

Inaugural Water Resource Management and Economics Conference  
*Troy University's Center for Water Resource Economics*

Phenix City Marriott Courtyard  
October 22-24, 2014

***Wednesday, October 22***

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- Opening Remarks [Billy Turner](#), Director, Center for Water Resource Economics

**WATER RESOURCE PLANNING**

- Alabama Status Report [Bennett Bearden](#) - Moderator
- Georgia Status Report [Brian Atkins](#), Director, Alabama Office of Water Resources
- Florida Status Report [Gail Cowie](#), Assistant Branch Chief, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch
- Panel Discussion Bill McCartney, Former Director, Northwest Florida Water Management District

**DINNER**

- Welcome Dr. David White - Moderator
- Introduction Mayor Eddie Lowe, Phenix City, Alabama
- Keynote Address Billy Houston, Executive Director, Tri Rivers Waterway Development Association
- Award [Brigadier General David Turner](#), Commander South Atlantic Division, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Award Presentation of the Don C. Hines Achievement Award in Water Resource Economics

***Thursday, October 23***

**WELCOME**

- Welcome Mat Swift - Moderator
- Welcome Mayor Teresa Tomlinson, Columbus, Georgia

**VALUE OF WATER TO BUSINESS SECTORS**

- Manufacturing **Water: A Critical Element to Manufacturing.** [George Clark](#), President, Manufacture Alabama
- Fishing Kay Donaldson, Program Director, Alabama Bass Trail
- Recreation **Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.** [Bill Cox](#), Superintendent, National Park Service, Chattahoochee River Park
- Agriculture **An Economic Perspective of Alabama's Agriculture – Water Nexus.** [Sam Fowler](#), Director, Auburn Water Resource Center

- Water Supply **Generating Revenue for Watershed Management – The Water Utility Role.** [Stacey Berahzer](#), UNC Environmental Finance Center
- Real Estate **Riverfront re-development as a catalyst for new private development: Chattanooga – A case study.** [Chris Crimmins](#), The Chattanooga Land Company

## LUNCH

- National Waterway Issues Steven Burns - Introduction  
Amy Larson, President, National Waterways Conference, Inc.

## NATIONAL AND REGIONAL WATER ACTIONS

- Alabama State Port Authority **Larry Merrihew - Moderator**  
[Judith Adams](#), Vice President Marketing, Alabama State Port Authority
- Corps of Engineers Report [Wynne Fuller](#), Chief Operations Division, Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Energy [Tom Moorer](#), Manager Environmental Affairs, Southern Co.
- River Restoration/ Whitewater [John Turner](#), Executive, W.C. Bradley Company
- Blue Trail **The Chattahoochee Valley Blueway,** [Debra Edelson](#), Trust for Public Land
- ACF Ventures **Apalachicola Maritime Museum/Samuel Floyd Paddlewheel.**  
[George Floyd](#), Chairman, Apalachicola Maritime Museum

*Friday, October 24*

## VISIONS FOR OUR WATER RESOURCES

- Water Smart Dave White - Moderator  
**National Water Census Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Focus Area Study.** [Jacob LaFontaine](#), US Geological Survey
- ACF Stakeholders Update **ACF Stakeholders: Overview - Working Together to Share a Common Resource.** [James McClatchey](#), Chairman, ACFS
- Transboundary Inst. Study **Considerations in Developing a Transboundary Water Management Institution in Today's World.** [Laurie Fowler](#), Associate Dean, Director of Policy, River Center, University of Georgia
- Alabama Clean Water Partnership Report **Clean Water - A Partnership Approach "Alabama Style."** [Allison Jenkins](#), Executive Director, Alabama Clean Water Partnership
- Troy University CWRE Judson Edwards, Dean, Sorrell College of Business, Troy University

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

- TRWDA Annual Meeting Greg Elmore, Chairman
- ACWP Chattahoochee-Chipola Basin Meeting Billy Houston, Chairman