



SERPPAS Spring 2025 Steering Committee Meeting

February 19, 2025 – February 20, 2025
9:30AM (Wednesday) – 12PM (Thursday) ET
Atlanta, GA

AGENDA

Purpose: To engage SERPPAS Steering Committee members in Partnership progress and prepare for the 2025 Principals meeting celebrating the 20-year anniversary of the Partnership.

Meeting Objectives:

- Share updates from focus area work groups on progress, opportunities and needs advancing the SERPPAS Strategic Plan;
- Discuss the assignment feedback received from the Principals and the incorporation into the 2025 SERPPAS Principals meeting through a draft meeting design;
- Prepare the Steering Committee to brief their Principal ahead of the 2025 SERPPAS Principals Meeting.

Meeting Outcome: The SERPPAS Steering Committee continues to support the partnership and work group actions, has provided input and guidance to finalize the 2025 SERPPAS Principals meeting, and is prepared to brief their Principal for attendance and participation at the 2025 SERPPAS Principals Meeting.

February 19	Topic	Lead
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Purpose: To welcome attendees to the meeting and set the stage for the purpose and process of the meeting.</p> <p>Read-Ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principals and Steering Committee List • Organizing For Impact – SERPPAS Roles and Responsibilities 	<p>Co-Chairs: Ryan Orndorff, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Environmental Management & Restoration)</p> <p>Shannon Deaton, NC Wildlife Resources Commission</p> <p>Nancy Walters, Facilitator</p>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<p>SERPPAS Partnership Updates</p> <p>Purpose: To share any general Partnership updates.</p> <p>Read-Ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2024 SERPPAS Steering Committee Meeting Summary 	<p>Bruce Beard, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute (<i>on behalf of Addie Thornton</i>)</p>



<p>10:30 am – 11:00 am</p>	<p>South Carolina Office of Resilience Purpose: To introduce the new agency and Steering Committee member to SERPPAS with an overview of the organization, priorities and overlapping interests with SERPPAS.</p>	<p>Alex Butler, Resilience Planning Director, SC Office of Resilience</p>
<p>11:00 am – 11:45 am</p>	<p>Southeast Prescribed Fire Initiative Purpose: To give updates about work group priorities and actions since the Fall 2024 SERPPAS Steering Committee Meeting.</p>	<p>Jenn Fawcett, NC State University Paul Catlett, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute/ DoD Wildland Fire Program</p>
<p>11:45 am – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch on your own – Cafeteria on the first floor</p>	
<p>1:00 pm – 1:45 pm</p>	<p>Coastal Resilience & Regional Adaptation Work Group Purpose: To give updates about work group priorities and actions.</p>	<p>Michelle Covi, UGA Marine Extension & Georgia Sea Grant</p>
<p>1:45 pm – 2:15 pm</p>	<p>South Atlantic Salt Marsh Initiative Purpose: To give an update on the progress of SASMI and the proposal for a SASMI Champion in SERPPAS.</p>	<p>Amanda Gobeli, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute</p>
<p>2:15 pm – 3:30 pm</p>	<p>SERPPAS at 20 – 2025 SERPPAS Principals Meeting Purpose: To discuss the Principals feedback that informed the meeting design for the 2025 SERPPAS Meeting and come to consensus on finalizing the agenda and preparing the briefing packet to prepare the SERPPAS Principals for participation. Also discuss how “big ideas” may inform SERPPAS actions moving forward. Read-Ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRAFT 2025 Principals Meeting Agenda • DRAFT 2025 Principals Meeting Logistics 	<p>Bruce Beard, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute/SERPPAS (<i>on behalf of Addie Thornton</i>) Nancy Walters, Facilitator</p>
<p>3:30 pm – 3:45 pm</p>	<p>Networking Break</p>	
<p>3:45 pm – 4:05 pm</p>	<p>At-Risk, Threatened and Endangered Species Work Group Purpose: To give updates about work group priorities and actions.</p>	<p>Becky Harrison, USFWS Southeast Region</p>
<p>4:05 pm – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>DoD Range-wide Monarch Conservation Strategy Purpose: To share an overview of the strategy and how SERPPAS partners can utilize with their efforts.</p>	<p>Kelsey McCullough, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute</p>
<p>4:30 pm</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>	



Southeast Regional Partnership for
Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)





February 20	Topic	Lead
9:00 am – 9:10 am	Welcome Back & Reflections	SERPPAS Co-Chairs
9:10 am – 9:40 am	Sentinel Landscapes in the Southeast Purpose: To give updates about work group priorities and actions.	Bruce Beard , Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute
9:40 am – 10:10 am	Longleaf Sustainability Analysis Purpose: To overview the LSA tool and how it can be used to prioritize areas on the landscape for implementation of restoration and conservation actions in Sentinel Landscapes and beyond.	Ryan Bollinger , The Longleaf Alliance Katy Smith , Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute
10:10 am – 10:40 am	Natural & Working Lands – US Climate Alliance Purpose: To learn about North Carolina’s efforts under the US Climate Alliance to scale best practices for land management, restoration, and conservation to contribute to emission reductions and carbon sequestration and to integrate natural and working lands into state mitigation and resilience plans.	Misty Franklin , Deputy Director for Natural Heritage, Division of Land and Water Stewardship, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
10:40 am – 10:55 am	Networking Break	
10:55 am – 11:25 am	Energy Development & Siting Work Group Purpose: To give updates about the status and direction of this focus area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on small group efforts and questions to SERPPAS • Recommendation moving forward 	Lindy McDowell , U.S. Army Environmental Command
11:25 am – 12:00 pm	Open Forum Purpose: To allow time for any other topics to be raised that aren’t already on the agenda.	All
12:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Meeting Adjourns	SERPPAS Co-Chairs