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EMC 2026:

THE “HOW-TO” CONFERENCE
ON DELIVERING ECOSYSTEM
MARKET SOLUTIONS



ARE YOU...

- Involved in **designing, regulating, or managing** programs for **wetlands, water, species, carbon or biodiversity**?
- Engaged in **private or public market solutions** for mitigation, conservation, or restoration?
- **Seeking or providing investment or funding** for sustainability, resiliency, or infrastructure projects?
- Developing or using tools, services, or methodologies to **deliver meaningful environmental outcomes**?
- Interested in the **latest policies, innovations, and opportunities** in emerging environmental markets?



Join an expected 800 leaders in environmental markets and solutions as big ideas turn into bold action. Experience compelling keynotes, immersive field visits, working sessions, and unmatched networking opportunities.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Dynamic formats and diverse topics designed to engage and drive results across and within government and industry sectors.

 <p>FIELD VISITS Monday and Tuesday to local and regional projects.</p>	 <p>INVEST CONNECT introduces capital providers and funding seekers in a dynamic rotational format.</p>
 <p>HOW TO SESSIONS for all skill levels, from beginners to advanced.</p>	 <p>MIXERS, NETWORKING AND CONNECTIONS in the exhibit hall throughout the event.</p>
 <p>MAIN STAGE features Keynote, Big Ideas, Trends and Market Intelligence, Policy Update, State & Customer Roundtable, Federal and State Policy Roundtable</p>	 <p>TECH CONNECT LIGHTNING ROUNDS bring together Tech and Data Innovators with solution-seekers in rapid-fire presentations followed by roundtable connects.</p>
 <p>WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS exploring, advancing and scaling practical solutions and markets.</p>	 <p>DISCUSSION ROUNDS & ACADEMIC POSTERS facilitated by selected hosts to connect with others on a specific topic.</p>
 <p>PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS uncover fresh insights into practice, trends, challenges and opportunities.</p>	 <p>FORUMS AND MEETINGS tailored to your role, such as regulators, customers & end-users, business solution providers, In Lieu of Fee and other nonprofit providers.</p>
 <p>STATE TO STATE PEER EXCHANGE Led by state leaders to advance integrated solutions for economic and environmental benefits.</p>	 <p>ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETS IGNITE Lightning rounds and idea exchange to improve, expand, and scale environmental markets.</p>

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 27



PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING



10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

SESSION 1: TMAT - Tennessee's New Functional Assessment Tool
(plus optional TMAT Training - Field Work at 2 p.m.)

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AFTERNOON FIELD VISITS



1:00 - 5:30 PM

FIELD VISIT: Battle Ridge Mitigation Bank

FIELD VISIT: Conasauga Mitigation Bank and Native Nursery

FIELD VISIT: TDOT's Urban Wetland & Infrastructure Project

BASICS & ADVANCED WORKSHOPS, HOW-TO's & DISCUSSIONS

1:00 - 5:00 PM

SESSION 2: Intro to Compensatory Mitigation & Joint Authority
Banking: Fundamentals, Site Development, and Business
Structures (Banks, ILFs, PRMs)

1:00 - 2:15 PM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 3: How to Quantify Biodiversity using Robust and
Transparent Methods

SESSION 4: Environmental Markets on Public Lands

SESSION 5: Funding Your Mitigation Project 

2:00 - 5:00 PM

TMAT Training - Field Work

(available to attendees participating in SESSION 1: TMAT - Tennessee's
New Functional Assessment Tool)

2:30 - 4:00 PM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 6: Intro to Environmental Markets: Understanding the
Market Types

SESSION 7: Perspectives on Ecological Markets: *Split Session* -
Technology for Species and Co-Benefits Valuation

SESSION 8: NRDA Banking - Getting from Experimental to
Mainstream

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 27




4:15 – 5:30 PM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 9: Conflicts, Conflicts of Interest and Conflict Resolution

SESSION 10: RIBITS Training for ILFs - Understanding In-lieu Fee Program Ledgers (Regulatory In-lieu fee and Bank Information Tracking System)

