

NRCS attends inaugural National Stream Restoration Conference

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Natural Resources Conservation Service - Tennessee State Conservationist Sheldon Hightower speaks at the inaugural National Stream Restoration Conference held from August 1-3 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville.



The first National Stream Restoration Conference, held from August 1-3, 2022, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee, welcomed participants who are committed to restoring and enhancing water resources across the nation.

Approximately 650 stream restoration professionals attended this inaugural conference to participate in sessions focused on sharing ideas, knowledge, experiences,

and innovations among natural resource professionals to improve the science and practice of stream restoration.



The conference, themed Sharing Visions for the Future, featured a diverse group of speakers with expertise in all aspects of watershed management and restoration throughout the United States and Canada. The exhibitor hall featured approximately 70 sponsors who shared their experiences on restoration projects throughout the conference.

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Tennessee State Conservationist Sheldon Hightower provided welcoming comments to the group where he thanked Ken White and the Resource Institute Team for selecting Nashville as the place to host their first conference.

“NRCS shares a common interest with the Resource Institute in working with customers to address resource concerns related to water quality,” Hightower said. “Thank you to the Resource Institute and its team for having this first national conference in Nashville.”

Hightower then provided some quick facts about Tennessee and highlighted TN agriculture and the importance of natural resources in helping producers address natural resource concerns in diverse areas, including restoration of streams, rivers, and wetlands.

The second National Stream Restoration Conference is scheduled for August 23-25, 2023, at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel Inner Harbor in Baltimore, MD.

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