

**53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting and  
Symposium**

**November 19 & 20, 2024**



**Crowne Plaza Columbus North –  
Worthington**

**6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus**

## **Navigating Troubled Waters: Past, Present, Future**

The problems we face managing our water resources in Ohio may have changed throughout the years, but so has our understanding of and ability to identify and address them. We are now better equipped to handle today's water management challenges and embrace technology and research to guide us. Looking ahead, we approach the future with optimism, recognizing how far we have come and grateful to all who have shaped Ohio's water history.

In 2024 we are celebrating two significant milestones - the 75th anniversary of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

### **Call for Abstracts: Presentations**

Abstracts are sought for 20-minute oral presentations in water resources management that touch upon this year's theme, Navigating Troubled Waters: Past, Present, Future. Suggested topics might include: Water resources management, Safe Drinking Water Act history, compliance or enforcement, Ohio's water management history, water management challenges of today and research and technology development to address water management concerns in the future.

Presenters are encouraged to practice their material to ensure it fits the time allotted (roughly 10 slides are suggested for a 20-minute talk). Additional time will be available for Q&A. No paper handouts unless necessary.

**[Presentation Abstracts are due by June 17, 2024, and can be submitted here](#)**

Accepted abstracts will be posted on the WMAO website as part of the conference program. WMAO Membership is not required, however, presenters are encouraged to consider joining WMAO to support the water resources management community in Ohio. Abstracts not selected for presentations may be offered the option of presenting a poster.

### **Call for Abstracts: Posters**

Abstracts are being sought for posters featuring research in water resources management.

**[Poster Abstracts are due by October 18, 2024, and can be submitted here](#)**

WMAO will award 1st and 2nd place prizes (\$250 and \$100, respectively) for the **student** posters that best capture and explain the research project.

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### **Nominations for WMAO Recognition Awards**

WMAO awards recognize individuals for distinguished service or demonstrating leadership in the management, use or enjoyment of Ohio's water resources.

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards: Ohio Water Hall of Fame, Distinguished Service Award, Technician of the Year, Wayne S. Nichols Award, and the R. Livingston Ireland Award.

**[Awards Nominations are due by September 15, 2024, and can be made here](#)**

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### **Silent Auction to Benefit WMAO Scholarships**

Please plan to participate in the silent auction at our conference again this year. All proceeds benefit our WMAO Scholarships and Project WET. Contact Dennis Clement at [dennis.clement@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:dennis.clement@epa.ohio.gov) to donate an item.