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Synergic Center · Northport, AL | September 23-24

- 7:30 a.m. On-Site Registration begins; Exhibitor set-up (*Set up is also available the evening of 9/22*)
Moderator Scott Hoffer
- 8:00 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
Ashley Henderson, PE, Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee
Scott Hoffer, Alabama Stormwater Association
Welcome to Northport
Mayor Dale Phillips
- 8:40 a.m. **Keynote: Everything We Do is a Process**
Jerry Sanders, IECA President
- 9:10 a.m. **Break and Product Reviews with Exhibitors**
+ Flocc Generator Demo
- 9:25 a.m. **Alabama's New CGP**
Shelane Bergquist, ADEM
- 9:55 a.m. **The New Alabama QCP Program**
Wesley Donald, PhD, Auburn University
- 10:25 a.m. **Break and Product Reviews with Exhibitors**
+ Todd Kucinski, University of Alabama
- 10:55 a.m. **Stormwater Infiltration & Porous Pavement**
Chris Estes, PLA, RLA, GC, Estes Design Inc. & Anglesy Construction
- 11:30 a.m. **Flexible Revetment**
John Splupski, Territory Manager, Motz Enterprises, Inc.
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch and Visit with Exhibitors**
Meet Your Industry Representative - Champion Sponsors
+ Flocc Generator Demo
- 1:15 p.m. **Fireside Chat: Making Room for Both Built and New Environments**
Moderator: Barry Fagan, PE/PLS, EV, SP, CPMSM, CPESC, Fagan Consulting LLC
Jerry Sanders, IECA
Ben Weglightner, The Nature Conservancy
Dr. Brian Keener, The Cahaba Biodiversity Center
- 2:00 p.m. **Native Plant Establishment as a Process: Planning, Preparation, Execution**
Tyler Wayland, Roundstone Native Seed, LLC
- 2:45 p.m. **Break and Visit with Exhibitors**
Meet Your Industry Reps. - Master Sponsors
- 3:00 p.m. **Initial Snap Shots - The Approach and Benefits of the Pre-construction Inspections**
Shelley Gordon, REM, and James Cook, PG, TTL, Inc.
- 3:30 p.m. **The Process of Sediment Basin Design**
Chase Goodwin, Faircloth Skimmer
- 4:00 p.m. **Break and visit with Exhibitors (Door Prize)**
- 4:20 p.m. **A Quick Update of Alabama's Safe Dam's Law**
Steve Newton, PE, Senior Civil Engineer, TTL, Inc.
- 4:30 p.m. **The Blue Book Revision**
Perry Oakes, PE, Alabama's Erosion and Sediment Control Program Coordinator
- 4:55 p.m. **Door Prizes, Close Out, Plans for the Field Day**
Local SWCDs and others
- 5:10 p.m. **Pick Up Seminar Certificate**

Note: An Electrical Flocculant Generator will be demonstrated outside during the 9:10 break and prior to lunch for those interested

OUR PURPOSE:
Provide relevant training to MS4 personnel, erosion and sediment control professionals and others involved in planning, designing, installing, and inspecting erosion control, sediment control and stormwater management systems.



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Ashley Henderson, PE is a professional engineer with over 30 years of experience in the water sector. Her work spans municipal water and wastewater design, construction, project management, and nonprofit leadership focused on protecting Alabama's waterways. She currently serves as Executive Director of the Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee. She served as Director of Conservation Programs, where she led initiatives such as the Alabama Irrigation Initiative, the Alabama Blackbelt Prairie Initiative, and the Alabama Feral Swine Control Program. She is also committed to strengthening Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the state. A Troy native, Ashley earned her Civil and Environmental Engineering degree from Auburn University.



