

**SERPPAS Innovations Workshop and  
Principals Meeting  
May 6-7, 2015  
NC Museum of Natural Sciences  
Raleigh, NC**

**AGENDA**

**Purpose:** To bring together partners and external stakeholders to reflect on the successes of the past and generate new ideas, promising innovations, and possible objectives for SERPPAS to consider while continuing to serve as a mutually beneficial and effective partnership over the next 10 years.

**Tuesday, May 5**

*Participants: SERPPAS Principals, Steering Committee and Staff, and External Stakeholders*

**6:00 pm**      **Optional Dinner at Bolt Bistro Restaurant: Welcome to North Carolina—  
Celebrating the Power of Partnership**

**Wednesday, May 6**

*Participants: SERPPAS Principals, Steering Committee and Staff, and External Stakeholders*

**8:00 am**      **Coffee, Bagels, and Fruit**

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**8:30 am**      **Meeting Begins**

**8:30 – 8:40**      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Steve Troxler, Commissioner, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and  
Consumer Services*

*Frank DiGiovanni, Director, Force Readiness and Training, Office of the Deputy  
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness)*

*Emlyn Koster, Director, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences*

**8:40 – 9:00**      **Process Review and Introductions**

*Nancy Walters, Facilitator, Nancy R. Walters Consulting*

**9:00 – 9:30**      **Plank Holder Perspectives: SERPPAS Turns 10—The Evolution of Cooperation  
and Innovation for Mutually Beneficial Outcomes Across the Southeast**

*Dave Duma, Principal Deputy Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the  
Secretary of Defense*

*Bill Ross, Brooks Pierce*

*Bruce Beard, Associate Director, Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources*

*Linda Rimer, Region 4 Liaison to North & South Carolina, U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency*

**9:30 – 10:20 Panel #1: Advancing Sentinel Landscapes in the Southeast**

*The concept of “Sentinel Landscapes” is an emerging effort focused on prioritizing conservation efforts related to working lands and natural areas in a manner that support, either directly or indirectly, sustaining military testing, training and operations. A number of federal, state and local programs, initiatives, partnerships and tools exist to support these goals, but a more focused strategic approach based on identified, mutually beneficial outcomes would certainly allow for a synergy of efforts. Identifying the overlap of priorities and, more crucially, acting on those priorities presents both significant opportunity and challenge.*

*The intent of this panel is to identify innovative approaches, successes and challenges related to developing and implementing landscape scale, cooperative, multi-stakeholder programs and how those lessons learned can contribute to moving “Sentinel Landscapes” in the Southeast from concept to practice, and benefiting DoD installations, other SERPPAS partners and external stakeholders.*

- Moderator Overview – Ryan Orndorff, Deputy Director, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations & Environment)
- Defining the DoD Mission "Footprint" – John Mathers, Deputy Division Manager, Integrated Planning Division, Leidos support to Eglin Air Force Base
- Landscape Conservation Planning – Tim Breault, Coordinator, Peninsular Florida Landscape Conservation Cooperative, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Coordinating Federal Programs to Maximize Outcomes – James Tillman, Southeast Regional Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Discussion

**10:20 – 10:35 Break****10:35 – 11:25 Panel #2: Exploring Off-Base Regulatory Solutions for At-Risk Species**

*Across the Southeast, Department of Defense installations support important habitats and populations of listed and at-risk species. Regulatory protections for listed species may sometimes conflict with military training. In coming years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will have to evaluate more than 400 at-risk species for potential listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). If all of these at-risk species are listed, this conflict could be significantly increased. In response to this challenge, DoD Office of Secretary of Defense and USFWS Region 4 are collaborating to develop a system for pre-listing mitigation credits for conservation actions by DoD installations. This system would conserve listed and at-risk species and work toward precluding the need to list under ESA, maintain military base mission capabilities and mission readiness, and provide regulatory predictability to DoD installations for future ESA Section 7 consultations.*

*The purpose of this panel is to explore conservation of listed and at-risk species off-base and to identify approaches that can conserve these species while providing regulatory predictability to installations.*

- Moderator Overview – Mike Harris, At-Risk Species Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region
- USFWS Perspective – Leo Miranda, Assistant Regional Director of Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Military Perspective – Bob Larimore, Fort Benning Land Management Branch, U.S. Army Infantry Center
- NGO Perspective – James Cummins, Executive Director, Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Discussion

