

LIST OF SPEAKERS

Glen J. Abrams
Watersheds Planning Manager
Philadelphia Water Department

Mr. Abrams has 15 years of experience in municipal planning, including affordable housing planning and development, grant management and administration, urban planning, environmental policy, visioning, and sustainability. He is recognized as a certified planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a graduate in City and Regional Planning from the Ohio State University. He is a frequent speaker on water resources planning and green infrastructure at local, national, and international forums.

Mr. Abrams leads the team that is completing regional Integrated Watershed Management Plans for every watershed that drains into Philadelphia. Furthermore, he and his staff are creating the green infrastructure programs that are the cornerstone of Philadelphia's innovative Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan, "Green City, Clean Waters." This plan integrates land-based urban sustainability goals with the goals for clean, safe, attractive, and accessible rivers and streams.

Mr. Abrams also serves as adjunct faculty at Philadelphia University where he teaches Environmental Science and Urban Hydrology.

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Sam Riley Medlock
Policy Counsel
Association of State Floodplain Managers

Sam Riley Medlock, JD, CFM, is Policy Counsel for the Association of State Floodplain Managers, serving dual roles for the Association and the ASFPM Foundation to provide leadership in national flood policy initiatives and to foster partnerships with allied agencies, organizations, and academia in service to the Association's members and mission. Sam has more than eighteen years of experience in hazard mitigation and environmental policy working with stakeholders, regulators, and utilities, as Supervisor of Floodplain Programs for the Lower Colorado River Authority; Director of Planning for Flower Mound, Texas; and Environmental Planner with the North Central Texas Council of Governments. She served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Floodplain Management Association, the Texas Trails Network, and the Watershed Management Committee for the Water Environment Federation (WEF), where she was also on the Editorial Board for *Watershed & Wet Weather Technical Bulletin*.

During law school, Sam was a researcher and advisor to the Vermont Law School Land Use Institute, research associate with Hill & Kehne, LLC, and recipient of the Nick Winter Memorial Scholarship administered by the ASFPM Foundation. She served as a legal consultant to ASFPM and co-authored *Mitigating Misery: Land Use and Protection*

of Property Rights before the Next Big Flood, published by the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law. Sam is a Juris Doctor graduate of Vermont Law School, has a BS in Government summa cum laude from Texas Woman's University, and has been a Certified Floodplain Manager since 2001.

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Michael Thomas
General Manager
Clayton County Water Authority

Michael Thomas has been with Clayton County Water Authority for 10 years as Engineering Manager and General Manager and has 25 years experience in water resources management. The Authority provides water, sewer, and stormwater services to 280,000 people in Clayton County, Georgia on the south side of the Atlanta Metropolitan Area. CCWA's mission is to provide reliable water services to the community through innovation, efficiency, and the protection of the water environment.

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Andrew Fahlund
Senior Vice President for Conservation
American Rivers

Since 2004 Mr. Fahlund oversees a department of 40 staff and is responsible for developing, advocating, and implementing innovative policy and science tools to ensure that healthy rivers and their watersheds provide human and ecological communities the resilience they need in the face of a changing climate. He has served on several governmental advisory groups, testified before Congress, and participated in various policy forums and negotiations addressing water policy in the United States. He received his M.S. in Natural Resource Policy from the University of Michigan and B.A. in human ecology and field archaeology from Colorado College.

American Rivers is the leading conservation organization standing up for healthy rivers so communities can thrive. American Rivers protects and restores America's rivers for the benefit of people, wildlife, and nature. Founded in 1973, American Rivers has more than 65,000 members and supporters, with offices in Washington, DC and nationwide.

Through their work in five key program areas - Rivers and Global Warming, River Restoration, River Protection, Clean Water and Water Supply - American Rivers is working to protect our remaining natural heritage, undo the damage of the past, and create a healthy future for our rivers and future generations.

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