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Wisconsin Symposium to Feature National Experts on the Use of Hydrologic Restoration to Solve Land and Water Management Problems

On **February 16-17, 2021**, Wisconsin Wetlands Association will host a virtual symposium, *It's All About the Water*, to highlight how watershed-based hydrologic restoration can help reduce infrastructure damages from flooding, address poor water quality, improve fish and wildlife habitat, and more.

The event will feature nationally-recognized experts covering an array of topics, including:

- Basic principles of watershed, wetland, and riverine hydrology;
- Considerations for wetland, stream, and floodplain restoration planning design;
- How other states' programs have successfully used hydrologic restoration to achieve ecological, social, and economic goals.

Featured speakers include:

- **Aja DeCoteau**, watershed department manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission: *Why watersheds? Working towards landscape-level change*
- **Colin Thorne**, Professor and Chair of Physical Geography, University of Nottingham UK: *How rivers and wetlands work—and work together*
- **Joe Wheaton**, Fluvial scientist & restoration practitioner, Utah State University and Anabranch Solutions: *Let the river do the work: how low-tech solutions and partnerships can help us get to scale*
- **Dorothy J. Merritts**, Professor of Geosciences and Chair of Environmental Studies, Franklin & Marshall College: *How history and processes influence watershed restoration*
- **Mike Kline**, River ecologist/geomorphologist, Fluvial Matters, LLC: *How state programs can protect and restore rivers and watersheds*
- **Katie Jagt**, Senior water resources engineer, Watershed Science + Design: *How creative partnerships and locally-driven planning can build resilient watersheds*

To help advance a conversation about opportunities to better integrate hydrologic restoration priorities and practices into Wisconsin's land and water management efforts, symposium events also include:

- Interactive discussions with featured speakers;
- A presentation of findings from an evaluation of hydrologic restoration barriers and opportunities in Wisconsin;

- A panel discussion with leaders from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Wisconsin Land + Water, and the Wisconsin Geologic and Natural History Survey.

Find the full event schedule, speaker abstracts, and registration details at conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/2021symposium.

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