**11:25 – 12:15 Panel #3: Engaging Regional Planners and Private Landowners to Guide Development and Land Use**

*Facing substantial future population increases in the southeastern U.S. and changes in land use and climate, what ways can members of SERPPAS, working with other stakeholders, shape and guide development and land use in line with mutually shared objectives? Are there innovative or overlooked tools and collaborators that we can engage to keep working lands working in strategic locations and better work with the planning community to identify ways to influence development and compatible land use? This topic for action is a follow-up to input we received at the November 2014 SERPPAS Principals meeting concerning the Southern Megalopolis.*

*Suggested panel participants are to speak on innovative ways and key partners to engage in helping shape the rural and potentially developable landscapes with high conservation values, working lands important to local economies, and lands and uses compatible and important for military training and testing.*

- Moderator Overview – Tom Darden, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities
- Community Planning Perspective – Richard Woodruff, City Manager, City of Jacksonville, North Carolina
- Private Landowner Perspective – George Miller, North Carolina Eastern Alliance
- Forestry Industry Perspective – Paul Trianosky, Vice President, Conservation and External Affairs, Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)
- Discussion

**12:15 – 1:30 Lunch**

**1:30 – 4:45 Workshop**

*Participants will work in groups to engage in a facilitated conversation, reflecting on the successes of the past and generating good ideas, promising innovations, and possible objectives for SERPPAS to continue to serve as a mutually beneficial and effective partnership over the next 10 years.*

- Background – SERPPAS Co-Chairs
- Facilitator Overview – Nancy Walters, Nancy R. Walters Consulting
- Warm-up – What has made SERPPAS efforts so successful in the past?

- Ideas for the Future – *How might SERPPAS support progress in the three topic areas presented in the morning? Think projects, tools, and objectives to tackle in the next 2-3 years.*
- Gallery Walk and Refreshment Break
- Presentation and Discussion of Best Ideas

**4:45 – 5:00 Day One Wrap Up**

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**5:30 – 7:00 Optional Reception at the North Carolina Governor’s Mansion: SERPPAS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

### **Thursday, May 7**

*Participants: SERPPAS Principals, Steering Committee and Staff only*

**8:00 am Coffee, Bagels, and Fruit**

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**8:30 – 8:40 Day Two Welcome**

**8:40 – 10:00 Setting Future Direction for SERPPAS**

- Panel moderators recap the results of Day One
- Facilitated discussion on recommended focus areas, objectives, and actions
- Wrap-up and charge to the Steering Committee

**10:00 – 10:15 Break**

**10:15 – 11:30 Setting Future Direction for SERPPAS (continued)**

**11:30 – 12:00 Business Meeting**

- State Co-Chair Transition
- Next Principals Meeting Planning

**12:00 Adjourn**

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**12:00 – 2:00 Optional Lunch and Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour (tentative)**

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**May 6-7, 2015**  
**Raleigh, NC**

**LOGISTICS**

**Meeting Location:**

William Ross Environmental Conference Center  
Nature Research Center  
North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences  
121 West Jones Street  
Raleigh, NC 27603  
(919) 707-9800  
<http://naturalsciences.org/nature-research-center>



**Lodging:**

Sheraton Raleigh Hotel  
421 South Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
(919) 834-9900  
<http://www.sheratonraleigh.com/>



**Room Reservations:**

A block of rooms is being held at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, at the standard rate of \$98/night on the nights of Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6. Check-in is after 3:00pm ET and check-out is before 12:00pm ET.

Please call **(800) 325-3535** and request a room under “**SERPPAS Principals Meeting**” by **Friday, April 17**. Alternatively, you may make your reservation online here:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1502240733&key=15E40B78> .

After the deadline, contact Chris Khoury (Khoury\_christopher@bah.com) for assistance making your hotel reservation.