SESSION 11: Valuation Considerations

SESSION 12: Sales and Marketing Roundtable: Successful Strategies for Marketing and Selling Environmental Credits 

5:30 PM

MONDAY MIXER



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TUESDAY, APRIL 28



8:00 AM

Coffee & Pastries

8:00 AM– 12:00 PM

EXHIBITS Setup

MORNING FIELD VISITS



7:30 AM– 12:00 PM

FIELD VISIT: Cherokee National Forest

FIELD VISIT: Three Paces Mitigation Bank

FIELD VISIT: Chickamauga Lock Tour

MORNING BREAKOUTS



8:30 –9:45 AM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 13: Multi-Credits and Benefits in the Regulatory Market

SESSION 14: RIBITS Reporting & Visualization: A How-To Workshop

SESSION 15: Science in Action

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 28



10:15 – 11:30 AM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 16: Gaming Your Way to Understanding Credit Stacking 

SESSION 17: Established Water Credit Markets – Stormwater Resiliency and Water Quality

SESSION 18: Regulatory Request System & Future of Mitigation Data Tracking

SESSION 19: Advanced How-To's: Bank Close-Out; Creative Solutions to Meet Goals; Full-Cost Accounting

11:30 AM

Lunch on Your Own


11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

How to Get Involved with AEMI 

12:00 PM

EXHIBITS OPEN!

12:30 – 1:15 PM

Student & Recent Grads Lunch, Hosted by AEMI (*by invitation*) 

12:30 – 1:45 PM

**LUNCH: State to State Peer Exchange
(State and Local Gov't's Only)** 

1:15 – 2:00 PM

DISCUSSION ROUNDS & ACADEMIC POSTERS IN EXHIBITS

Discussion Rounds: Informal, small-group conversations centered on specific topics. Each table is guided by a selected facilitator to spark idea sharing, peer learning, and new connections across sectors.

Academic Discussion Rounds & Posters: Researchers present emerging work and exchange insights with practitioners and policymakers. These conversations bridge research and real-world application in restoration, mitigation, and conservation markets.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

AFTERNOON FORUMS & SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

2:00 - 3:30 PM

STAKEHOLDER FORUMS

- **FORUM:** NGO, GOV'T & Business Provider Exchange
- **FORUM:** Federal & State Regulators
- **FORUM:** Customer/End-User (Corporate, Govt, COGs, MPOs, Agriculture, Others)

4:00 - 5:30 PM

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS & FORUMS

- **FORUM:** Business Provider/Sponsor/Banker
- **Meeting:** State Regulators
- **Meeting:** DOTs, States, Other Gov't End-Users
- **Meeting:** In Lieu Fee Providers
- **Meeting:** USACE Staff

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

6:00 AM

Inaugural EMC Miles for Markets 5K Run/Walk  SPONSOR OPP!

7:30 - 8:15 AM

Light Continental in Exhibits.

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8:15 - 9:15 AM

MAIN STAGE: BIG IDEAS IN ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETS

MORNING BREAKOUTS

9:30 - 10:30 AM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 20: Emerging Practices in Infrastructure & Transportation

SESSION 21: Designing Water Quality Markets - Legal Authority and Regulatory Framework

SESSION 22: Is it Winter Yet? Challenges, Options, and Responses for Stranded Mitigation Credits

SESSION 23: Biodiversity Markets - How and Where They're Working

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29



MORNING BREAKOUTS



10:45 – 11:45 AM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 24: Current and Emerging Mitigation Practices in Tennessee

SESSION 25: Tribal & Indigenous Communities Increasing Impact & Value – Benefit of Biodiversity in Carbon

SESSION 26: In Lieu Fee (ILF) Successes and Lessons

SESSION 27: Puget Sound Initiative (PSI): Using Public and Regulator Input to Improve the Program

SESSION 28: Invest Connect



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11:45 AM

Grab Lunch and Join Session

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12:15 – 1:30 PM

MAIN STAGE: MARKET TRENDS AND INTELLIGENCE

AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS



1:45 – 3:00 PM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 29: Field Data, AI, and the Future of Shared Intelligence

