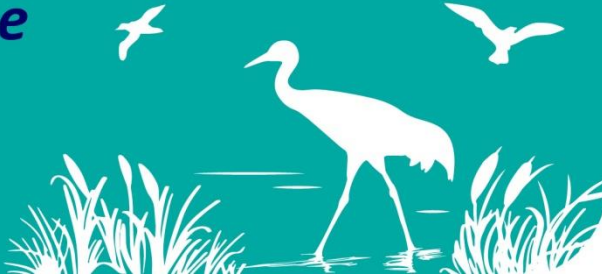


2019 State of the Bay Conference

September 26, 2019

Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center
1 Wenona Park Place, Bay City, Michigan



Call for Abstracts and Session Proposals

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Every two years, the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) and its partners provide a focus on Saginaw Bay and its Watershed through the State of the Bay conference. The purpose of the conference is to highlight educational initiatives, restoration, community development and conservation activities occurring across the watershed and related to our river systems and coastal areas, as well as provide an update on research and emerging topics of interest.

CONFERENCE THEMES

Environmental Education

- Programs focusing on Saginaw Bay and/or its river systems, engagement of youth in environmental programs, demonstration projects, K-12 and university programming, place-based learning, non-traditional educational initiatives

Community Development

- Dam removal, public access programs, urban projects and redevelopment, shoreline issues, economic impacts of water issues, water trails, ecotourism, coastal recreation

Watershed Issues and Management

- Best practices, issues of concern, watershed planning and implementation, environmental and natural resource programs, policies, status reports, research, pilot programs, agriculture, fisheries, green infrastructure

PRESENTATION AND SESSION OPTIONS

The State of the Bay 2019 Conference strongly encourages presentations regarding on-the-ground projects and tools or applicable environmental/natural resources policy, education or planning initiatives occurring in the Saginaw Bay Watershed rather than solely on academic research. Presentations should be focused on local decision makers, environmental/natural resource practitioners, and the general public. The program will feature several presentation formats and engagement opportunities to create an educational and interactive forum where emerging ideas, best practices, and information may be shared.

Individual Oral Presentation: Proposal from an individual for a single presentation of approximately 20 minutes. Individual presentations may be “grouped” with others in a panel format by theme.

Breakout “Panel” Session: Proposal for a 60-minute breakout session with a panel of speakers (max. 3 total) presenting on topics related to a specific theme.

Roundtable Discussion Session: Proposal for a 90-minute breakout session designed to engage the participants in an interactive, facilitated discussion.

WHO ATTENDS?

In 2017, more than 200 people attended the conference representing:

- Local, regional, state, tribal, and federal government organizations
- Environmental consultancies
- Environmental and Natural Resource-oriented non-profit organizations
- Educational organizations
- General public

HOW TO SUBMIT?

Visit <http://bit.ly/2019StateoftheBayConferenceProposal> to submit a proposal for the conference by April 5, 2019.

Please contact info@saginawbaywin.org for any questions related to the conference.