**Meeting Schedule, Participants, Webinar Option, and Dress Code:**

The meeting will take place at the William Ross Environmental Conference Center at the Nature Research Center:

- Wednesday, May 6: 8:30am – 5pm ET. Participants: SERPPAS Principals, Steering Committee and Staff and Invited External Stakeholders
- Thursday, May 7: 8:30am – 12pm ET. Participants: SERPPAS Principals, Steering Committee and Staff only

For those not attending in person, you may participate in the meeting remotely via our Adobe Connect online webinar. For the facilitated workshop discussion on the afternoon of May 6,



remote participants will be able to provide input as a virtual group table. Instructions to join the webinar:

1. Please select the following link: <https://bah16f18.adobeconnect.com/r2wz5ptp0uh/>
2. Enter the webinar as a guest.
3. Upon entering the program, you will be prompted to enter your phone number.
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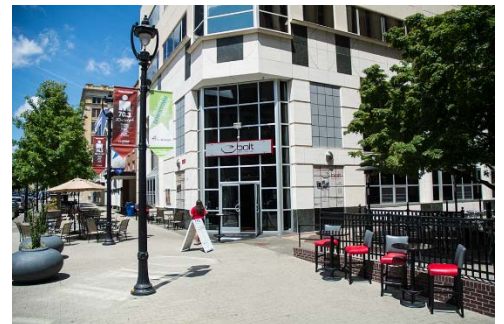
If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before:

- Test your connection: [https://bah16f18.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting\\_test.htm](https://bah16f18.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm)
- Get a quick overview: <http://www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect.html>

Dress code for the meeting: Business Professional (or equivalent military attire).

### **Tuesday Night Optional Dinner:**

An optional dinner welcoming attendees to North Carolina will be held on Tuesday night at 6:00-8:00pm at the **Bolt Bistro Restaurant** (<http://www.boltbistro.com/>). The nearby restaurant features a variety of classic American menu items using high quality local ingredients. Please meet at the hotel lobby at 5:30pm to walk to the restaurant as a group. Dress code: Business Casual (or equivalent military attire).



\*\*When you RSVP, please indicate whether you plan to attend this event. Payment by individual.\*\*

### **Wednesday Night Optional Reception:**

An optional reception to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SERPPAS will be held at the **North Carolina Governor's Mansion** on Wednesday night at 5:30-7:00pm. The private evening reception will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages. Completed in 1891, the house has been home to the state's governors and their families and has served as a political, social, and cultural center of the state for more than 100 years. The house is one of the few executive mansions in the nation built specifically for that purpose. Participants will gather immediately following the workshop to walk as a group to the reception from the meeting venue. For security purposes, photo identification is required and bags, camera cases, and cell phone use are prohibited inside the mansion. Dress code: Business Professional (or equivalent military attire).



\*\* When you RSVP, please indicate whether you plan to attend this event. An additional fee, which can be paid onsite at the meeting, is required for this activity.\*\*



#### **Thursday Afternoon Optional Lunch and Tour:**

An optional lunch and behind-the-scenes tour of the **North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences** is being scheduled on Thursday afternoon at 12:00-2:00pm. The museum is the largest of its kind in the Southeast. Exhibits include an expansive fossil collection, North Carolina gem and mineral treasures, a living conservatory, and arthropod zoo. Participants will

gather immediately following the meeting to walk as a group to Acro Café for lunch prior to the tour. Dress code: Casual (or equivalent military attire).

\*\*When you RSVP, please indicate whether you plan to attend this event. Note that this tour is tentative based on level of interest from the group. There is no additional cost required to attend this tour. Meal payment by individual.\*\*

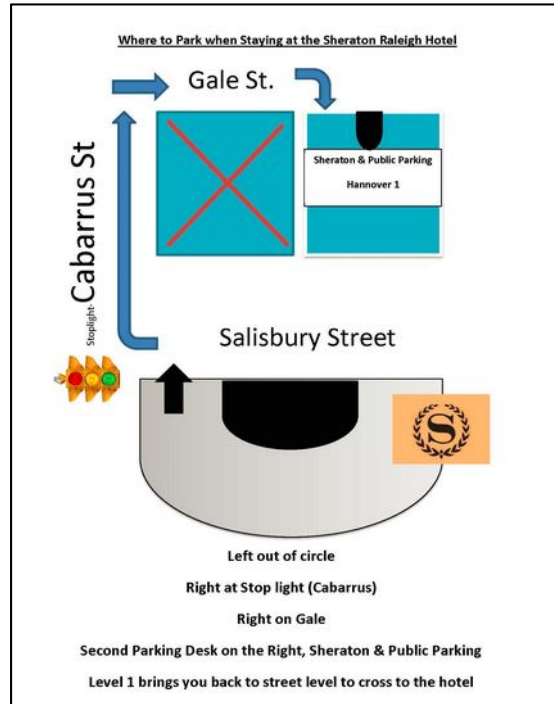
#### **RSVP:**

Please **RSVP by Friday, April 17** to Chris Khoury at (313) 600-1404 or [khoury\\_christopher@bah.com](mailto:khoury_christopher@bah.com).

