



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 (3rd floor), Chicago, IL

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 9:00am - 6:00pm CST

Thursday, May 4, 2017 8:00am - 4:00pm CST

DAY 1

9:00 - 11:30 am	Pre-Meeting Science Roundtable	Multiple presenters and open discussion
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Boxed Lunch and Breakout Discussions	
1:00 - 1:10 pm	Welcome	Peter Nelson, UIC College of Engineering Iris Caldwell, UIC Energy Resources Center
1:10 - 1:30 pm	Opening Remarks	Tom Melius, Midwest Regional Director at U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1:30 - 2:15 pm	U.S. FWS Regulatory/Technical Updates	Louise Clemency, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
2:15 - 2:45 pm	Roads, Rare Species, and Regulations	Christopher Smith, Minnesota DOT
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Break	
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Working Group Updates	Iris Caldwell, UIC
3:15 - 3:45 pm	American Transmission Company's POWR model for prioritizing habitat conservation	Dan Salas, Cardno Johanna Sievwright, ATC
3:45 - 5:00 pm	Lightning Talk Round : Updates from Working Group Participants	Multiple presenters
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Reception at Student Center East	

Optional Networking Dinner

6:30 pm - 8:00 Dinner at [Tuscany Italian Restaurant](#) at 1041 W. Taylor St. Chicago, IL 60607
Additional cost. Must register to attend.

DAY 2

Morning Agenda: Partnership Building

8:00 - 8:20 am	Coffee / Light Breakfast	
8:20 - 9:00am	Effective Partnerships: Goals, Relationships, Work, and Party	Brent Haglund, Sand County Foundation
9:00 - 9:30 am	U.S. 45 Red Bison Project: A Habitat Reconstruction Collaboration	Stephanie Dobbs, Illinois DOT Michelle Henderson, Ameren Erin Holmes, Pheasants Forever
9:30 - 10:20 am	Industry Panel: What Potential Partners Should Know <i>Moderated by Neil Palmer, Sand County Foundation</i>	Dennis Markwardt, Texas DOT Christopher Vera, Michigan DOT Thomas Hillstrom, Xcel Energy Sara Race, Commonwealth Edison Bob Toy, Union Pacific
10:20 - 10:35 am	Break	
10:35 - 10:50 am	Building Partnerships in the Agricultural Sector	Ryan Yates, American Farm Bureau Federation
10:50 - 11:20 am	The Art and Science of Partnering with Landowners	Peter Berthelsen, Pheasants Forever
11:20 am - 12:30 pm	Working Lunch: Small-Group Breakout Discussion	

Afternoon Agenda: Measuring Success

12:30 - 1:10 pm	Introduction to Measuring Success	Josiane Bonneau, Wildlife Habitat Council
1:10 - 1:40 pm	Looking Ahead: 30-year Sustainable Right-of-Way Care	Stan Vera-Art, Grow With Trees Brian Kortum, NiSource
1:40 - 2:40pm	Small-Group Breakout Discussion	
2:40 - 2:50 pm	Break	
2:50 - 3:00 pm	U.S. FWS Measuring Success	Kristen Voorhies, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
3:00 - 3:30 pm	EPRI's Pollinator Research Program: Protecting & Promoting Pollinators on Electric Utility Lands	John Goodrich-Mahoney, Electric Power Research Institute
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative	Gabriel Karns, The Ohio State University

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Science Roundtable Discussion

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9:00 AM	Welcome/Opening (Iris Caldwell, UIC)
9:05 – 10:45 AM	Summary of Research
<i>Project/Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monarch Conservation Science Partnership integrated monitoring strategy 	Wendy Caldwell, Monarch Joint Venture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating the suitability of roadway corridors for use by monarch butterflies 	Wendy Caldwell, Monarch Joint Venture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPRI pollinator habitat field studies 	John Goodrich-Mahoney, Electric Power Research Institute
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) on pipeline corridors 	Gabriel Karns, The Ohio State University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TxDOT native seed collection study 	Dennis Markwardt, Texas DOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milkweed occurrence on multiple landscapes 	David Zaya / Bill Handel, Illinois Natural History Survey
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NiSource soil microbiology study 	Stan Vera-Art, Grow With Trees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic value of biodiversity 	Amy Ando, University of Illinois
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breeding bird habitat on railroad corridors 	Christopher Whelan, University of Illinois-Chicago
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USFWS Monarch Species Status Assessment 	Kristen Voorhies, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
10:45 – 11:30 AM	Open Discussion
Discussion objectives:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research needs / gaps / outstanding questions from both industry and the research community, 2. Opportunities for industry to engage and/or support existing research, and 3. Opportunities to collaborate on new research. 	



Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group Lightning Talk Round

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 3:45 - 5:00pm CST

<i>Project/Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
Monarch Highway / Texas DOT	Dennis Markwardt
National Wildlife Federation	Lekha Knuffman
Bee & Butterfly Fund	Pete Berthelsen
Monarch Conservation Science Partnership / Monarch Joint Venture	Wendy Caldwell
ComEd	Sara Race
Exelon Nuclear	Heather Meyer
Union Pacific	Bob Toy
Michigan DOT	Christopher Vera
Xcel Energy	Tom Hillstrom
Illinois Tollway	Bryan Wagner
Monarch Conservation Fund	Caroline Oswald / Todd Hogrefe
Regional Monarch Strategy	Claire Beck / Ed Boggess