

March 8th and 9th

5th Annual MN Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology Conference

**THE COMMONS:
THE POWER OF LANDSCAPE LEVEL
PARTNERSHIPS IN WATERSHED
CONSERVATION**



Local and state policies affect conservation not only on public lands, but also where people live, work, and play. This meeting is an opportunity for leaders and concerned citizens in the Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin conservation community to explore the relationship between the public decision-making process and the principles and values of Conservation Biology.

Saturday: March 8th (Conference begins at 9:30)

- **Keynote Speaker: The Commons**

Each session is designed to feature a panel presentation followed by audience and panel facilitated discussion.

Making the case for Comprehensive Water Planning: Facing the issues of water allocation in the future. *This panel discussion addresses the scientific and social need for Comprehensive Water Planning, its policy framework and political realities at the state and regional level.*

Panel Members:

- **Jeff Broberg**—Minnesota Liscenced Geologist, Vice President McGhie and Betts, Inc., and President of Minnesota Trout Association
- **Steve Morse**—Executive Director , Minnesota Environmental Partnership
- **Ken Tschumper**—Minnesota House of Representatives, District 31B

The importance of landscape level planning: *This panel focuses on the importance of local watershed-level planning that integrates aquatic and terrestrial systems, including habitat conservation, ecosystem services, TMDLs, and agricultural chemicals.*

Panel Members:

- **Rich Biske**—The Nature Conservancy, Blufflands Conservation Coordinator
- **Dwayne Voegeli**—Winona County Commissioner and Board Chair, and Winona Senior High Teacher.
- **Paul Wotzka**— Hydrologist and Consultant

- Fireside Presentations: (Concurrent 15 minute presentations on an array of conservation biology issues)

Dinner address:

- The Floods of the Driftless Area: What can they tell us?
 - **Bruce Vondracek**—Professor, University of Minnesota, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology
 - **Larry Gates**—Sustainable Farmer

Sunday: March 9th

- Landscape level partnerships: Effective Conservation Leadership

Panel Members:

- **Tim Schlagenhoft**—Mississippi River and Blufflands Coordinator, MNDNR
- **Paul Berland**—Regional Watershed Coordinator, Northeast Iowa RC&D
- **Mississippi Valley Conservancy, Wisconsin**
- Discussion: Next steps for the Society of Conservation Biology. This will be a facilitated discussion centered on the role participants can play in promoting the ideas discussed at this conference in local and state policy and planning efforts.
- Lunch and adjourn (possible presentation):

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Call For Papers: Please submit brief abstracts to: Ann.Pierce@metrostate.edu

For inclusion in the fireside presentations (topics include everything from endangered species to climate change).

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Family weekend (contact jnerbonne@hecua.org for details)

Eagle Bluff, Environmental Learning Center

1991 Brightsdale Road

Lanesboro, Minnesota 55949

Directions visit: www.eagle-bluff.org

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 26, 2008

Mail registration and payment (checks made to MN SCB) to Ann Pierce, MN SCB Treasurer.
535 Chinnock Lane, River Falls Wisconsin 54022/
Questions? Call Ann at 651-295-7979.

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration

Membership in MN SCB (If you're not already a member.) \$10 _____

Conference Fee

Professional \$25 _____

Student \$10 _____

Late reg. (meals & lodging must be reserved by 2/19) \$15 _____

Room/Board Options *

Two nights; five meals (Fri: B, L, D; Sat: B, L) \$115 _____

One night; four meals (Fri: L, D; Sat: B, L) \$ 95 _____

Saturday; meals only (L, D) \$35 _____

Banquet Only \$25 _____

Sunday; meals Only \$20 _____

* The Room/Board (accommodations include bunks with 4 people/room for adults--\$5 charge for linens and towels or bring your own linens, pillow and towels; 4-8 people per room). MN SCB will assign rooms based on gender unless you note a roommate preference. **If you would like a private room, visit <http://www.lanesboro.com/lanesboro-hotel.html> for more accommodations.**

Do you have a roommate preference? If yes, place names here.

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Meals You Plan to Eat	One price for meals applies regardless; however, a head count is needed for meal planning.)		
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