

The Region III Volunteer Monitoring Conference will be held on June 7-8 at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC). The cost is \$144, which includes

your room and all meals. Lodging and meal reservations can be made by contacting NCTC at: (877) 706-NCTC (6282) or (304) 876-7900. The cost for a room and meals is \$144.00.

The conference sessions will take place on Friday June 7th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and on Saturday June 8th from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The tracks and sessions are listed below. There will be concurrent sessions on Friday and Saturday. Abstracts are needed for the sessions indicated; [Click-Here](#) to submit your abstract.

Note: The times and days of the session and tracks have not yet been determined.

Tracks	Sessions	Abstracts needed
Policy and You	Total Maximum Daily Loads and Watershed Implementation Plans (TMDLs/WIPs)	
Policy and You	Municipal Separate Stormwater Systems (MS4)	
Policy and You	QAPP-Study design	
Communication	Data communication	
Communication	Data visualization (Google maps/GIS)	
Communication	Social media	X
Communication	Evaluation	
Issue Based Monitoring	Climate change	
Issue Based Monitoring	Shale gas	
Issue Based Monitoring	Bacteria	
Issue Based Monitoring	Stream restoration	
Issue Based Monitoring	Macroinvertebrates	
Expanding/Sustaining Your Program	Recruiting & retaining volunteers	X
Expanding/Sustaining Your Program	Strategic planning	X
Expanding/Sustaining Your Program	Success stories/Lessons learned	X
Expanding/Sustaining Your Program	Collaboration and partnerships	X

Scholarships are available, which will help to cover the cost of the travel and lodging. In order to qualify you must be a non-profit volunteer group. The recipients of the scholarship awards will be determined by the committee on a case-by-case basis.



To be considered [submit](#) a one-page write-up briefly describing your organization and your reasons for wanting to attend the conference. Also, provide an estimate your distance traveled and the expected costs of the trip. Scholarships will be awarded to groups, not individuals and you must be present at the conference to receive this award. Amounts of \$100 or \$200 will be awarded; the number available is based on our conference costs but is expected to be up to \$2,000.

Please contact [Tim Craddock](#) or [Glenn Nelson](#) if you have additional questions.