



Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group

Hosted by Energy Resources Center at University of Illinois-Chicago
 at Student Center East, 750 S Halsted Street, Chicago, IL
 Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:00am - 5:30pm CST
 Illinois B Room (3rd Floor)

DAY 1

8:00 - 9:00 am	COFFEE RECEPTION	
Introduction to Creating the Business Case for Habitat Programs		
9:00 - 9:30 am	Pollinators and People	André Copeland, <i>Chicago Zoological Society</i>
9:30 - 9:50 am	White Paper: Creating the Business Case for Habitat on Rights-of-Way	Kristine Nemeč, <i>UNI Tallgrass Prairie Center</i> Iris Caldwell, <i>UIC Energy Resource Center</i>
Demonstrating Cost Savings		
9:50 - 10:20 am	The Business Case for IVM on Electric Transmission ROW	John Goodfellow, <i>BioCompliance Consulting</i>
10:20 - 10:50 am	A Picture = Thousand Words, but \$\$ Talks	Matt Kraushar, <i>Indiana DOT</i>
10:50 - 11:00 am	Break	
Addressing Regulatory Uncertainty		
11:00 - 11:15 am	Reducing Uncertainty by Increasing Conservation	Parker Moore, <i>Beveridge & Diamond</i>
11:15 - 11:30 am	Assurance Options and Innovative Ways to Get Them Faster	Timothy Male, <i>Environmental Policy Innovation Center</i>
11:30 - 11:45 am	Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances	Lori Nordstrom, <i>U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service</i>
11:45 am - 12:00pm	Q&A Session	

DAY 1, cont.

12:00 - 1:15 pm	LUNCH	
Providing Ecosystem Benefits		
1:15 - 1:35 pm	Mitigating for Species and Resource Impacts: Traditional Options and New Approaches	Randy Wilgis, <i>Resource Environmental Solutions</i>
1:35 - 1:55 pm	Potential Agricultural Benefits of Pollinator Habitat at Utility-Scale Solar Facilities	Lee Walston, <i>Argonne National Laboratory</i>
1:55 - 2:15 pm	Wetland Restoration for Multiple Benefits: Harvesting Cattail for Biodiversity, Nutrient Removal, and Habitat	Andrew Monks, <i>Loyola University Chicago</i>
Supporting Invasive Species Management		
2:15 - 2:35 pm	Opportunities and Challenges in Supporting Invasive Plant Activities	Mark Renz, <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison & Midwest Invasive Plant Network</i>
2:35 - 2:50 pm	North Central Integrated Pest Management Center—Program/Resources	Lynnae Jess, <i>Michigan State University</i>
2:50 - 3:05 pm	Break	
Building Community Engagement/Positive Public Relations		
3:05 - 3:30 pm	Ohio DOT Case Study	Joel Hunt, <i>Ohio DOT</i>
3:30 - 4:00 pm	The ROI and Sweet PR of Pollinator Habitat at Utility-Scale Solar Facilities	Rob Davis, <i>Fresh Energy</i>
4:00 - 4:30 pm	IVM to Improve Access, Reliability, Habitat, Economics, and Public Relations	Rick Johnstone, <i>IVM Partners</i>
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Networking Reception: UIC Student Center East Terrace	

Optional Networking Dinner

6:00 - 8:00 pm Dinner at [Greek Islands Restaurant](#) at 200 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL 60661
Additional cost. Must register to attend.

A special thanks to our sponsors who made this event possible!





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Friday, October 27, 2017 8:00am - 3:00pm CST

Rooms 603, 605, 611 & 613 (6th floor)

DAY 2: Breakout Working Sessions

- A. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Task Force:** Develop strategies to address ESA listed species. Part A will focus on identifying impacts, threats, and conservation measures. Part B will focus on developing collaborative approaches, such a multi-entity Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances.
- B. Metrics and Targets:** Recommend habitat metrics and working group targets.
- C. Geospatial Habitat Database:** Develop strategies for data collection and partner engagement.
- D. Cost Effective Seed:** Develop strategies to reduce seed cost and improve seeding success.
- E. Adaptive Management:** Develop strategies to improve effectiveness and efficiency of vegetation management practices.
- F. Communication/Outreach:** Develop action plan for communication and outreach strategies.

Breakout 1 (Room 603)

8:00 - 10:00am	ESA Task Force - Part A
10:00 - 11:30 am	Metrics/Targets
11:30 - 12:30 pm	LUNCH
12:30 - 2:00 pm	ESA Task Force - Part B
2:00 - 3:00 pm	REPORT OUT

Breakout 2 (Room 611)

8:00 - 10:00am	Metrics/Targets
10:00 - 11:30 am	Geospatial Database
11:30 - 12:30 pm	LUNCH
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Geospatial Database
2:00 - 3:00 pm	REPORT OUT

Breakout 3 (Room 613)

8:00 - 10:00am	Cost Effective Seed
10:00 - 11:30 am	Adaptive Management
11:30 - 12:30 pm	LUNCH
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Communication/Outreach
2:00 - 3:00 pm	REPORT OUT

Breakout 4 (Room 605)

8:00 - 10:00am	Communication/Outreach
10:00 - 11:30 am	Cost Effective Seed
11:30 - 12:30 pm	LUNCH
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Adaptive Management
2:00 - 3:00 pm	REPORT OUT