



ASBPA's  
National Coastal Conference:  
"Beaches, Bays and Beyond"

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Join us for three days of coastal science, policy, technology  
and politics in Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Information and program at [www.asbpa.org](http://www.asbpa.org).

***Fact Sheet***

Dates: Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017, 8 a.m. - Friday, Oct. 27, 2017, 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) ASBPA Contact: Kate & Ken Gooderham, Managing Directors. Conference sessions will be held at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center. The Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina is the host hotel and is located across the street at 1881 SE 17th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

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***Program\*\****

\***Full-day Short Course:** Tuesday, Oct. 24, "Government Affairs" from 8 a.m. until noon and "Coastal Biology & Ecology" from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

*Government Affairs:* WRDA, NOAA, EPW, JALBTCX... The federal government can be an alphabet soup of bills, committees and agencies, and how funding or legislative processes work can be just as murky. This introductory course will focus on the operational side of the federal government. You will learn how funding bills and policy go through Congress and get implemented, the role and purpose of various federal coastal agencies, and how you can influence the federal process and decision-makers. The course will also touch on the role of state and local governments in engaging with the federal government and policy.

*Coastal Biology and Ecology:* This course is an introduction to the basic concepts of ecology and biology relevant for understanding how ecosystems function. The over-arching ecological concepts framing the course will be applicable to many ecosystems, but the course content will provide up-to-date science for those interested in coastal resources, ecosystems and their services, and management. Practitioners taking this module will come away with an understanding of how coastal ecosystems (from marshes to barrier islands to estuaries) function and how human actions affect their ability to flourish and stabilize our vulnerable coasts.

These basic courses are intended for coastal practitioners, professionals, consultants and representatives from government agencies and nongovernmental organizations. Students and new professionals are also encouraged to attend.

The short course topic is one module that will be offered in partial completion of the Certified Coastal Practitioner (CCP) program. The complete program will consist of 10 modules offering a broad, multidisciplinary platform of knowledge for current and prospective coastal professionals, and providing an introductory look at the various areas of coastal expertise that are crucial to successful and sound coastal management. The basic objective of this program is to deliver the fundamentals of each topic applied in coastal management, so that individuals obtain exposure to a breadth of knowledge and expertise.

**Short Courses:** Tuesday, Oct. 24 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. includes lunch.

**ASBPA board meeting:** Wednesday, Oct. 25, 8:00-11:30 a.m.

**Registration opens:** Wednesday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m.

**Plenary Session:** Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1-5 p.m.

**Reception & Posters:** Wednesday, Oct.25, 6-7 p.m.

**Concurrent Sessions:** Thursday, Oct. 26, 8:00-noon, 2-5:00 p.m.

**Luncheon:** Thursday, Oct. 26, noon– 2p.m.

**Awards:** Thursday, Oct. 26, noon

**Scavenger Hunt:** Thursday, Oct.26, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Concurrent Sessions:** Friday, Oct. 27, 8:00 a.m.-noon

**Field trip:** Friday, Oct. 27, noon-5 p.m.

\* **Field Trip:** Friday, Oct. 27, Noon -5 p.m., includes box lunch. The field trip will show Fort Lauderdale's response to sea level rise and illustrate the city's resiliency. Much of South Florida's infrastructure was constructed over 50 years ago, and changes in sea level were not fully considered as part of the infrastructure design. Many of the south Florida's cities and municipalities are now replacing aging infrastructure and adopting to elevated sea levels and nuisance flooding. On this field trip, you will see

how the City of Ft. Lauderdale and Broward County are adopting and are becoming resilient to sea level changes.

\*Additional fee

\*\*Program, including times, will be in draft form and may be modified

### **Registration fees**

	ASBPA member	Non-ASBPA member	Student member	Student non-member*
Before Sept. 29	\$390	\$490	\$75	\$100
After Sept. 25	\$440	\$540	\$75	\$100
At the door (begins Oct. 19)	\$490	\$590	\$100	\$125
Full-day short course	\$160	\$160	\$25	\$25
Half-day field trip	\$75	\$75	\$35	\$35

Partial-event registrations available – check online registration for details.

Sponsorships are available...full details at [www.asbpa.org](http://www.asbpa.org)

Exhibit spaces are available \$2,200 (including conference registration) or \$1,900 (with no access to sessions or meals).

General conference sponsor ships are \$920 and include one registration.

Deadline for registration cancellation is Oct. 17 to receive a full refund (minus a \$50 processing fee).

Send checks or government purchase orders to ASBPA, 5460 Beaujolais Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33919-2704. To be officially registered, payments must be received by Oct. 17, 2017.

### **Hotel:**

The Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina is the host hotel. Conference room rates start at \$149. **The deadline for hotel rooms is Sept. 29.** Call 1-800-554-2131 and use group code ASBPA or go to the reservation website: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/ASBPA17>

### **Airport and airport transportation:**

The Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina is conveniently situated only two miles (10 minutes) from Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. Typical minimum charge for bus service is \$2 and \$14 for taxi.

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