

# WETLANDS WORKING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY - *PLANNING AND ZONING FOR CLEAN WATER*

## Thursday, June 18 2015

**4:00 - 5:30pm - Optional Walking Tour of the Wetlands at  
Harbor Shores, Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course**

*\*Note– meet/park for the tour at M-TEC parking lot, [400 Klock Rd, Benton Harbor, MI 49022](#)*

**5:30 - 9:00 pm - Workshop**

[The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, MI](#)

*Special thanks to Inn at Harbor Shores for providing the venue!*

**Cost: \$15 includes light dinner and meeting materials (\$20 after June 12).**

**Registration is required and view full agenda at**

**[www.swmpc.org/wetlandworkshop.asp](http://www.swmpc.org/wetlandworkshop.asp) or call (269) 925-1137 x 1521.**

Master Citizen Planner credits are available. AICP CM credits are pending.

### **Agenda:**

**4:00 – 5:30 pm - Walking Tour of Wetlands at Harbor Shores, Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course (it's optional it will begin at M-TEC Parking Lot, Benton Harbor – park near the entrance)**

**5:30 pm – Registration and Light Dinner (at the Inn at Harbor Shores)**

**6:00 pm - Welcome** – Marcy Colclough, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

**6:15 - Wetlands and Function Assessment** (definition, what a wetland looks like, functions/benefits, existing/historic, current protection limitations and need for local protection, level 1 assessment, acreage (quantitative) vs. function (qualitative), how the data can be used) – Matt Meersman, Friends of the St. Joseph River

**7:00 - Wetland Protection Options** (master plan language, need for local protection, zoning options – building setbacks and vegetative buffers, wetland protection ordinance (permitting), site plan review standards, building restrictions for hydric soils, overlay districts, open space developments, etc.) - Marcy Colclough, SWMPC

**7:45 - Local Example(s)** - Fabius Township Wetland Ordinance – Challenges and Successes

**8:30 - Discussion and Review of Checklist for Protection**

**9:00 - Adjourn**

The county or municipality within the St. Joseph River Watershed (Lake Michigan) with the most attendees will receive custom wetland maps.

The GIS shapefiles for the wetland function assessment will be available.

This workshop is hosted by **Friends of the St. Joe River Association** and the **Southwest Michigan Planning Commission** in partnership with Michigan State University Extension, Citizen Planner, St. Joseph River Basin Commission, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, Southcentral Michigan Planning Council, Two Rivers Coalition, The Inn at Harbor Shores and Berrien County Community Development/Harbor Authority.