

Subject: **Function-Based Wetland Restoration Training Workshop**

Workshop Participants

We are looking forward to the workshop next week. The agenda can be found here http://www.aswm.org/pdf_lib/region_7_function_based_wetland_restoration_agenda.pdf and we have a web page with the agenda and other background materials and handouts here <http://www.aswm.org/8251-region-7-function-based-wetland-restoration-training-workshop>. We will have hard copies of the agenda, directions, and handouts you will need to carry out workshop exercises at the workshop. This page includes those materials as well as additional background information that may be useful. All participants will also receive a copy of book "Wetland Restoration and Construction - A Technical Guide."

The workshop begins 8:00 a.m. Tuesday May 5 at the EPA Region 7 Office, 11201 Renner Blvd, Lenexa. It can take some time to get through security so please plan to arrive between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m.

Food preferences/restrictions for lunch Wednesday and Thursday: Box lunches will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday. **Please respond to the e-mail to let us know if you are a vegetarian, suffer from food allergies, are gluten intolerant etc. so we have a meal for you.**

Medical Issues: **If you have any medical issues we should be aware of to ensure your safety such as a severe bee sting allergy please respond to this e-mail.** Let us know what the medical issue is as well as whether you carry any medications, etc. For example people with bee allergies often carry epi-pens.

Transportation: On Tuesday and Wednesday we will be taking a school bus from the EPA Regional office to the field sites. On Thursday you will need to drive to the wetland restoration site where we will be for the entire day.

Dress Code: We will be in the field walking through grasslands and on uneven ground every day so dress appropriately. Part of the day Tuesday and Wednesday will be in the classroom. Right now the long term weather forecast includes a chance of thunderstorms Tuesday through Thursday with highs in the mid 70's. Please scroll down for more information on materials and clothing that is recommended.

Exiting and Entering the EPA Regional Office During the Class: Please be aware that if you exit the building without an EPA escort and your day pass, you will need to go through security again. If you have both an EPA escort and the pass you get when you go through security at the beginning of the day you do not need to go through security again. This applies to folks going outside for fresh air or to smoke during a classroom break as well as exiting and re-entering after a field trip. This is particularly important for the Wednesday morning field trip so you can get back in without going through security again for the afternoon session.

After Hours Tuesday and Wednesday: On Tuesday evening if you are interested in the opportunity to continue to talk to the instructors and participants, please join us for Happy Hour at the Embassy Suites in Overland Park, 10601 Metcalf Avenue. <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Embassy+Suites+Kansas+City-Overland+Park/@38.935236,-94.666115,17z/data=!3m1!4m2!3m1!1s0x87c0ea4aa3d3d7a9:0xcf46237053845022> On Wednesday evening a group dinner is planned at Longhorn Steakhouse located at 16689 W 119th St., Olathe, KS

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/16689+W+119th+St,+Olathe,+KS+66061/@38.9124079,-94.7790781,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x87c095a2b7d6>

Materials to Bring: Below is a list of clothing and materials recommended for the workshop. We anticipate most folks will be driving and the list reflects that. If you are flying, you do not need to bring all of this. If you do not have some of these items, don't worry about. We will be breaking into groups in the field so everyone does not need to have a soil auger or a Munsell soil chart, etc. Be sure to bring the items needed to ensure your personal comfort and safety.

Field Clothing:

1. Prepare for inclement weather – rain gear, etc.
2. Prepare for ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes – insect repellent
3. Prepare for heat – bring plenty of water, electrolyte drinks, etc. I will have some ice, water in 2 coolers.
4. Prepare for sun – bring sunscreen, hat, shades, etc
5. If you prefer – pants, long sleeve
6. Field boots
7. Waders – optional - we will be looking at wetlands at the drier end of the spectrum

Field Gear:

Field Guides to Identify Plants
Pencil
Field notebook and rain notebook (just in case)
Water (to drink and to test soil)
Soil Auger
Tile spade (long narrow shovel)
Soil knives
Munsell Chart
Clipboard
Camera
Camp chair (for day 3)
Laptop (optional)

Please keep in mind that if it does rain, your electronic equipment may be ruined, and that EPA is not responsible for any equipment that may get lost or damaged on this training.

Weather:

If it rains (high probability of shower or thunderstorms), we will continue to work in the rain unless it's raining cats and dogs.

If there's lightning, we will seek nearby shelter.

If there's a tornado, we will seek nearby shelter such as a building/basement. (Is this a possibility? Yes, it has happened before, specifically in May 2011! Fortunately, everyone was safe. 😊)

Medical Services:

If you need medical services (hopefully not), the nearest hospital is:
Overland Park Regional Medical Center
10500 Quivira Rd,
Overland Park, KS 66215

We look forward to getting the chance to talk to each of you at the workshop. If you have specific topics you want to make sure the instructors touch on please let us know.



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