



Mark your Calendars for a Technical Workshop
Sponsored by the New Mexico Chapters of the Soil & Water Society

RIPARIAN RESTORATION PLANNING WORKSHOP

October 15-16, 2008 - Double Tree Hotel, Albuquerque New Mexico

OBJECTIVE: To provide a detailed/comprehensive training in riparian restoration planning methodology and techniques for southwest ecosystems. The workshop is for conservationists who will be providing both planning, and designing assistance in treating riparian areas in the arid Southwest.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Land managers, landowners, researchers, government agencies, consultants, anyone active in riparian restoration.

ON THE AGENDA:

October 14, 9 AM to 4 PM: Field Tour (Optional)

This will be an in-field, hands-on training in planting methods to re-establish native vegetation. Each participant will be involved with planting a variety of shrubs, trees, poles other vegetation using special techniques that will establish plants without irrigation in a hydraulically disconnected flood plain. This tour is limited to the first 30 people, first come served.

October 15, 8 AM – 4 PM: Classroom Training

The training is founded on the science based, "conservation planning process". This is a four-step process that focuses on:

Step 1 - Developing Project Objectives

Step 2 - Collecting On-site Resource Data: Site location, soils, climate, hydrology, channel condition, plants and wildlife.

Step 3 - Analyzing Riparian Site Conditions:

Hydrologic factors, soil erosion and deposition factors, and vegetation factors.

October 16, 8 AM – 12 PM: Classroom Training

Step 4 - Design Consideration: Control of invasive species, streambank and channel stabilization, livestock and wildlife management, shallow and

deep water table plantings, criteria for wildlife habitat, maintenance and monitoring.

Planting Scenarios Seccession - Pond vegetation treatment, grass seeding, riverbank Willow treatment on sandy soils, perennial streambank vegetation treatment, understory treatment.

Using the Visual Riparian Assessment Tool –

The visual riparian tool was developed for use of Natural Resources Conservation Service field office conservationists. An assessment score sheet allows the user to determine whether or not the riparian area is functioning, and in what capacity, and will also direct the user to the elements of concern.

COST: SWCS members receive a \$25.00 discount

\$10 Tour (includes lunch)

\$150 Early Registration – deadline Sept. 15th

\$175 Sept 16 – October 1 (on-line registration ends)

\$225 Late Registration October 2 – October 15

Includes a lunch (October 15 only) and refreshments breaks during sessions.

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Make your reservations on-line at through the NM SWCS website: <http://www.nmswcs.org/>

LODGING: Double Tree Hotel, Downtown Albuquerque - an outstanding hotel. Cost is \$75 per night; you ***must*** request the "SWCS" room block to get this great price. Call 1-800-584-5058 to make reservations or click here:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/ALBSMDT-RIP-20081014/index.jhtml>

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