

2012 BWSR Academy – Concurrent Sessions Schedule

Monday, October 29	Track 1 Organizational Capacity	Track 2 Technical	Track 3 Wetlands	Track 4 Program	Track 5 Workshops	Office Hours
10:00-10:30	Welcome and Introduction					
10:30-12:00	Color Communication – Unlocking the Answers to Human Behavior	How to Collect Usable Data; Data Analysis Practices	The Goals of Comprehensive Wetland Planning	Conservation Universe – Orientation to the Who, Why and How of Your Role in MN Conservation	OPEN	
1:30-3:00	Business Strategies for Local Governments	SWCD Technical Approval Authority – Inventory & Beyond	Assessing Wetland Functions for Regulatory Purposes – MnRAM & WCA	Watershed Based Local Water Management Planning	Forestry for Water Quality	
3:30-5:00	Conservation Leadership: Building Partner and Customer Loyalty	Conservation Drainage – Emerging Issues	Identifying & Classifying the Wetland Plant Communities of MN	Conservation Practice Compliance	Forestry for Water Quality (continued)	
Tuesday, October 30	Track 1 Organizational Capacity	Track 2 Technical	Track 3 Wetlands	Track 4 Program	Track 5 Workshops	Office Hours
8:30-10:00	Practical Project Management	Technical Writing for the Public	They Said I Need to Check With You: The Basics of MN Wetland Regulation	Understanding MPCA Reporting Requirements for NRBG Grants	MIDS Preview	
10:30-12:00	Practical Project Management (continued)	Ditches, Dams, & Stream Connectivity – Issues & Solutions	They Said I Need to Check With You: The Basics of MN Wetland Regulation (continued)	RIM 201	MIDS Preview (continued)	Wetland Vegetation, Hydrology & Soils Lab
1:00-2:30	The Ins & Outs of Hiring & Performance Management	Use of LiDAR-derived Data and Tools to Streamline Conservation Planning & Implementation	WCA with a Twist	Watershed Coordination & the Clean Water Fund	Fundamentals of Planning: A Comprehensive Introduction to the Planning Process	Wetland Vegetation, Hydrology & Soils Lab
2:45-4:15	Best Business Practices: There's Nothing 'Soft' about Soft Controls!	Conservation Planning Basics	Wetland Hydrology & Vegetation Monitoring Basics	State Cost Share, Clean Water Funds – Working With Private Landowner Contracts & Other Program Requirements	Fundamentals of Planning: A Comprehensive Introduction to the Planning Process (continued)	Wetland Vegetation, Hydrology & Soils Lab
Wednesday, October 31	Track 1 Organizational Capacity	Track 2 Technical	Track 3 Wetlands	Track 4 Program	Track 5 Workshops	Office Hours
8:30-10:00	Grant Writing: Getting Down to Basics	Invasive Species: The Threat & Your Role	Drainage Systems – Setbacks, WCA Exemptions, & Restorations	Year End Requirements: How to Gain the Upper Hand	Wetland Delineation – Situational Field Exercise	
10:30-12:00	From Facebook to Twitter: The Pros and Cons of Social Media	OPEN	Agricultural Wetland Banking	Grants Verification & Impacts on Local Governments	Wetland Delineation – Situational Field Exercise (continued)	