AMWS
Association of Massachusetts Wetland Scientists

2026 Annual Meeting

Wetland Science In Action

Chocksett Inn, Sterling, MA
November 20, 2026

Draft Agenda

**Times Subject to Change*

8:30 - 9:00 AM *Registration and Breakfast*

9:00 - 9:10 AM **Welcome and President's Message**, Diana Walden, AMWS President, BSC Group

9:10 - 10:10 AM **Effective Permit Conditioning for Bridge, Culvert, and Linear Roadway Projects,** Heidi Davis and Ryan Hale, MassDEP

10:10 - 10:30 AM *Break and Networking*

10:30 - 11:30 AM **Presenting Healthy Wetland Soils Guide Developed for the EEA & other Massachusetts Healthy Soils Initiative Projects**, Gillian Davies, BSC Group

11:30 - 12:30 PM **New England Wetland Functional Assessment, Draft User Guide**, Erica Sachs Lambert, EPA

12:30 - 1:30 PM *Lunch & Networking*

1:30 - 2:00 PM Business Meeting

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Updates
  - Newsletter John Rockwood (*EcoTec*)
  - Government Affairs -
  - Program/Education - Scott Smyers (*Oxbow Associates Inc.*)
  - Wildlife - Scott Smyers (*Oxbow Associates Inc.*)
  - Ethics - Colin Duncan (*Environmental Design and Research*)
  - Professional Networking - Dave Gorden (*PEER Consultants*)
  - Membership - Dave Gorden (*PEER Consultants*)

2:00 - 2:10 PM **MassDOT Personnel Changes and Current Regulatory Updates**, Mia McDonald, MassDEP Wetlands Program

2:10 - 2:40 PM **Wetland Regulatory Reforms: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**, E. Heidi Ricci, Mass Audubon

2:40 - 2:45 PM *Break*

2:45 - 4:00 PM **Breakout Workshop Sessions:**

- **Soil Texture** with Colin Duncan, EDR
- **Herbarium/Woody Plant ID** with Dave Gorden PEER Consultants, & David Cowell, Hancock Associates
- **Wildlife/Larval ID** with Scott Smyers, Oxbow Associates

4:00-5:00 PM *Raffle, Happy Hour (on-site) & Networking*