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## Workshop 5: Equity in Natural & Nature- Based Solutions

### Continuing Education Credits: Course Information

**Workshop Series:**

Nature-Based Exchange

**Date of Workshop & Duration:**

January 18, 2023  
10:00am - 3:00pm (5 hours)

**Course Title:**

Equity in Natural & Nature-Based Solutions

**Location:**

Penn Center  
St. Helena Island, SC

**Number of Professional Development**

**Hours (PDH) Earned:**

3.5

**Sponsoring Organization:**

*Planners, PE's & Flood Plain Managers:* ACE  
Basin NERR Coastal Training Program/SCDNR  
*Landscape Architects:* South Carolina Chapter of  
the American Society of Landscape Architects

**Course Description:**

The fifth workshop in our Nature-Based Exchange workshop series explores the role of equity in natural and nature-based solutions. Designed as a combination of presentations and interactive breakout groups, attendees will learn what is holding communities back from utilizing nature-based solutions as they are exposed to techniques that enhance the capacity and voice of a community. A Q&A panel discussion will allow for the free-sharing of questions, thoughts, and ideas while breakout groups will promote conversation and actionable steps. Held at the historic Penn Center on St. Helena Island, this workshop will educate, inspire, and prepare attendees to better incorporate equity into nature-based projects across South Carolina.

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. Participants will learn what role equity currently plays in natural and nature-based solutions. Topics covered include: what steps can be taken to make nature-based solutions more equitable; what is holding communities back from utilizing nature-based solutions; and what work is being done to enhance a community's capacity and voice.
2. Participants will learn about the historic Penn Center - the first school in the south for formerly enslaved West Africans - and will explore the grounds.
3. Participants will engage in breakout groups that will result in actionable next steps for their organization and for South Carolina.

**Speakers**

- Marilyn Hemingway, CEO & President, Gullah Geechee Chamber of Commerce
- Steve Patterson, Director of Forestry, Center for Heirs' Property Preservation
- Cheryl Cail, Vice Chief, Waccamaw Indian People, and American Rivers
- Keisha Long, Environmental Justice Coordinator, SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control
- Omar Muhammad, Executive Director, Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities
- Latria Graham, journalist and fifth generation South Carolina farmer