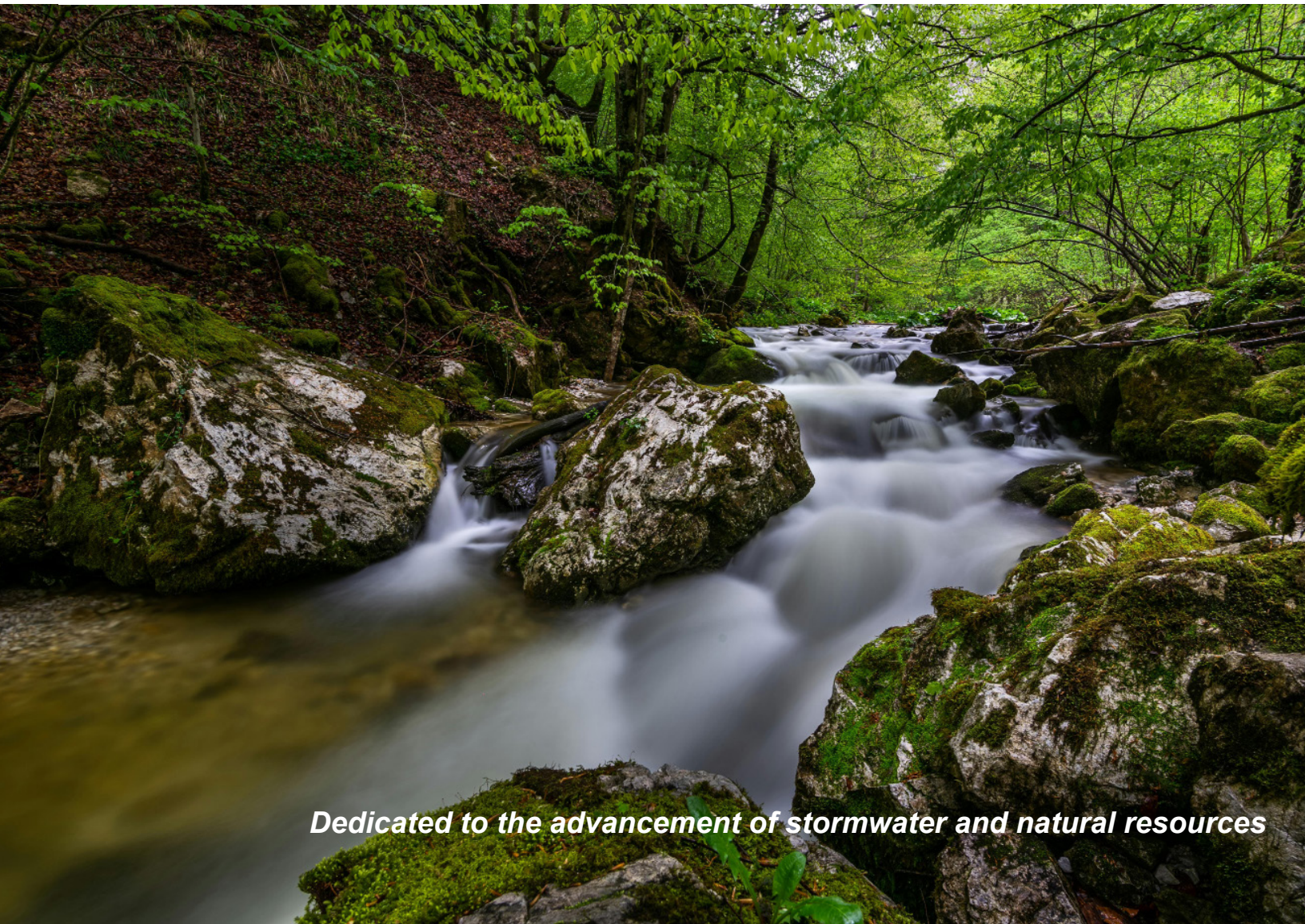




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OHIO STORMWATER CONFERENCE 2027 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract Submission Deadline: October 23, 2026



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Call for Speakers to the 2027 Ohio Stormwater Conference

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Join Us for the 20th Anniversary Ohio Stormwater Conference

In 2027, we celebrate 20 years of bringing stormwater professionals together to learn, collaborate, and innovate.

The Ohio Stormwater Conference 20th Anniversary will be held May 5-7, 2027, at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio. Hosted by the Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners in collaboration with the Ohio Stormwater Association, the conference attracts more than 1,000 attendees, making it one of the largest regional stormwater conferences in the United States.

