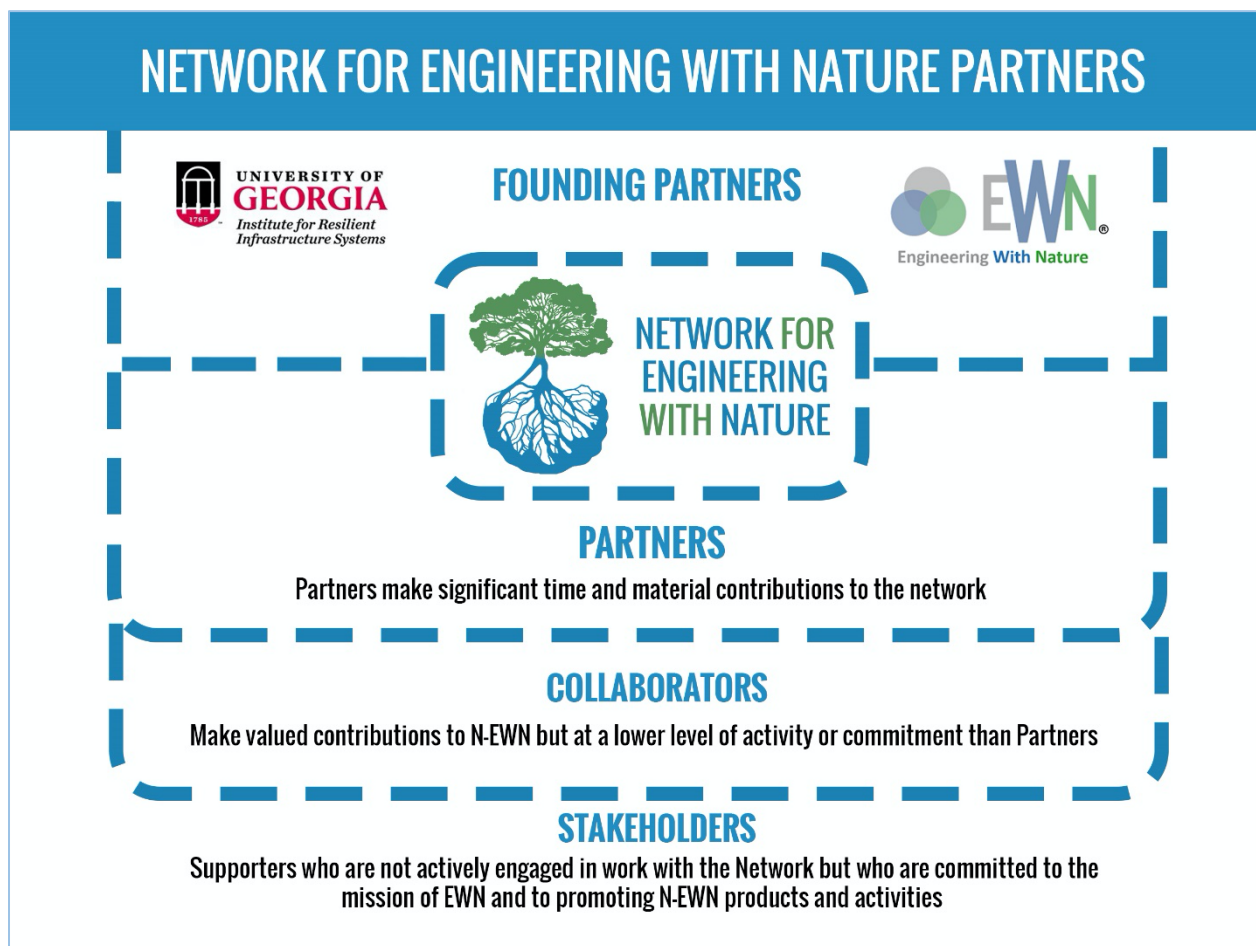


Network for Engineering with Nature (N-EWN) Governance

The Network for Engineering With Nature (N-EWN) is a community of researchers, practitioners, and educators working together to advance Engineering With Nature®. N-EWN’s approach relies on the belief that infrastructure challenges are best met through rich and in-depth collaboration, transdisciplinary teamwork, real-world applications, and education & outreach. This approach necessitates partnerships and connectivity across organizations, including government (federal, tribal, state, and local), universities, research institutions, non-profit partners, and the private sector. Building and maintaining effective connections across this spectrum requires a clear understanding of the structure and governance of the network.



Forms of Participation: N-EWN, or the “Network,” comprises diverse organizations and individuals who are developing and advancing the science, engineering, processes, methods, and techniques to maximize the effective and efficient use of natural and nature-based infrastructure. Participating in the Network can take one of four forms:

- **Founding Partners:** Founding and organizing members of N-EWN who set the general strategic direction of N-EWN, specifically the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineer Research and Development Center (USACE-ERDC) and the University of Georgia (UGA).
- **Partners:** Partners make significant time and material contributions to the network. Examples include contributing staff time and financial resources to develop and conduct research, apply EWN principles in practice, develop educational materials, and provide access to facilities, models, data, or other resources.
- **Collaborators:** Collaborators make valued contributions to N-EWN but at a lower level of activity or commitment than Partners. Activities of collaborators include participating in N-EWN research groups, receiving and implementing N-EWN research, hosting a N-EWN design team for a project, or collaborating with a N-EWN research team.
- **Stakeholders:** Stakeholders include government, non-government, public, private, and media sector supporters who are not actively engaged in work with the Network but who are committed to the mission of EWN and to promoting N-EWN products and activities.

Network Leadership: The Network explicitly seeks to foster sustained and substantive collaboration to advance N-EWN's mission and activities. The Network wants to maintain bottom-up and organic connections between groups to promote an agile and flexible collaboration space. However, to provide strategic direction and organization, the Network will have three standing committees:

- **N-EWN Executive Committee:** The founding partners and others designated by them will form the Executive Committee to set the broad strategic direction for the Network and oversee the Network's day-to-day operations. This group may designate committees made up of partner organizations to oversee project management, tracking, coordination, education, outreach, communication, and other topics as needed. The Executive Committee will meet quarterly to review current and proposed admissions, existing and proposed projects, major strategic initiatives, and other items as needed. The Executive Committee will also prepare a N-EWN Annual Report that summarizes past year N-EWN accomplishments and describes upcoming year objectives.
- **N-EWN Advisory Committee:** Each N-EWN partner may select one representative to serve on this committee, which will coordinate and implement the broad strategic direction of the Network. This committee will be chaired by a representative of the executive committee and meet twice a year to review strategic direction, current activities, and other items identified by the Executive Committee. The Advisory Committee will also collaborate on the N-EWN Annual Report with the Executive Committee.
- **N-EWN Operations Committee:** The Executive Committee designates appropriate personnel within their organizations to serve on this committee. The N-EWN Operations Committee will meet monthly to provide project management, administrative, and communication support for N-EWN.

Admission to N-EWN:

More information coming soon!