We will collect **\$30 from each attendee** to cover the cost of all day coffee and beverages, light breakfast (e.g., yogurt, fruit, bagels), and a catered lunch on Wednesday, May 6. An **additional fee of \$20** will be collected for the optional reception on Wednesday, May 6. Finally, an **additional fee of \$10** will be collected for all day coffee and beverages and light breakfast (e.g., yogurt, fruit, bagels) for the SERPPAS-only business meeting on Thursday, May 7. Payment will be accepted in check (made out to Booz Allen Hamilton) or cash, and can be paid onsite at the meeting.

**Parking at the Hotel:**

Parking is available at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel at a rate of \$14/day for self-park or \$40/day at nearby oversized parking garage. Sheraton’s parking facility is located on Gale Street, which can be accessed by taking a right out of the hotel onto Salisbury Street, followed by a left on Cabarrus Street, and a right onto Gale Street.



**Parking at the Nature Research Center:**

Parking is available weekdays in several public pay parking decks (blue squares with “P” in map below) within walking distance of the Nature Research Center (star in map below).

- An above-ground lot is located one block east of the Museum, with entrances on Jones and Edenton Streets.
- The Green Square parking deck is at the corner of Edenton and McDowell Streets, behind the NRC. The entrance to the deck is on Edenton between Salisbury and McDowell Streets. Exit the deck on the north side and you will be at the back entrance to the NRC.



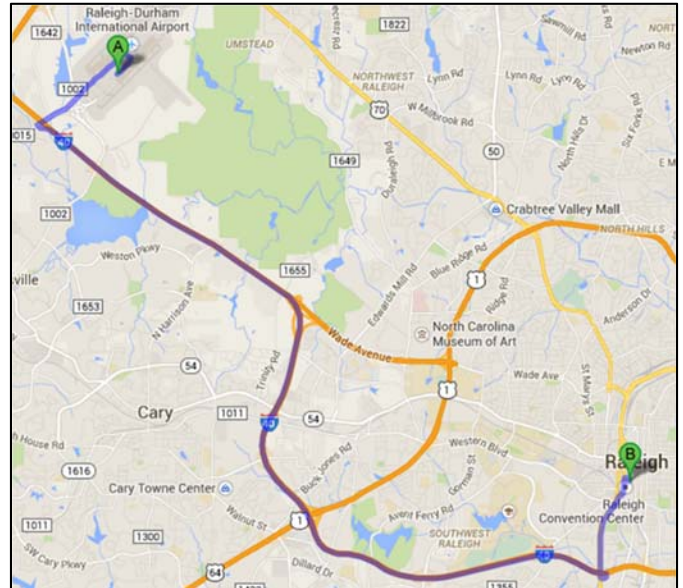
Parking rates at all Downtown State Government Complex parking facilities are \$2/hour.



**Directions:**

**From Raleigh-Durham International Airport to the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel**

- Take Interstate 40 East towards Raleigh and take Exit 298B (South Saunders Street)
- Keep Right and continue to McDowell Street and then turn right onto Davie Street
- Turn right onto South Salisbury Street to the hotel
- Distance: 19 miles (20-25 minutes)



**From the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel to the Nature Research Center**

**Driving:**

- Head south on South Salisbury Street toward Cabarrus Street
- Turn right onto W Lenoir Street
- Turn right onto S McDowell Street
- Turn right onto West Jones Street
- The Nature Research Center will be on the right.
- Distance: 0.7 mile (5 minutes)

**Walking:**

- Head north on South Salisbury Street toward Davie Street
- Turn left onto West Jones Street
- The Nature Research Center will be on the left
- Distance: 0.6 mile (10-15 minutes)

