



MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS
ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE 2017
STUDENT POSTER SESSION

For the first time, the MACC Annual Environmental Conference (AEC) will include a college student poster session. The poster session is an opportunity to promote and highlight your thesis work, special project, etc., to the more than 700 expected attendees at the conference. The MACC seeks poster submissions from college undergraduate and graduate students.

Awards and certificates will be given for the top three poster presentations. Awards will include the author's / presenter's choice of a free one-year MACC membership; a free MACC Fundamental Unit training course (including webinars); or a free MACC workshop. Winners will be announced at the President's Reception (the final event of the day).

Poster Submissions

Any student interested in displaying a poster at the AEC must complete the attached submission form. Please limit your abstract to the space provided on the form. If accepted, poster display numbers will be provided to presenters in a follow-up email.

Poster Guidelines

For your poster proposal to be accepted, the guidelines below must be followed for your presentation.

- All illustrations and lettering should be prepared beforehand. The poster display is not to be solely the typed manuscript pinned to the poster board.
- The display should be arranged in a logical, coherent fashion to fit the display area that is a maximum of 30 inches wide by 42 inches high.
- Your poster should provide the following information:
 - Title;
 - Author name(s) and affiliation(s);
 - Acknowledgements, including sources of support or funding;
 - Background/Introduction;
 - Objectives;
 - Materials and methods;
 - Appropriate visuals including charts, graphs, photographs, etc.;
 - Conclusion and discussion; and,
 - References, if applicable.

- MACC will supply the poster mounting frames and push-pins. You are responsible for any materials or supplies needed to present the poster. No audiovisual or electrical outlets are provided for poster presentation.
- If your message exceeds poster space, consider reducing the content and making photocopied handouts available.

Poster Presentation Schedule

- Posters must be set up on Saturday morning between 8:00 am – 8:30 am.
- Presenters must be available to stand by their posters during the following poster session times: 8:30 am – 9:45 am and 11:45 am – 1:15 pm. It is essential that the author be available at those times for discussion, questions and answers, and judging.
- *Posters must be removed by 3:30 pm.*

Potential Poster Topics

The following are suggested topics. Other topics related to wetlands and other aquatic resources also would be suitable.

- Adaptive Management for Aquatic Ecosystems in a Changing Climate
- Assessing the Effects of Climate Change & Sea Level Rise on Salt Marsh
- Best Management Practices for Climate Change Adaptation
- Coastal and Inland: Carbon, Water and Energy Cycling in a Changing Environment
- Effective Communication and Stakeholder Engagement for Conservation Commission Activities and Responsibilities
- Future-proof Wetlands/Wetland Adaptations to Climate Extremes
- Hydrological Controls on the Wetland Carbon Cycle
- Increasing the Impact of Citizen Science in Support of Wetland Science
- Lessons Learned in Coastal Restoration in the United States
- Monitoring and Assessing Restored or Created Wetlands
- Wetland Monitoring & Assessment Tools in the Northeast
- Wetland, Stream, other Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration
- Putting Blue Carbon Science to Work to Protect Coastal Wetlands
- Riparian Restoration: Processes, Approaches and Management in Stream and Wetland Systems
- Uncommon Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration: Salt Ponds, Vernal Pools, Bogs, etc.
- Status & Challenges of Wetland-Dependent Wildlife Management
- Wetlands Career Development
- Wetlands Vulnerability to Climate Change & Creating Resiliency

