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Save the date! CAWS Annual Meeting and Wetlands Conference – March 4, 2026



The Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists will host its **2026 Annual Meeting and wetlands conference on Wednesday, March 4, 2026** at Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT. We anticipate opening registration at the end of January. For now, we hope you will **SAVE THE DATE** and plan on joining us for a day of learning, networking, and collaboration with wetland professionals and enthusiasts.

Annual Meeting Sponsors and Exhibitors Wanted

Make an impression on those involved in the study and management of wetlands and other conservation lands. Exhibitor tables are \$400, while 501c3 organizations and government agencies may exhibit for the discounted rate of \$200. Sponsorships include logo branding and other benefits. Learn more about [exhibitor and sponsor opportunities!](#)

Call for Presentations

CAWS wants to hear from you!! We have reserved some slots in our Annual Meeting for engaging presentations from colleagues in the profession. Do you have an interesting project or research endeavor that would be of interest to a room full of (200+) wetland professionals? Our audience is composed of professional soil scientists and wetland scientists, municipal wetland officers and commission members, conservation and land trusts members, consultants, state employees, and related vendors.

We are particularly interested in participation from speakers who could present a short slide deck on one focused aspect of a larger project — such as site analysis... design... permitting... construction... mitigation... maintenance... and then participate as a panelist to field questions and discuss lessons learned.

To submit your topic for consideration, please send a short abstract by **January 21** to wetlands@ctwetlands.org. Invited speakers will gain free access to the conference.

CAWS Grants

CAWS offers two \$1,500.00 annual grants each year, the Michael Lefor and the Les Mehrhoff Grants. Please help us spread the word to those who might be able to take advantage!

Michael Lefor PhD Grant

The Michael Lefor PhD Grant provides support for research conducted by a qualified undergraduate or graduate student from an accredited college or university in Connecticut. Research topics can include wetland or aquatic ecology, wetland or aquatic invasive species, stream or river ecology, fluvial geomorphology, limnology, watershed studies, or wetland law or policy. The student need not be a member of CAWS to apply.

Les Mehrhoff Grant

The Les Mehrhoff Grant provides support for on-the-ground preservation efforts or invasive control efforts conducted by non-profit, community groups, or individuals directed at preserving plant biodiversity within Connecticut. The recipient/group need not be a member of CAWS in order to apply. Ideal candidates would include land trusts, garden clubs, citizen and student conservation organizations, and related groups

Applications must be emailed to wetlands@ctwetlands.org by **February 23**. Winners will be announced at the conference on **March 4**.



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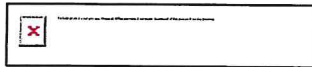
CAWS membership is geared toward all wetland professionals, managers, and enthusiasts, including wetland scientists and soil scientists, municipal wetland officers and commission members, engineers, landscape architects

and other consultants, attorneys, state regulators, students, and members of the general public with an interest in wetland science. Membership in CAWS provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, research, consulting, and regulatory-related issues, among other wetland-related interests.

There are four levels of membership based on experience, education and participation in CAWS. Learn more by downloading our [Membership Form](#); or simply access our [Online Form](#) to join CAWS today!

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