

Sunday March 18th: Workshops and Trainings (trainings may run over allotted times depending on interest)		
Meeting Room: Regional Arts Commission, Conference Room C (2 nd Floor)		
12:00 PM	Registration Opens	
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Influencing 404 Permit Decisions and Mitigation	Trainer: Jan Goldman-Carter, National Wildlife Federation Co-Trainer: Heather Wiley, Water Advocates
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Corps Economics 101	Trainer: Robert Stearns, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Army for Civil Works
6:00 PM	Networking Dinner	
Monday March 19th: Panel Discussions, talk with Brig. General John McMahon, Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division Commander, dinner presentation by Historian and Author Robert Schneiders, Missouri River expert.		
Meeting Room: Regional Arts Commission, Studio (1 st Floor)		
8:00 AM	Registration Open	
9:00 AM	Welcome: Open Meeting Day	WPN Co-Chair Tim Guilfoile, Sierra Club, and WPN Coordinator George Sorvalis, National Wildlife Federation
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<u>Unnatural Floods - Natural Solutions</u> Panelists will discuss government policies and practices that contributed to catastrophic 2011 flooding along the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and solutions for avoiding and minimizing future flood damage along those rivers and across the nation.	Moderator: Shana Udvardy, American Rivers
		Brad Walker, Missouri Coalition for the Environment - History and impacts of the Missouri River's navigation channel.
		Dr. Robert Criss, Washington University - Engineering greater flood heights; the unintended impacts of river structures.
		Nicholas Pinter, Southern Illinois University - Providing 'Room for the River' in the Mississippi River floodplain.
		Melissa Samet, National Wildlife Federation - Reducing flood damages and improving wildlife habitat by modernizing river and reservoir management.
11 00 AM	15-minute break	
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	<u>Local/Regional Planning and Projects Affecting Water Resources</u> Panelists will discuss regional watershed planning, restoration projects, and state-wide initiatives to better manage and protect the floodplain.	Moderator: Ron Coleman, Open Space Council Dan Witter, DJ Case and Associates - Reporting outcomes of 2011 Water Summit held in Columbia Missouri on Missouri waters and priorities. Steve Nagle, East West Gateway Council of Governments - Planning on a watershed scale - challenges and opportunities. Todd Strole, The Nature Conservancy - Projects in the region protecting, maintaining, and restoring floodplain function.

12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Lunch Key Note Address and Discussion: "General" Session on Federal River Management	Brigadier General John McMahon, NW Division Commander, Corps of Engineers to speak on federal management of the MO River and Q&A.
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>Federal Dollars for Conservation and Restoration in an Era of Fiscal Uncertainty</u> With local, state and federal budgets strapped, conservation and restoration programs are being targeted for severe cuts. How do we meet our water resources challenges in an era of fiscal uncertainty?	Moderator: Mark Gorman, Northeast-Midwest Institute
		David Conrad, Independent Consultant, WPN - Federal budget trends and forecasts impacting authorizations & appropriations.
		Josh Sewell, Taxpayers for Common Sense - Solution to financing waters ways navigation that does not shift the burden to taxpayers.
		Brad Redlin - Izaak Walton League of America - Agricultural conservation programs and conservation compliance.
		Marian Maas, Nebraska Wildlife Federation - Missouri River restoration programs - funding challenges and opportunities.
3:15 PM	15-minute break	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<u>Floodplain Management Policies and Programs</u> Both the US Senate and House are floating bills to reform the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). What do the reforms mean for the protection of people and the protection and restoration of our floodplains and coastal areas? What other state and federal programs are affecting responsible floodplain management?	Moderator: Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense
		Ingrid Danler, Association of State Floodplain Managers - National flood policy trends on mitigation, mapping and agency coordination.
		Dan Burkemper, Great Rivers Habitat Alliance - Challenging state incentives to develop in floodplains.
		Eli Leher, SmarterSafer.org and Heartland Institute - Common grounds on environmental and fiscal reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program.
		Paul Osman, Illinois Office of Water Resources - NFIP guidelines and implementation on a community level.
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	<u>Reception and Dinner Presentation</u> Reception and Dinner Location: Conference Room C (2 nd Floor)	Reception begins at 6 with refreshments and piano by musical artist Giselle Bonfaire, formerly with The McKnight Foundation . Dinner begins at 7 PM with a talk by Robert Schneiders, Environmental Consultant, Eco-In-The-Know, and Historian & Author , who has over 40 publications on the 2011 MO River flooding and will speak about the current hydraulic system and solutions.
Tuesday March 20th: Field Trip (bus transportation provided) - Network Business - Strategic Session		
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Field Trip to Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site	See how prehistoric civilizations lived within the Mississippi River floodplain. <u>We'll meet in the hotel lobby at 8 AM.</u>
12:00 PM	Networking Lunch	
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM	Water Protection Network Members and Invitation Only	Steering Committee Elections; Growing Network - Identify capacity needs & funding opportunities; Review & Adopt Priorities and build campaigns on Water Resources Development Act & NFIP