



Stormwater & Watershed Specialty Conference

May 29, 2026

Georgia Tech Kendeda Building



8:00-8:30	Registration, Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome <i>Arvind Narayanan, GAWRA Chair</i> <i>Shan Arora, Georgia Tech Kendeda Building</i>
SESSION 1: STATE OF THE STORM	
9:00 - 10:00	GEFA and UGA - Georgia Stormwater Fee Survey and Dashboard, Financing Options, and New Grant Program <i>Virginia Thom Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. Annabelle Tomich, University of Georgia</i> Stormwater Utility Trends in Georgia <i>Stacey Isaac Berahzer, Elizabeth Jurado, IB Environmental</i>
10:00 - 10:30	Networking Break
SESSION 2: FLOOD MANAGEMENT	
10:30 - 12:00	Reimagining Leila Valley: Integrating Green Infrastructure with Community-Driven Stream Restoration <i>Priya Wildman, Atlanta Housing. Jennifer Miller, Stantec</i> A Study on the Intricacies of a Constructed Wetland Project <i>Jade Samuel, River 2 Tap</i> At the State Line: Flood Adaptation Lessons from a Florida Barrier Island for Georgia's Coastal and Watershed Communities <i>Sean Lahav, Halff</i>
LUNCH	
12:00-1:00	Networking and Lunch
AWARDS AND NATIONAL AWRA UPDATES	
1:00-1:05	National AWRA Updates <i>Juni Alam, National AWRA President</i>
1:05-1:15	Innovative Stormwater Project Award
SESSION 3: PLANNING	
1:15 - 2:15	Advancing Urban Stormwater Resilience: A Decade of Lessons from New York City Case Studies <i>Siavash Hoomehr, STV Inc</i> From Data to Decisions: A Holistic, Adaptive Framework for Integrated Watershed Planning in Knox County, Tennessee <i>David Mason, CDM Smith</i>
2:15 - 2:45	Networking Break
SESSION 4: TAKING PLANS OFF THE PAGE	
2:45 - 4:15	From Master Planning to Street Scale Solutions: Implementing Integrated Green Stormwater Infrastructure in Decatur, Georgia <i>Eric Byrne, City of Decatur. Arvind Narayanan, Jacobs</i> BMP Construction Phase Services: How will this thing get built? Lessons Learned for the Design and Construction of BMPs in the Urban Environment <i>Sarah Zeller, Kimley-Horn</i> Mimicking Nature to Address Erosion at the Dunwoody Nature Center <i>Javier Sayago, City of Dunwoody. Emma Bones, Dewberry</i>
4:15-4:30	Conference Closeout
4:30 Onwards	Happy Hour <i>Rocky Mountain Pizza Company</i>