Our speakers and participants come from across Ohio, throughout the Midwest, and from communities nationwide. They represent a diverse range of disciplines and organizations, including government agencies, consulting firms, watershed groups, research institutions, and environmental professionals.

The conference's success is built on the exchange of ideas, experiences, and innovations that help advance stormwater and watershed management. Through engaging presentations and meaningful networking opportunities, attendees gain practical knowledge and valuable insights they can apply in their communities and organizations.

Be part of this milestone event. Submit a presentation proposal and share your knowledge, experience, and success stories at the 2027 Ohio Stormwater Conference.

If you have any questions, please contact Ana Burns at ana.burns@davey.com or 330-673-5685, ext. 8037.

2027 Ohio Stormwater Conference
May 5-7, 2027
Kalahari Resort and Convention Center
Sandusky, Ohio

Topics for the technical sessions at the conference include:

Climate Change, Resiliency, and Sustainability

Share strategies that help communities prepare for changing weather patterns, increasing flood risks, and other climate-related challenges. Topics may include resilience planning, adaptive infrastructure, sustainability initiatives, environmental justice, asset management, workforce development, community engagement, and innovative approaches to enhancing long-term system performance and environmental stewardship.

Green Infrastructure

This track seeks presentations on the planning, design, construction, maintenance, or performance of nature-based stormwater management practices such as bioretention, permeable pavement, green roofs, urban forestry, constructed wetlands, soil restoration, and regenerative stormwater conveyance. Case studies demonstrating water quality improvements, flood reduction, community or cost benefits, habitat enhancement, and long-term maintenance lessons are encouraged.

Legal

Explore the evolving legal, regulatory, and policy landscape affecting stormwater and watershed management. Presentations may address federal and state regulations, permitting, enforcement, water law, funding authorities, emerging legal trends, compliance challenges, and practical implications for public agencies and private practitioners. Sessions that translate complex legal topics into actionable guidance are encouraged.

Modeling and Research

Data-driven decision making is increasingly important in stormwater and watershed management. This track welcomes presentations on hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, watershed assessment tools, climate and resiliency analyses, water quality studies, monitoring programs, emerging research, and innovative applications of data and technology. Abstracts may focus on applied research, model development and calibration, performance evaluation, pollutants of emerging concern, risk assessment, or scientific findings that inform policy, planning, design, and management decisions.

Monitoring, Inspection, and Maintenance

Effective stormwater management depends on understanding system performance over time. This track seeks presentations on inspection programs, asset management, monitoring technologies, data collection, maintenance practices, performance assessments, adaptive management, and lessons learned from operating stormwater infrastructure in the field.

Stormwater Practices and BMPs Design and Construction

This track focuses on the planning, design, implementation, and performance of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and stormwater control measures (SCMs). Abstracts may cover innovative technologies, treatment systems, design standards, modeling tools, maintenance considerations, performance verification, and lessons learned from implementation projects.

Stream and River Restoration

Highlight restoration science, ecological improvements, and innovative approaches to stream, river, floodplain, and wetland restoration. Presentations may focus on project design, construction, monitoring results, habitat enhancement, nutrient reduction, geomorphology, hydraulic analysis, nature-based solutions, or applied research that advances restoration practices.

Transportation

Transportation infrastructure plays a critical role in managing stormwater while supporting safe and efficient mobility. This track invites presentations on stormwater management, compliance and BMP design and installation challenges and solutions associated with roads, highways, bridges, trails, rail corridors, airports, and other transportation facilities. Topics may include the following: Stormwater BMP planning and design, stormwater program management, green infrastructure integration, drainage and flooding mitigation, erosion and sediment control, regulatory compliance, stormwater asset management, Stormwater BMP maintenance practices, resiliency planning, stormwater program budget development and forecasting, staff training approaches and behavioral change evaluation and innovative projects that enhance both transportation systems and water resource protection.

Watershed Planning and Restoration

Share innovative approaches, success stories, and lessons learned from watershed planning, restoration, and protection efforts. Topics may include watershed management strategies, flood mitigation, habitat enhancement, restoration, stakeholder collaboration, and funding approaches. We welcome case studies that demonstrate measurable environmental, community, and water quality benefits.

MS4 Bootcamp - May 5, 2027 preconference workshop

This annual workshop is designed to provide attendees all the information and tools communities need to manage a successful MS4 program compliant with the latest Ohio stormwater general permit.

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