



# Engineering With Nature Design Short Course

Welcome.

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 1pm-5pm

Westin Long Beach, California

# Summary

• Engineering With Nature® (EWN®), in partnership with Coastal Zone Foundation, is leading a four-hour course on designing natural-based infrastructure for increased coastal resilience. The course will include a series of technical presentations that cover a broad range of topics related to natural infrastructure (NI), including an overview of the EWN program, an introduction to NI applications in coastal wetlands and beaches, an overview of EWN Beneficial Use best practices, a description of available EWN design and modeling tools and materials, a review of the NNBF guidelines, and case studies describing the use of EWN Engineering tools.



#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1) Provide participants with an overview of the EWN® program, including its strategic program elements, R&D efforts, partnerships, policy efforts, and real world applications.
- 2) Demonstrate how NI promotes coastal resilience, flood risk reduction, and ecosystem services.
- 3) Introduce participants to EWN® tools, materials, and solutions.
- 4) Share the innovative research being conducted within the EWN program.
- 5) Extend the opportunity for others to get involved.



#### Intro to the Presenters

- Dr. Amanda Tritinger (USACE)
- Dr. Burton Suedel (USACE)
- Dr. Jackie Brower (Moffatt & Nichol)
- Dr. Arye Janoff (USACE)
- Tiffany Cheng, PE (USACE)
- Margaret Owensby (USACE)

#### Intro to Attendees?

Who are you?

What's your background/interest?

What do you hope to get out of this course?

Favorite ocean/estuary creature?



Time Top	pic/Action	Lead/Speaker
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1300 - 1320 Ope	ening remarks	Amanda Tritinger
Sho	ort Course Introduction to EWN – Strategic Program	USACE/ERDC
Elei	ments, Research and Development at ERDC,	
Par	tnerships, Policy Efforts, Application around the	
Nat	ion	
-	Pass Out Exam Materials	
Sign	n In	
1320 - 1350 Intr	oduction to NI in Coastal Wetlands	Burton Suedel
Ove	erview of Mangroves, Salt Marsh, Oysters - EWN	USACE/ERDC
Арр	olied Research, Outcomes, Lab Studies, Modeling	
сар	abilities, and Case Studies	
-	Show Mangrove Flume Video	
5 to	o 10 minutes for questions	
1350 - 1420 EW	N Shoreline Protection	Jackie Brower
Intr	oduction and site evaluation and design	Moffatt & Nichol
con	siderations for	
1) b	peach, dune, and berm creation, nourishment for	
bea	ach stabilization on the coast, and;	
2) L	iving shorelines for shore protection in Estuarine	
Env	rironments.	
5 to	o 10 minutes for questions	
1420 - 1450 EW	N Beneficial Use Best Practices:	Arye Janoff
Ove	erview of the San Francisco Proving Ground District	San Francisco
stra	ategic sediment placement pilot project and EWN	District, USACE
eng	rineering tools	
	0 minutes for questions	
1450 - 1505 Bre	ak	
15 :	minute break	

# Agenda

Time	Topic/Action	Lead/Speaker
1505-1535	EWN Engineering Tools	Tiffany Cheng
	Overview of available NNBF tools and project	San Francisco
	examples of how NNBF engineering tools are used.	District, USACE
	5 minutes for questions	
1535-1620	EWN Engineering Design/Modeling	Margaret Owensby,
	Overview of EWN design and modeling tools,	& Amanda Tritinger
	materials, and tutorials.	USACE/ERDC
	10 minutes for questions	
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1620-	Natural and Nature-Based Feature (NNBF) Guidelines	Burton Suedel, &
1640	and Other EWN Strategic Communications	Amanda Tritinger
		USACE/ERDC
	5 minutes for questions	
1640 -	Closing remarks	Amanda Tritinger
1700	Where to find out more, and how to get involved.	USACE/ERDC
	Exit test	



# **Engineering With Nature**®



...the intentional alignment of natural and engineering processes to efficiently and sustainably deliver economic, environmental and social benefits through

collaboration.

#### Key Elements:

 Science and engineering that produces operational efficiencies

- Using natural process to maximum benefit
- Broaden and extend the benefits provided by projects
- Science-based collaborative processes to organize and focus interests, stakeholders, and partners



### The EWN<sub>®</sub> Approach: Innovation in Practice



#### **Policy development**

- Engagement with policymakers
- USACE policy/procedure development
- Engagement, partnering, and teaming
   Within USACE, e.g., EWN Proving Grounds
- With other organizations inside and outside government

#### Research

- Innovations in practice
- Taking the "long view"
- Establishing future targets and conditions
- Tools for delivery

#### On-the-ground projects and demos

 Across the spectrum of applications and project development (i.e., from planning to operations)

#### **Strategic communications**

- Individual research papers
- Visionary products, e.g., EWN Atlas
- Education, e.g., academic curricula, training







# **Engagement and Partnering:** The Network for Engineering With Nature (N-EWN)

Conservancy

Protecting nature: Preserving life.

