



# Spring Public Meeting Agenda

May 20, 2015  
Columbus, Ohio

## **Meeting Location:**

Crowne Plaza - Downtown Columbus  
33 East Nationwide Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43215  
Muirfield Ballroom

## **Wednesday, May 20, 2015 (Eastern Time)**

- 1:30pm      Welcome from HTF Co-Chairs and State Host
- Ellen Gilinsky, HTF Federal Co-chair and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water, US EPA
  - Ted McKinney, Director, Indiana State Department of Agriculture
  - Craig Butler, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- 1:45 pm      Update from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Ann Mills, Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA
    - Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), and tools that are available to states to help with their nutrient reduction strategies
- 2:05 pm      Nutrient Stewardship Panel
- Wade Foster, Manager, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, The Fertilizer Institute
    - 4R's Outreach
  - Greg LaBarge, Field Specialist, Agronomic Systems and Associate Professor, College of Food, Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University Extension
    - Ohio AgriBusiness Association's voluntary 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification Program for retail outlets
  - John Schlichter, Deputy Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture
    - Ohio Nutrient Applicator Certification Training Program

- 3:00 pm      Break
- 3:15 pm      Partner Activities
- Bill Stanley, Director of Conservation and Assistant State Director, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) – 10 minutes
    - TNC's strategy to address nutrient loading and hypoxia in the Mississippi River Basin and the Gulf of Mexico
  - Colin Wellenkamp, Director, Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative, Northeast-Midwest Institute – 10 minutes
    - Matching municipalities with farmers for interstate water quality trading
  - Pat Sinicropi, Senior Director, Legislative Affairs, The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) – 10 minutes AND
  - Steve Hershner, Utilities Director, City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa – 10 minutes
    - Cedar Rapids, Iowa RCPP project: an innovative opportunity for agriculture and the urban water sector to work together to reduce nutrient pollution and improve water quality
- 3:55 pm      Questions, Comments, and Discussion
- 4:05 pm      Partner Activities, Continued
- Karen Scanlon, Executive Director, Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) – 10 minutes
    - Building watershed success through partnership with farmers and farming communities
  - Larry Weber, Director, IIHR – Hydroscience & Engineering and Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Iowa – 10 minutes
    - Iowa Water Quality Information System: An online resource for nutrient monitoring data
- 4:25 pm      Q&A, Closing Discussion: Opportunities for HTF Partners to Achieve Common Goals
- 4:40 pm      Public Comment Session
- 5:00 pm      Adjourn