

**2026 National Roadside Vegetation Management Association
Annual Conference Agenda
Chattanooga Marriott Downtown**

Monday, September 14, 2026

- 3:00 – 4:00 **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4:00 – 6:00 **Conference Registration ~ Sponsored by: *Alligare*
Exhibitor Setup**

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

- 7:30 – 8:30 **Conference Registration ~ Sponsored by: *Alligare*
BREAKFAST ~ Sponsored by: *DeAngelo Contracting Services***
- 7:30 – 5:00 **Educational Posters**
- 8:30 – 8:35 **Welcome Remarks – 2026 NRVMA President**
Dee Mallory, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- 8:35 – 9:25 **Native Seed Research NCHRP 14-47**
Cathy Ford, Idaho DOT
- 9:25 – 10:15 **Roadside Vaseygrass Management and Bahiagrass Growth Suppression**
Dr. Michael Marshall, Clemson University
- 10:15 – 10:35 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by:**
- 10:35 – 11:25 **Knotroot Foxtail (*Setaria geniculata*) Biology and Management**
Nick Basinger, University of Georgia
- 11:25 – 12:15 **Pollinator Research Update**
Taylor Randell-Singelton, University of Georgia
- 12:15 – 12:45 **LUNCH ~ Sponsored by:**
- 12:45 – 1:35 **Native Grasses for Georgia Highway Rights of Way**
Richard Littleton, Georgia Department of Transportation
- 1:35 – 2:25 **Innovative IVM Products and How a Basic Manufacturer Supports the Industry**
Scott Wright, Corteva
- 2:25 – 2:45 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by: *Nutrien Solutions***

- 2:45 – 3:35 **Invasive Species Strike Team with Injection Sprayer UTVs**
Chris Blodget and Andrew Turner, Nutrien
- 3:35 – 4:25 **Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*) Management on Highway Rights of Way**
Joe Omielan, University of Kentucky
- 4:25 – 5:00 **Sign Up for Continuing Education Credits**

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

- 7:30 – 8:30 **BREAKFAST ~ Sponsored by:**
- 7:30 – 5:00 **Educational Posters**
- 8:30 – 9:15 **Exhibitor Recognition**
- 9:15 – 10:05 **Aquatic Vegetation Management**
Stephen Turner, TVA
- 10:05 – 10:25 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by:**
- 10:25 – 11:15 **Endangered Species in Pesticide Use Limitation Areas (PULAs)**
Leah Duzy, Compliance Services International
- 11:15 – 12:05 **Bareground Products from BASF**
Katelyn Venner, BASF
- 12:05 – 12:45 **LUNCH ~ Sponsored by:**
- 12:45 – 1:35 **Roadside Vegetation Management**
Hannah Wright Smith, University of Tennessee
- 1:35 – 2:25 **Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*) Management**
Shawn Askew, Virginia Tech
- 2:25 – 2:45 **BREAK ~ Sponsored by:**
- 2:45 – 3:25 **Barriers to Implementing Conservation for Pollinators on Highway Rights of Way**
Jennifer Hopwood, Xerces Society
- 3:25 – 4:15 **PFAS Inerts and Adjuvants in Herbicides**
Tom Mueller, University of Tennessee
- 4:15 – 5:00 **Sign Up for Continuing Education Credits**
- 5:00 – 8:00 **CASINO GAME NIGHT ~ Sponsored by: Opterra Solutions**
Tennessee River Room

Thursday, September 17, 2026

7:30 – 8:00 **BREAKFAST ~ Sponsored by:**

7:30 – 11:00 **Educational Posters**

8:30 – 9:20 **Pesticide Liability Bills in State Legislature (Failure to Warn Bills)**
Bridget Rollins, the National Agricultural Law Center, University of Arkansas

9:20 – 9:40 **BUSINESS MEETING**

9:40 – 10:30 **Artificial Intelligence in Vegetation Management**
Sean Donegan, Satelytics

10:30 – 11:00 **Raffle Drawing**
Closing Remarks
Dee Mallory, 2026 NRVMA President

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POSTER TITLES

*Taming the invader: managing vaseygrass (*Paspalum urvillei*) - LeAnne Burch (M.S. student)*

Assessing white clover response to residual and non-residual synthetic auxin herbicides - Roger Furlan (PhD student)

White Clover Tolerance to Spring and Summer-Applied Herbicides - David Russell

*Management Considerations for Milkweed (*Asclepias viridis*) Habitat in the Southeast - David Russell*

Guardrail Bareground Applications in KY: Spring or Fall Timing? - Joe Omielan

Some Early Pollinator Plot Establishment Herbicide Options - Joe Omielan

Comparing Backpack Sprayer Application Methods - Chris Gregory

*Evaluating Efficacy of Method on Macartney Rose (*Rosa bracteata*) – Chris Gregory*

Southeasternflora.com a Handy Weed Identification Resource – John Byrd, Charles Bryson, John Gwaltney

Mississippi Roadside Rights-of-Way: An Inventory of the Vegetation – John Byrd, Victor Maddox, Dave Thompson