- Large scale network is needed for innovation / knowledge acceleration
- Driven primarily by research community
- Aligning research with the needs of practice
- Grounding research in real projects
- EWN education: curricula and training
- Experiential learning for students systems thinking, cross-disciplinary training The Nature
- Types of partners
  - Research academic, private
  - Industry practitioners
  - Users and project owners
- Freely flowing communication and knowledge sharing











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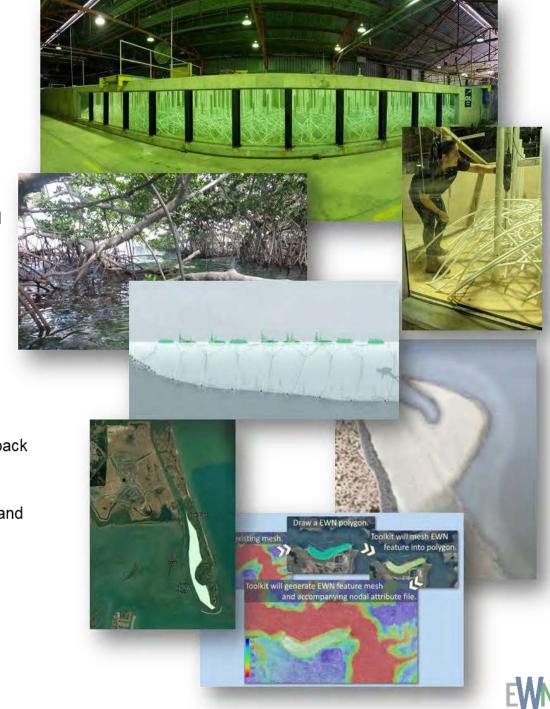
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## **EWN**<sub>®</sub> R&D Projects:

#### (some of)

- EWN Atlas Volume 1 and 2
- Engineering Guidance for Natural and Nature-Based Features International Guidelines!
- Remote sensing research for EWN Design and Application
- Incorporating EWN into Existing Infrastructure
- Synthesizing Beneficial Use of Dredge Material (BUDM) Efforts Undertaken by USACE into EWN ProMap
- Maximizing the Long-Term Function of Coastal Islands Derived from EWN Efforts
- Characterizing Engineering Performance of NNBF Combined with Conventional Measures
- Wave Attenuation of Coastal Mangroves During Extreme Water Levels at Near Prototype Scale
- EWN CSTORM Modeling Toolkit
- Implementing Sustainable Dredged Sediment Management Practices for Supporting Coastal Wetlands
- Coastal Carbon Capture via Beach Nourishment: Pilot Deployment of Olivine Sands as a Tool for Mitigating Climate Change
- Quantifying Engineering With Nature® (EWN®) Benefits Associated with Large-Scale Levee Setback Projects
- Quantifying the Efficacy of Floating Vegetated Canopies for Shoreline Protection
- Computational Modeling of Manmade Oyster Reefs: Life-cycle, Wave Attenuation, Performance, and Reliability
- Engineering With Nature® (EWN®) Jekyll Island "Sand Motor"
- Guidance for Modeling EWN® Watershed Management Methods using GSSHA
- Remote Sensing of Back-Bay Establishment Following Sediment Nourishment
- Comprehensive Benefits Evaluation for Nature-Based Solutions
- Identification of Opportunities for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Within Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway
- And more...



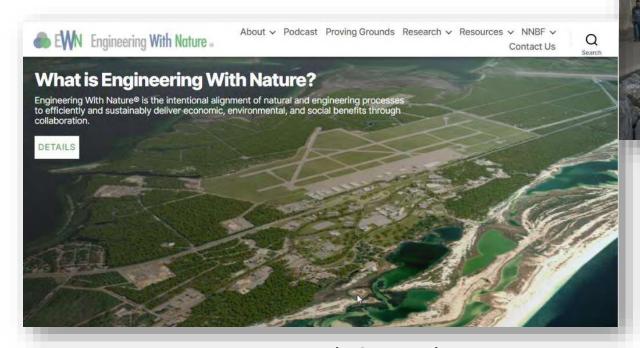
# On the GROUND Demonstration Projects EWN®: *USACE Proving Grounds*

- Galveston District
- Buffalo District
- Philadelphia District
- Mobile District
- San Francisco District
- St. Louis District
- South Pacific Division



# **Engineering With Nature**<sub>®</sub>

Let's Begin!



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