SESSION 30: Innovative Funding Strategies for Scaling Water Resiliency—Capital Stacks, P3s & Scaling Credit Markets

SESSION 31: Conservation Banking: Overview of Banks and Various Approaches to Establishing Them

SESSION 32: Mitigation Banking & Ecological Restoration Case Studies

3:00 PM

Afternoon Break

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29



AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS

3:15 - 4:15 PM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 33: Advance Permittee-Responsible Mitigation Sites: A Time and a Place in The Hierarchy of Mitigation Options

SESSION 34: Environmental Markets Ignite - Lightning Rounds & Idea Exchange

SESSION 35: Australia's Expanding Environmental Markets

SESSION 36: Deeper Dive into Status and Trends

4:30 - 5:30 PM

MAIN STAGE: INDUSTRY'S LEGISLATIVE, POLICY & COURTS UPDATE

5:30 - 7:00 PM

EMC Reception in Exhibits



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THURSDAY, APRIL 30



7:30 - 8:15 AM

Light Continental in Exhibits

8:15 - 8:45 AM

MAIN STAGE: U.S ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY UPDATE

9:00 - 10:00 AM

MAIN STAGE: DEMAND-SIDE INDUSTRY LEADERS: GROWTH, IMPACTS & MITIGATION

10:15 - 11:15 AM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS



SESSION 37: Developments at the Intersection of Insurance and Restoration

SESSION 38: TECH CONNECT: Lightning Rounds

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 30



10:15 - 11:15 AM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS, CONT'D

SESSION 39: Mitigation Banking Deserts to Opportunity:
Opening New Markets, Banker Readiness, and Navigating Risks

SESSION 40: Stream Banking & Restoration, Dams & More

11:15 AM

Grab Early Lunch in Exhibits

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM MAIN STAGE: STATE POLICY LEADERS PANEL: INITIATIVES & PRIORITIES

12:45 PM

Afternoon Break

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AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS

1:00 - 2:15 PM

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

SESSION 41: Streamlining Permitting with Nationwide Templates

SESSION 42: Digital Technology and Role of Blockchain, Crypto and
Digitization in Environmental Markets

SESSION 43: Innovative and Emerging Subtidal and Estuarine
Habitat Markets

SESSION 44: Reclaiming Floodplains to Achieve Flood Reduction
Benefits

2:30 - 3:30 PM

MAIN STAGE: FEDERAL POLICY ROUNDTABLE – ADMINISTRATION & STATE PERSPECTIVES

3:30 PM

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Digital Presentations educate and inspire dialogue on new concepts, case studies, and research. They are pre-recorded and available to all attendees before, during and after EMC, maximizing exposure.

Academic Presentations may include a **Digital Presentation**, an **Academic Discussion Round** and/or an **in-person Poster**. *Discussion Rounds* are facilitated, topic-based conversations led by selected hosts at roundtables during designated times in the Exhibit Hall. *Academic Posters* are available to students and are presented during the same designated times as Discussion Rounds, with posters displayed in the Exhibit Hall for attendee viewing throughout EMC.

See Call for Participation for the submission link for these opportunities (open through March 1).

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Attorneys can earn CLE credits at EMC!

Continuing Legal Credits (CLE) - Credit hours can range from 7 to 20+ depending on state approval.

Attendees can request CLE credit during the registration process.

Continuing Education Credits (CEU) • Professional Development Hours (PDH) • Society of Ecological Restoration Credits (SER) available at EMC!

ABOUT EMC & AEMI

The Alliance for Environmental Markets & Investments, a 501(C)3 organization, was established to connect and align efforts across ecological restoration, environmental markets, and resilience initiatives.

AEMI's mission is to bring organizations and resources together to grow investment in market-based environmental solutions that deliver public and economic benefits.

Through its flagship initiative, the Environmental Markets Conference (EMC), AEMI drives collaboration, education, and investment by convening leaders annually to advance resilient, transparent, and impactful restoration, climate action, and sustainable economic outcomes across the U.S.

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