

Applied Research Symposium: Social Dimensions of Nutrient Reduction Madison, Wisconsin

June 2-3, 2017

AGENDA

The Pyle Center, on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus

702 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53706

[More venue information here: <http://conferencing.uwex.edu/about/pyle-center/>]

Overview: This event will focus on exchange of information among researchers and professional resource managers applying social dimensions to nutrient management and reduction challenges of the Mississippi River Basin and Gulf of Mexico. The meeting will inform a Whitepaper report synthesizing approaches to incorporating social dimensions in these efforts, and outlining promising directions and next steps for this work. A related conference will be planned for June 2018 focused on related civic engagement dimensions.

This special session brings together social/environmental experts and practitioners to discuss strategies and tools for an expanded suite of comparable social indicators. This will include methods for collection and application/use within the Mississippi/Atchafalaya River basin and the Gulf of Mexico. We will share experiences from multidisciplinary projects where social aspects have been considered as part of restoration, conservation and environmental design projects. Ongoing projects and future opportunities of joint social and environmental programs will also be discussed.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 2

- 7:30a Breakfast
- 8:00a Welcome, introductions and agenda review
- 8:15a Overview of the Hypoxia Task Force and plans to accelerate nutrient reduction
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Social Indicators as a measure of change in nutrient management programs:
 - Applications of social science in water-nutrient management
 - Social indicators and watershed management
 - Mixing methods for stakeholder needs
- 12:00p Lunch
- 1:00 State-level progress with social indicators and social dimensions of nutrient reduction
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Break out Discussions: Challenges with social dimension applications in MARB and Gulf states
- 4:30 Report out and Transition
- 5:00 Adjourn

Evening likely group activity to be determined [cost not included in registration]

Saturday, June 3

- 7:30a Breakfast
- 8:00 Re-convene – adjust agenda as needed
- 8:15 Refining current systems and setting new directions for social data
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Action items, next steps, and planning for 2018
- 11:30a Adjourn