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The Iowa Water Conference will be held March 8 and 9 in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center in Ames. Registration opens at 12:30 p.m. and workshops begin at 1 pm. A plenary session follows at 5 p.m., with an evening reception at 6:30 p.m. Sessions resume on March 9 at 8 a.m. and continue until 4:15 p.m.

An exciting program has been developed that features nationally recognized experts such as Ephraim King, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water, who will outline the findings and recommendations of the Nutrient Innovations Task Force. Others, including Roger Bannerman, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Deanna Osmond, North Carolina State University, will discuss what has been done in urban and agricultural watersheds.

The new Iowa Learning Farm video, "Troubled Waters," will premiere at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8. This film explores rivers and the human relationship with them. When presented with the broad array of information the conference provides, audience participants will be more equipped to address the challenges of pulling policy, programs and practices all together.

A conference exhibit area will host educational and informational outreach displays that highlight innovative research and programs in conservation, nutrient management, and water quality. Vendors that offer services and products for erosion and sediment control, and storm water management also will have displays in the exhibit area. Organizations or individuals interested in exhibit space, sponsorship or an outreach display should visit [www.aep.iastate.edu/water](http://www.aep.iastate.edu/water) for more information and a vendor registration form.

The conference registration fee is \$150. Registrations will be accepted at the door. The fee includes lunch, breaks, evening reception and conference t-shirt. Visit [www.aep.iastate.edu/water](http://www.aep.iastate.edu/water) for additional information about the conference, registration materials and online registration. For more information, contact the Agribusiness Education Program at (515) 294-6429 or email [aep@iastate.edu](mailto:aep@iastate.edu).

This conference is hosted by the Iowa Water Center, in cooperation with Iowa State University Extension, Division of Soil Conservation-Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Iowa Storm Water Education Program, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Learning Farm program, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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