

An aerial satellite photograph of the Gulf of Mexico coastline. The land is shown in shades of green and brown, while the water is a deep blue. A prominent greenish plume is visible in the water near the coast. The text is overlaid on the top left portion of the image.

Great Lakes to Gulf Watershed Leadership Summit

FEBRUARY 20-21, 2019 • LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUMMIT GOALS

- Develop greater appreciation of Gulf Coast impacts of upstream actions
- Share the latest research on conservation practice impacts and progress toward watershed nutrient management goals
- Discuss practical approaches for increasing/right-sizing farmer and farm advisor engagement in watershed management and strengthening inclusive watershed partnerships
- Discuss strategies for increasing the adoption of conservation practices at the subwatershed, state, regional, or national scale
- Strengthen learning networks among watershed practitioners, farmers, and farm advisors across states that border the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers

SUMMIT AGENDA

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

7:30 AM	<i>Transportation provided from the hotel to St. Thomas Church</i>
8:00 AM	COFFEE AND LIGHT BREAKFAST
8:30 AM	<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of 2018 Summit Rebecca Power, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension • Basin-wide Policy Updates Katie Flahive, US Environmental Protection Agency • State Updates
10:30 AM	BREAK
10:45 AM	<p>RESEARCH UPDATE: QUANTIFYING THE VALUE OF NUTRIENT REDUCTION ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Manure to Models Amanda Gumbert, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service • State Approaches to Quantifying Nutrient Reductions Indiana's Efforts to Quantify Nutrient Load Reductions from Conservation Practices Julie Harrold, Indiana State Department of Agriculture • Iowa's Approach to Quantifying Nutrient Reductions Matt Lechtenberg, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship • Conservation Practice Tracking Framework Katie Gardiner, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign • Group Discussion and Report Out
12:15 PM	LUNCH <i>(provided)</i>
1:00 PM	<p>CONSERVATION IMPLICATIONS ON THE GULF COAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Turf to Surf: Connecting Watersheds to Hypoxia in the Gulf Steve Ashby, Northern Gulf Institute • Reducing Nutrient Pollution through Shoreline Conservation and Restoration Eric Sparks, Mississippi State University • Panel Discussion Mike Taylor, Long Lake Plantation, Tenney Flynn, GW Fins, and Ryan Bradley, Mississippi Commercial Fisheries United
3:00 PM	<p>FIELD TRIP TO PASS CHRISTIAN HARBOR <i>Transportation provided</i></p>
5:00 PM	RETURN TO ST. THOMAS CHURCH
5:30 PM	CASH BAR
6:00 PM	<p>EVENING MEAL <i>(provided)</i> <i>Transportation provided back to the hotel</i></p>

SUMMIT AGENDA

Thursday, February 21, 2019

7:30 AM	<i>Transportation provided from the hotel to St. Thomas Church</i>
8:00 AM	COFFEE AND LIGHT BREAKFAST
8:30 AM	<p>INCREASING ADOPTION OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmer Willingness to Implement Conservation Practices and Critical Barriers Robyn Wilson, The Ohio State University • Communicating with Middle Adopters Ryan Stockwell, The National Wildlife Federation • Illinois STAR Program Steve Stierwalt, Association of Illinois Conservation Districts
9:45 AM	BREAK
10:00 AM	DISCUSSION
10:30 AM	<p>NEEDS ASSESSMENT: TRAINING SUMMARY AND GAP IDENTIFICATION</p> <p>Jamie Benning, Iowa State University Outreach and Extension, and Mike Daniels, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service</p>
11:00 AM	<p>REFLECTIONS AND NEXT STEPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can we bring back to our states or areas of work? • Are there opportunities for collective capacity building? • How can we keep in touch?
12:00 PM	<p>SUMMIT CONCLUDES</p> <p><i>Boxed lunches and transportation to the hotel provided</i></p>