Jerry Sanders is the former President and CEO of Sanco Design, Inc., a soil and erosion control company established by Sanders in 1975. The firm serves as a general contracting firm specializing in creek channel and slope stabilization. Sanders serves as a consultant for the design and implementation of construction activities. With over 40 years of hands-on experience in soil stabilization and erosion control, Sanders has developed and taught training sessions to numerous professional organizations. He has been an active member of the International Erosion Control Association since 1997 and presently serves as the President of the IECA board. Sanders received his B.S.E. degree in Biology and Earth Science from Henderson State University in 1973.



Shelane Bergquist is the Chief of the Construction Permits Section, Water Division at the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). She has worked with ADEM and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for 25 years. During this time, Bergquist has worked in construction stormwater and mining programs. She has developed a comprehensive knowledge of permitting, compliance, and enforcement across both programs.



Wesley Donald, PhD is a Research Fellow in the Civil Engineering Department at Auburn University with 15 years of experience in stormwater management. Donald has focused on construction stormwater runoff by investigating the performance of ditch checks, basins, inlet protection, chemical flocculants, and erosion control practices under rainfall simulation. He has also researched catch basin inserts and infiltration swales for post-construction. He serves as committee chair for the IECA's Editorial Review Board and is an active member of IECA's Stormwater committee and its Standards and Practices Committee, and is the state representative for the Southeast chapter of IECA.

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Chris Estes is the president of Estes Design, Inc., an environmental design and consulting firm based in Charlotte, North Carolina. The firm specializes in low-impact development design and construction, stormwater quality, and environmental regulatory services. He has conducted and published hydraulic research in peer-reviewed journals and industry publications. Estes developed the first multifamily pervious concrete parking system in North Carolina's Piedmont region. He also assisted the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources in revising the state BMP Manual section on permeable pavement and continues to work with regulatory commissions to update low-impact development standards.



John Slupecki has over 25 years of experience working in the erosion and sediment control industry, with experience as a project manager, equipment operator, and sales representative for erosion control products with two manufacturers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina. He has been involved in a multitude of industry organizations and enjoys training in the field.



Berry Fagan works at the intersection of built and natural environments, helping others manage stormwater using his experience, expertise, and trusted voice. For more than 30 years, he has studied how stormwater is managed at the project, program, community, and national levels. He views "the way we've always done it" as one of the greatest barriers to achieving our common water quality goals. Fagan leads others to think differently, talk differently, and act differently; to develop and communicate innovative approaches that not only meet regulatory requirements but also deliver economic, social, and environmental value.



Ben Wegleitner has been with The Nature Conservancy since 2023. His work addresses urban stormwater runoff, aquatic habitat restoration, river reconnection via dam and barrier removal, and flood resilience in the Birmingham metro by leveraging partnerships between governments, businesses, academics, and NGO stakeholders. Ben has an MS in Conservation Biology and a BS in Water Resources & Fisheries Management. Ben has more than ten years of experience in watershed restoration, stormwater management, and water quality protection.



Brian Keener is a Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of West Alabama. He also serves as Director of the UWA Cahaba Biodiversity Center, Curator of the UWA Herbarium, and Director of the Alabama Plant Atlas project. His primary research focuses on plant taxonomy and systematics, with an emphasis on the biodiversity of Alabama's flora.

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Tyler Wayland is the Business Development Manager at Roundstone Native Seed, a family-owned farm that produces and supplies high-quality, regionally adapted, ecotypic native seeds for restoration, habitat enhancement, and conservation efforts across the eastern United States. Roundstone has supported conservation professionals, landowners, and public agencies in restoring healthy, functional plant communities. Wayland plays a central role by connecting projects with the seed resources and expertise needed. He holds a degree in Agribusiness–Ranch Management from Texas A&M University–Kingsville. Before joining Roundstone, he worked with the Texas Native Seeds Program at the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute.



Shelley Gordon specializes in environmental compliance, permitting, and Geographic Information Systems. Gordon is a Registered Environmental Manager with TTL's Environmental Services group. Since joining TTL in 2019, she has supported transportation, municipal, and industrial projects across the Southeast. She has degrees from Southern New Hampshire University and the University of Montevallo. Gordon served on the West Alabama Highway Design-Build Project, where she coordinated asbestos inspections, assisted the project's Comprehensive Environmental Protection Plan, and produced GIS mapping. She currently coordinates Qualified Credentialed Inspector (QCI) inspections, manages environmental compliance documentation, and facilitates coordination among project stakeholders.



