampton, Massachusetts. This conference, which is coordinated by New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) in partnership with member states and EPA, has become the premier forum for sharing information about nonpoint source pollution (NPS) issues and projects in this region. In 2017, the conference sessions will reflect the following theme: **“Lessons Learned: What Worked, and What Didn’t?”**

Conference attendees will include representatives from public and private sectors in New England and New York State involved in NPS pollution management, including participants from state, federal, and municipal governments; the private sector; academia; and watershed organizations. For more information about this conference, please visit www.neiwpcc.org/npsconference.

For 2017, priority will be given to abstracts that address aspects of the conference theme. The planning team is looking for stories of success, as well as stories that depict lessons learned, hurdles, and challenges experienced over the years. Suggested topics include:

Lessons Learned: What Worked, and What Didn’t?

- Partnerships
- Operation & Maintenance
 - *Ensuring that maintenance continues on projects which have been paid for and have completed tangibles*
 - *Certification for those individuals doing the work on projects, without any national certification guidelines*
 - *Ways to ensure project sustainability and continued effectiveness in the face of climate change*
- Collaborative Efforts
 - *Translating this into results*
 - *Soliciting stakeholder engagement*
 - *Coalition building with other agencies and stakeholder groups*
- Creative Match
 - *Finding sources of match outside of cash contributions and staff time*
 - *Integrating the work of others into 319 projects as match*
- How to Design a Successful 319 Project
 - *Necessary components of these projects*
 - *Building a strong grantee pool for long-term project successes*
- Shortcuts to Generating NPS Success Stories
 - *Creative ways, unconventional ways, and unconventional partners*
- Financing and 319 Dollars
 - *Matching SRF*
 - *Leveraging State Money*

To submit:

Individuals interested in presenting at the 2017 NPS Conference should complete the online form for abstracts at www.neiwpcc.org/npsconference/nps-abstracts.asp by **December 9, 2016 at noon**.

Applicants will be notified of the selection committee’s decision by February 1, 2017. Successful applicants must submit presentations by March 27, 2017. Oral presentations are limited to 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion. All speakers must register in advance for the conference and are eligible for a discounted registration fee. For more information, contact NEIWPCC at (978) 323-7929 or mail@neiwpcc.org.