

Montana Watershed Coordination Council – Spring Training Creative & Effective Watershed Planning

University of Montana, University Center, 3rd Floor Conference Rooms

Training Overview

The goal of this training is to assist watershed groups to think outside of the box so they can develop a creative and effective watershed restoration plan, including strategies for stakeholder engagement, plan development, resource management, fundraising and implementation.

Monday, April 17th

9:00a Stakeholder Engagement Workshop – Jennifer Arnold, Reciprocity Consulting

This interactive session will provide a roadmap for engaging a diversity of stakeholders – community members, regulators, scientists and funders – throughout watershed planning and project implementation. We will discuss how to understand your audiences, frame issues to motivate engagement, and create opportunities for meaningful input. We will practice with skills and concepts drawing from everyone's experience.

12:00p LUNCH PANEL: Successful Watershed Engagement

Successful watershed coordinators will discuss methods and lessons learned in engaging the community.

1:30p The Watershed Planning Document – DEQ Water Protection Section

Overview of what's required and resources available through DEQ for getting to a good Watershed Restoration Plan.

2:30p Break

2:45-5:00p Watershed Restoration Plan Resources Workshop

In this session, attendees will speak with eight or more resource specialists from diverse conservation perspectives who can assist in watershed planning, modification, or implementation. Watershed coordinators will receive print materials and have time to discuss resources specific to individual watersheds.

5:30p Informal Gathering in Missoula



Montana Watershed Coordination Council – Spring Training Creative & Effective Watershed Planning

University of Montana, University Center, 3rd Floor Conference Rooms

Tuesday, April 18th

8:30a Watershed Planning Financial Resources – Erin Farris Olson, MWCC

MWCC will provide an overview of natural resources grant programs and various planning approaches statewide.

9:00a-12:30p Fundraising and Development Exercise Workshop

MWCC Staff, Jennifer Schoonen of Blackfoot Challenge, and Reciprocity Consulting will provide an opportunity to work through fundraising and development models that may assist watershed coordinators in filling current gaps in capacity funding for watershed plan development and project coordination.

12:30p LUNCH

1:30p Watershed Restoration Plan Implementation: “Getting to a good project”

DEQ Water Quality Section will provide an overview of the road from a good watershed restoration plan to competitive non point source projects.

2:30p PANEL “Pulling it all Together”

Panel of successful professionals in developing watershed restoration plans including resources utilized and best practices.

4:00p What’s next for Non-point source management

A comparative analysis of Montana’s non-point source pollution management.

4:30p Depart