James Cook is a licensed professional geologist on TTL's Environmental Services team. A University of Alabama graduate with more than 12 years of experience, his work spans environmental site assessments, soil and groundwater investigations, stormwater permitting, underground storage tank closures, and remediation projects throughout the Southeast. Cook has led environmental investigations and compliance efforts on projects ranging from military installations and transportation corridors to university campuses and industrial facilities. His experience also includes groundwater monitoring, bioremediation, NPDES stormwater compliance, and environmental due diligence.



Chase Goodwin is a Territory Sales Manager at Faircloth Skimmer and is responsible for developing and maintaining client relationships, as well as supporting engineers, regulators, and contractors with sediment basin design and proper skimmer use throughout Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. Before joining Faircloth Skimmer, Chase worked as a civil engineer focused on stormwater modeling and infrastructure design. Chase earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Lipscomb University and passed the Fundamentals of Engineering exam.

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Steve Newton is a licensed professional engineer with over 49 years of experience in design, construction, and rehabilitation of civil works projects, including highways, bridges, dams, and hydraulic structures. Newton received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Civil Engineering from Auburn University and was on the Civil Engineering faculty at Auburn University before joining the engineering firm CH2M HILL. He is currently a Senior Civil Engineer for TTL, Inc. He is an active member of the American Water Works Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). He served as chairman of the 2022 ASCE Infrastructure Report Card for Alabama Dams and is currently serving as chairman of the 2027 Report Card. Newton is also the chairman of the Alabama Safe Dams Technical Coalition Committee.



Perry Oakes retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service after a 35-year career, serving as the Alabama State Conservation Engineer for the last 19 years of his federal career. Throughout his federal career and into retirement, Perry has worked closely on the development and revisions of the Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook in Alabama. In 2021, Perry assumed the lead role as Program Coordinator for Alabama's Erosion and Sediment Control Program, working under contract as the Erosion and Sediment Control Program Coordinator for the Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee. Perry has a BS and MS in Agricultural Engineering from Auburn University and is a registered Professional Engineer in Alabama. Perry is active in the Alabama Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and a member of IECA, where he serves on the Standards and Practice Committee.

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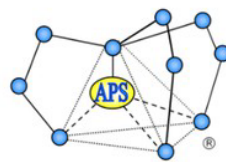
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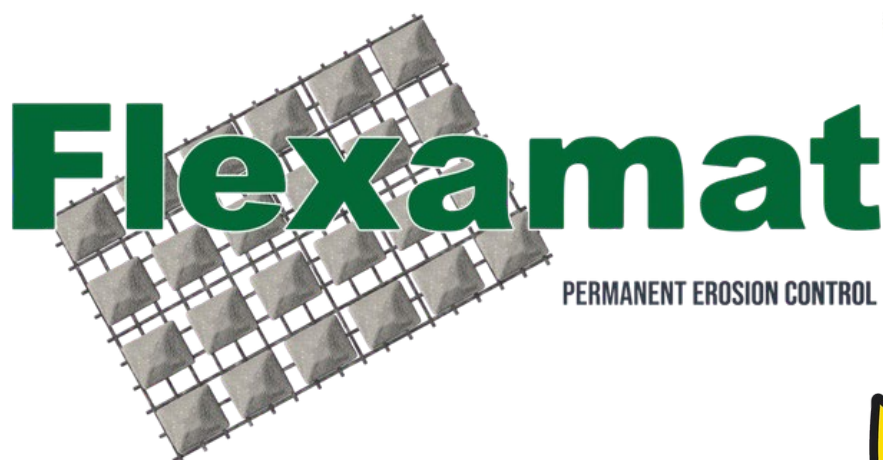
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