

Vermont Riparian Buffer Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, February 5th 2019

Agenda

- 8:45 – 9:00 Arrive, Coffee, Light Refreshments
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 – 9:30 Recap of 2019 Meeting and Goals for this Year's Meeting

Morning Session: Methods, Techniques, and Best Practices

- 9:30 – 10:15 Perspectives from a Different Region: Direct Seeding for Riparian Corridor Restoration in the Colorado River Basin
Matt Grabau, USFWS Science Applications, Region 2
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 Site Preparation and Direct Seeding Trials in Vermont
Pete Emerson, VTFWD; Fritz Gerhardt, Connecticut River Conservancy; Annalise Carington, USFWS
- 11:00 – 11:30 Stewardship and Maintenance in Practice
Katie Kain, USFWS
- 11:30 – 12:00 Deer Browse – How Are We Managing For It?
Jack Markoski, TNC; Annalise Carington, USFWS
- 12:00 – 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:00 Partner Updates
An opportunity for partners to share brief updates (2-3 minutes) with the group about new projects, initiatives, staffing, etc.

Afternoon Session: Programs, Funding, and Partnerships

- 1:00 – 2:00 Panel Discussion and Q&A – Unpacking Existing Programs, Exploring Gaps and Opportunities
Moderated by Chris Smith, USFWS
- CRP / CREP - Ben Gabos*
USFWS PFW - Katie Kain
DEC River Corridor Easement Program - Staci Pomeroy
NRCS WRE – Toby Alexander
Trees for Streams - Holden Sparacino
WUV - Lyn Munno
- 2:00 – 2:20 Special Topic – Including Stewardship Funding in the DEC CWIP FY2021 Budget
Marli Rupe, DEC

- 2:20 – 2:30 Break

Closing Session

- 2:30 – 3:30 Group Discussion

Topics guided by survey feedback and “parking lot” topics held during the day. Opportunity to outline next steps, needed follow-up, and action items.