

Smart Growth for Water Resources Conference: Beaver Watershed Alliance Announces 2025 Schedule/April 2-3



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The Beaver Watershed Alliance (“BWA”) has announced the dates of April 2-3 for the: *Smart Growth for Water Resources Conference (“Conference”)*.

Additional sponsors of the Conference include:

- Illinois River Watershed Partnership.
- Arkansas Department of Agriculture.
- ULI Northwest Arkansas.
- Beaver Water District.
- Olsson.
- Northwest Arkansas Council.

BWA states that the Conference is dedicated to:

...addressing the challenges of flooding and stormwater management in Northwest Arkansas (NWA) through the lens of smart growth principles.

Themes identified for the Conference include:

- Flooding and stormwater management in NWA watersheds.
- Workshopping with experts to prepare for anticipated growth and water challenges.
- Collaborative strategies for water management.
- Knowing the tools for water management.
- On-site tours of local demonstrations.
- Economics of water management.
- Community Outreach and Engagement.

Objectives are stated to include:

- Raise Awareness.
- Knowledge Exchange.
- Build Partnerships.
- Capacity Building.
- Action Planning.
- Develop a Shareable Plan.

The Planning Committee includes:

- Leif Kindberg – Illinois River Watershed Partnership.
- Wes Craiglow – Urban Land Institute.
- Karen McCurdy, Kelsey Criswell – FTN/Olsson.
- Rob Smith – NWA Council.
- Trish Ouei – Beaver Water District.

The location and agenda are scheduled to be released in early 2025.

A copy of the BWA notice can be downloaded [here](#).