



2022 CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED FORUM CALL FOR POSTER SESSION PROPOSALS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11:59 PM on Friday, July 29th, 2022

BACKGROUND AND THEME

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay will hold the 17th Annual Chesapeake Watershed Forum on November 4 - 6, 2022 at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown, WV. This watershed-wide event reaches up to 400 restoration and conservation practitioners annually to inspire and empower local action towards clean water. The poster session will be held at 7:30 PM on Saturday, November 5 at NCTC. The poster session is a juried event, with awards handed out for best poster in the new professional and professional categories.

Our theme for 2022 is “Nature in Your Neighborhood: Connecting Communities to the Outdoors”

Through this year’s theme, we intend to showcase the local benefits of the broader Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration movement. We will elevate tools, examples, and ideas on how to bridge the gap between local communities and their watersheds. In particular, we look for posters about connections made to nature and the outdoors through recreation, public access, public health, stewardship, environmental education, advocacy and policy.

A NOTE ON COVID-19

The Alliance intends to hold this conference in-person. **All poster presenters are expected to present on-site at NCTC.** We will closely follow health and safety protocols as set by the Alliance and our host facility. Based on current guidance, requirements may include:

- Proof of full vaccination and booster to attend in-person.
- Proof of negative COVID test 24 hours prior to the event.
- Reduced occupancy to promote physical distancing in the classrooms, lodging, and dining hall.
- Staggered meal times, single-use and pre-packaged snacks and utensils, napkins, cups, and disposable dishware.
- Depending on [Community Transmission Levels](#) in Jefferson County, WV, optional or mandatory mask wearing while indoors.

Our priority is to host a safe and enjoyable Forum. The Alliance may elect at any time to transition this year's Forum to virtual. In that case, we expect presenters to make requested changes in their posters to accommodate the virtual format.

POSTER SESSION GUIDELINES

Proposal Evaluation:

Poster abstracts that successfully relate to the field of interests listed below will be accepted. Posters that describe organizational activities will not be accepted.

Each proposal must include/answer the following:

- Title of proposed poster (15 words or less).
- A short summary/abstract (200 words or less)
- Under which field of interest does your poster fall? You must select one.
 - Environmental Education
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
 - Outreach (Community Engagement, Stewardship, Volunteerism)
 - Restoration
 - Science (Methods, Monitoring, and Evaluation)
- Which category below best describes yourself, and why?
 - New Professional
 - Professional

Presenter Expectations:

- Poster dimensions should be 3' x 4'. Presenters are expected to print their own posters and bring them to NCTC. Easels will be provided.
- Remember to keep good design practices in mind when assembling your poster. More resources and examples will be available once proposals are accepted.
- Poster presenters are expected to "host" (stand next to) their poster for at least the first hour of the poster session to interact with and answer questions from attendees.

Where do I go to submit my poster proposal?

[Click Here](#) to submit your proposal. Please plan to prepare your proposal ahead of submitting via the online portal.

For further information or questions about guidelines, contact Lucy Heller at lheller@allianceforthebay.org.