



Land Trust Training Course: Taking on Long-Term Stewardship Responsibilities of Wetland Mitigation Sites

May 30 – June 1, 2007

**McMenamins Kennedy School
Portland, Oregon**

Draft Agenda

Training Course Description:

Long-term stewardship responsibilities for wetlands, streams, and other aquatic resources, that are restored, enhanced, created, or preserved as compensatory mitigation under §404 of the Clean Water Act are often turned over to non-profit, private conservation organizations, such as land trusts, to manage in perpetuity. This 2-day training course will provide land trusts with an overview of the §404 Program, the tools to evaluate proposed projects, and the ability to calculate adequate long-term stewardship needs.

Objectives:

The two-day session is designed to provide 30 participants with the following information:

- Basics of the §404 Program
- Basics of compensatory mitigation, including mitigation policy, mitigation methods, and mitigation mechanisms
- Overview of the roles and risks of land trusts becoming involved in mitigation
- Review of mitigation plan elements
- Guidance on reviewing mitigation plans
- How to evaluate stewardship tasks, calculate an adequate long-term stewardship endowment, and guarantee a long-term funding source

Day One: May 30, 2007

- 12:30 – 1:00 pm Registration
- 1:00 – 1:30 **Welcome & Introductions**
- Jessica Wilkinson, Environmental Law Institute
- 1:30 – 2:30 **The Basics of the §404 Program**
- Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Wetlands Division
- 2:30 – 2:45 BREAK
- 2:45 – 4:30 **The Basics of the §404 Program – Questions & Answers**
- Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Wetlands Division
- 4:30 – 5:00 **EXERCISE: Name the Mitigation Mechanism**
- Rebecca Kihslinger, Environmental Law Institute
- 5:00 pm **Wrap-up & Adjourn**

Day Two: May 31, 2007

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:15 **The Role of Land Trusts in Mitigation**
- Sherry Teresa, Center for Natural Lands Management
- 9:15 – 10:15 **Compensatory Mitigation Plans in Detail**
- TBD
- 10:15 – 10:30 BREAK
- 10:30 – 12:00 **EXERCISE: Reviewing Sample Mitigation Plans**
- Rebecca Kihslinger, Environmental Law Institute
- 12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm **Calculating Long-Term Stewardship Costs**
- Jessica Wilkinson, Environmental Law Institute
- 1:45 – 2:45 **Planning Sustainable Conservation Projects: The Property Analysis Record (PAR)**
- Sherry Teresa, Center for Natural Lands Management

- 2:45 – 3:00 BREAK
- 3:00 – 4:00 **Planning Sustainable Conservation Projects: The
Property Analysis Record (PAR)**
- Sherry Teresa, Center for Natural Lands Management
- 4:00 **Wrap-up & Adjourn**
- 5:00 – 6:00 RECEPTION
- 6:00 DINNER

Day Three: June 1, 2007

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00 **EXERCISE: Potential Opportunities and Liabilities of
Getting Involved in Mitigation**
- Jessica Wilkinson, Environmental Law Institute
- 9:00 – 11:00 **EXERCISE: Conducting a PAR Analysis**
- Sherry Teresa, Center for Natural Lands Management
- 11:00 – 11:15 BREAK
- 11:15 – 12:00 **EXERCISE: Conducting a PAR Analysis**
- Sherry Teresa, Center for Natural Lands Management
- 12:00 **Wrap-Up & Adjourn**
- 12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH