



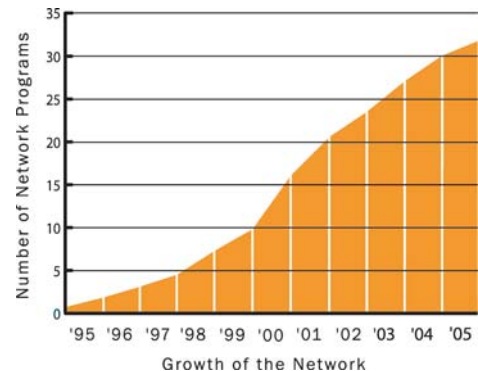
# The Network Hub is Here to Help

## Coordinating the Network

A primary role of the Network Hub is to help states interested in starting programs take the first few steps in getting organized. To date, the Hub has conducted over 100 workshops and scoping sessions, facilitating the creation of NEMO programs in 31 states and territories, and underwriting a steady growth in the size of the Network (figure, right). The Hub also provides developing programs a NEMO starter kit that contains all the materials necessary to get a NEMO program up and running, including PowerPoint™ presentations, publications and tips for setting up a program.

The role of the Network Hub has expanded considerably since late 1999, when funding for Network coordination was first procured. The brisk expansion of the Network underlined the importance of keeping both existing and new programs abreast of new advancements in land use practices and educational outreach.

Developing communication links between Network programs is a key responsibility of the Hub.



A list of the resources the Network Hub provides includes:

**Workshops:** As noted, one of the most important Hub functions is conducting workshops focused on building or enhancing a NEMO program. Scoping sessions are conducted in states considering forming a NEMO program. From time to time Hub staff participate in follow-up workshops focused on a particular issue or topic. In addition, program coordinators often visit the Hub for advice on keeping a program going.

**Communication:** The strength of the Network lies in the communication that is fostered between diverse professionals with common objectives. The Hub facilitates sharing and communication through the biannual Network newsletter that highlights developments around the Network, a Network-wide List-Serv and the National Network website that includes a secure area for members to share resources.

**Networking:** The Hub organizes a yearly Network conference, NEMO University (NEMO U). The purpose of the conference is to facilitate networking between programs. NEMO U4, held in April 2005 in Washington

Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) is a University of Connecticut educational program for land use decision makers that addresses the relationship of land use to natural resource protection.

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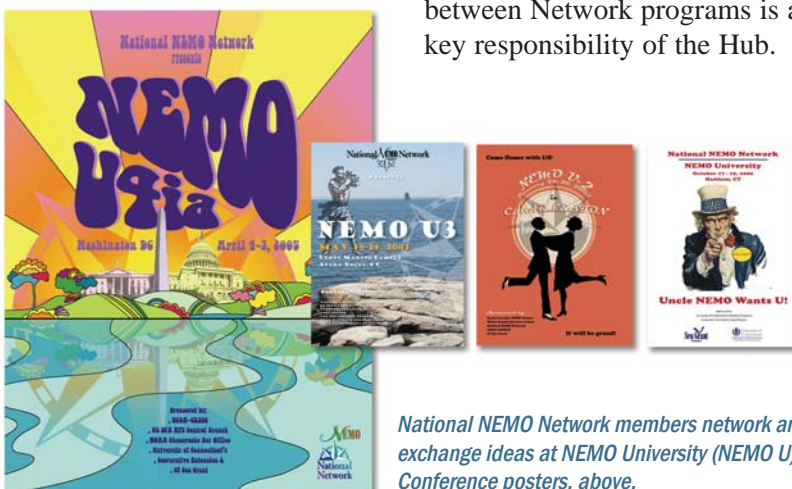
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National NEMO Network members network and exchange ideas at NEMO University (NEMO U). Conference posters, above.



Network Hub resources include: Network fact sheet series; Network Charter; Network Progress Report; Starter Kit CD; Open Space Boot Camp CD; NEMO U4 conference CD; Network newsletter; Member Resources password protected website.

DC, was attended by 100 Network participants, from 29 states, including agency folks from NASA, NOAA, USDA and NADO.

**Tracking Impacts:** NEMO measures its success in real, on-the-ground changes to land use policies and practices. This requires programs to remain in contact with municipalities long after the workshop has ended. The Hub assists Network programs with incorporating impact reporting into their programs. In addition the Hub compiles and promotes impacts in a semi-annual Network progress report.

**Geospatial Resources:** NEMO programs are in the vanguard of utilizing geospatial technologies as an educational resource. The Hub, together with the University of Connecticut Geospatial Technology Program, are working to make connections and create new tools for the use of NEMO programs. These include the National Geospatial Dataset website and the Impervious Surface Analysis Tool (ISAT). The Hub is also connected to other agencies and

networks that are working on cutting-edge geospatial information and technology, such as the NASA Earth Science Enterprise's Regional Earth Sciences Application Center (RESAC) network, the NOAA Coastal Services Center and the NASA Space Grant Geospatial Technology Extension Program.

**Training:** The Hub holds periodic training sessions for Network members to help them expand programming in their states. Past sessions have included an open space planning "boot camp" and an ISAT training workshop.

**Partnerships:** The Hub builds partnerships with other organizations and federal agencies to bring additional expertise to the Network. These partners give technical, topical and financial assistance to Network programs.

As the Network matures, the Hub will continue to respond to the needs of member programs, helping them hone and expand their services to local land use decision makers.

GeoSpatial Datasets Website:  
[clear.uconn.edu/geospatial](http://clear.uconn.edu/geospatial)

ISAT:  
[www.csc.noaa.gov/crs/cwq/isat](http://www.csc.noaa.gov/crs/cwq/isat)

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