

North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership

Quarterly Meeting Agenda

“The State of Sandhills Depressional Wetlands”

1:00-4:30 PM, Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Location: [SECU 4-H Learning Center & Cole Foundation Auditorium at the Millstone 4-H Camp](#)
(35.059355, -79.683733)

Zoom option available: Meeting ID 992 1276 5376; <https://tnc.zoom.us/j/99212765376>



1:00 Welcome & introductions

1:20 Working group updates

- RCW Recovery – *Kerry Brust, SEI*
- Land Protection – *Jeff Marcus, TNC*
- Resource Management – *Jessie Jordan, NC Parks*
- Communications – *Debbie Crane, TNC*
- Reserve Design – *Sarah Hecoeks, TNC/USFWS*

1:45 Award announcements

- Greensboro Science Center donation to NCSCP
- Wildlife Federation Governor’s Conservation Award for Young Conservationist of the Year
- Honor Award for Analysis and Planning from the American Society of Landscape Architects
- Illustris Palustris Award from the NC Longleaf Coalition

2:05 Identifying non-floodplain depressional wetlands on the Sandhills Game Lands using remote sensing and geospatial analysis – *Sarah Hecoeks, TNC/USFWS*

2:40 So anyway, I started blasting: Using a pressure washer to save gopher frogs – *Mike Martin, NCWRC*

3:10 10 minute break

3:20 Crayfish ecology and distribution in Sandhills wetlands – *Elijah Thompson, Appalachian State University*

3:40 Partner updates

4:25 Closing remarks

**Next meeting: NC Longleaf Summit
Wednesday, December 6**