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### **New & Noteworthy at NEMO**

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#### **Abstract Text:**

This presentation will highlight new approaches taken by the National Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) Network to educating local land use officials about the connection between land use and water quality. These approaches will demonstrate ways to reach and support local officials utilizing a variety of media and formats in an integrated way.

The National NEMO Network is an autonomous collective of 33 programs in 31 states focused on providing education and support to local land use decision makers to assist them in better protecting water quality. While face-to-face workshops are the main thrust of the NEMO educational approach, NEMO programs are increasingly supplementing those workshops with new geospatial visualization and modeling tools, planning tools, innovative topical and technical resources, and expanded topical presentations. This presentation will provide several examples of these new approaches and demonstrate the importance of providing a range of points of access and engagement for our target audiences.

#### **Impact Statement:**

The member programs of the National NEMO Network are making real progress in helping communities protect water quality through better land use planning. From changes to community plans to natural resource inventories to open space preservation to improved zoning regulations to low impact developments, communities catalyzed by NEMO education are changing the way they plan, regulate and build their landscape.