

OCTOBER 19, 2026

Bar Under the Sun (702 N Chaparral St, Corpus Christi, TX 78401)

5:00-8:00 pm – Opening Reception

Kick off the ANEP Tech Transfer Meeting at our opening reception at Bar Under the Sun! Enjoy great company, good food, and drinks while connecting with colleagues and setting the tone for a productive and engaging meeting. You can also use this time to check-in early for the meeting!

Thank you to HDR Engineering for sponsoring the opening reception!

DAY 1 - OCTOBER 20, 2026

Omni – Bayview Room (900 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78401)

7:00-8:00 am - BREAKFAST

8:00-8:30 am - Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:30-9:30 am - SESSION 1: Turning Monitoring Data into Management Decisions

Focus on how NEPs are using long-term monitoring, remote sensing, and modeling to directly inform restoration priorities, CCMP updates, and resilience planning.

Possible topics:

- Water quality trend analysis
- HAB monitoring and forecasting
- Living shoreline performance monitoring and adaptive management
- Data visualization and dashboards
- Turning biological monitoring into habitat protection and restoration priorities
- Tools and techniques for translating science into policy decisions

9:30-10:30 am - SESSION 2: Emerging Science and Technology for Estuary Management

A forward-looking session focused on new tools and methods.

Possible topics:

- eDNA applications
- AI-assisted habitat mapping
- Drone and satellite monitoring
- Continuous water quality sensors
- Microplastics and emerging contaminants research and monitoring tools and techniques

10:30-11:00 am - BREAK

11:00 am - 12:00 pm – SESSION 3: NEP Updates from EPA

Hear updates from EPA about the National Estuary Program.

12:00-1:00 pm - LUNCH with Keynote Speaker

1:30 pm - Buses Depart Omni for FIELD TRIPS

Birding the Bend: Join us for a guided field trip led by CBBEP's experienced Coastal Bird Program staff. Explore the rich birdlife of the Coastal Bend while learning about local habitats, conservation efforts, and the species that depend on this unique region—while checking off birds from your list along the way.

Mustang Island Explorer: Join us for a guided field trip of scenic Mustang Island—known for its wide sandy beaches, rolling dunes, and expansive coastal views. We will stop at several spots on the Island, including the Packery Flats Coastal Habitat to visit some of CBBEP's on-the-ground work. We will wrap up the tour at the Port Aransas Nature Preserve, where you'll experience one of the region's premier and most picturesque birding destinations.

Aransas Bay Boat Trip: Participate in a scenic boat excursion showcasing oyster mariculture and restoration efforts and cruise near the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, with the chance to observe CBBEP's shoreline protection efforts—and maybe spot a wintering Whooping Crane along the way.

5:00 pm - Buses Return to Omni

6:00-8:00 pm - DIRECTOR'S DINNER

El Camino Restaurant – Meeting Room (314 N Chaparral St, Corpus Christi, TX 78401)

DAY 2 - OCTOBER 21, 2026

Omni – Corpus C (900 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas, 78401)

7:00-8:00 am - BREAKFAST

8:00-9:30 am - SESSION 4: Watershed Based Approaches for Nutrient and Bacteria Reduction

Focus on transferable strategies that improve estuary water quality at the watershed scale.

Possible topics:

- Green stormwater infrastructure
- Agricultural BMP partnerships
- Septic replacement and conversion programs
- Urban runoff reduction
- Tracking pollutant load reductions

9:30-9:45 am - BREAK

9:45-11:00 am - SESSION 5: Building Stronger Partnerships for Large-Scale Impact

Focus on the collaborative side of implementation.

Possible topics:

- Working with USACE districts
- State Revolving Fund
- NOAA and NRCS funding alignment
- NGO and private landowner partnerships
- Tribal and community co-management approaches
- Collaborating within the NEP Network

11:00 am – 12:00 pm - SESSION 6: NEP 40th Anniversary Strategic Communications Plan

The ANEP Communications Network will provide updates on how ANEP will support the 40th Anniversary of the National Estuary Programs.

12:00-1:00 pm - LUNCH with Panel Discussion

1:00-2:30 pm - BREAK

2:30 pm - Buses Depart Omni for FIELD TRIP

FIELD TRIP – Nueces Delta Preserve: Participants will visit CBBEP's Nueces Delta Preserve for a tour that will showcase large-scale restoration projects designed to adaptively manage freshwater, rebuild critical habitats, and support fish, birds, and other wildlife in one of the region's most important ecological areas. Surrounded by expansive marshes, winding waterways, and stunning views, attendees will experience the ecological and historical significance of this dynamic landscape. The evening concludes with dinner at the Preserve, offering a memorable opportunity to connect with colleagues over great food in an extraordinary coastal setting.

6:00 pm - DINNER

Nueces Delta Preserve (3410 US Hwy 77, Odem, TX 78370)

8:30 pm - Buses Depart Nueces Delta Preserve for Omni

DAY 3 - OCTOBER 22, 2026

Omni – Corpus C (900 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas, 78401)

7:00-8:00 am - BREAKFAST

8:00-9:30 am - SESSION 7: Resilience and Adaptation in Estuary Watersheds

A technical session highlighting practical adaptation strategies being implemented across NEPs.

Possible topics:

- Marsh migration planning
- Flood vulnerability mapping
- Nature-based infrastructure
- Sea level rise scenario tools
- Community resilience partnerships

9:30-9:45 am - BREAK

9:45–11:00 am - SESSION 8: Communicating Science to Communities, Boards, and Policymakers

A communications and outreach session centered on making technical information actionable and understandable.

Possible topics:

- Storytelling with data
- State of the Bay report design
- Communicating uncertainty
- Legislative briefings
- Using social media and visualization tools

11:00 am – 12:00 pm - SESSION 9: Measuring Outcomes and Demonstrating Program Impacts

A session focused on performance metrics and demonstrating return on investment.

Possible topics:

- Environmental indicators
- Economic valuation of restoration
- Tracking acres restored versus ecological function
- Leveraging metrics and match reporting
- Success stories for funding support

12:00 pm – MEETING ADJOURNED