



## 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, *Chicago Zoological Society*

9:30 - 9:50 am      White Paper: Creating the Business Case for Habitat on Rights-of-Way      Kristine Nemec, *UNI Tallgrass Prairie Center*  
Iris Caldwell, *UIC Energy Resource Center*

#### Demonstrating Cost Savings

9:50 - 10:20 am      The Business Case for IVM on Electric Transmission ROW      John Goodfellow, *BioCompliance Consulting*

10:20 - 10:50 am      A Picture = Thousand Words, but \$\$ Talks      Matt Kraushar, *Indiana DOT*

10:50 - 11:00 am      Break

#### Addressing Regulatory Uncertainty

11:00 - 11:15 am      Reducing Uncertainty by Increasing Conservation      Parker Moore, *Beveridge & Diamond*

11:15 - 11:30 am      Assurance Options and Innovative Ways to Get Them Faster      Timothy Male, *Environmental Policy Innovation Center*

11:30 - 11:45 am      Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances      Lori Nordstrom, *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

11:45 am - 12:00pm      Q&A Session

## DAY 1, cont.

12:00 - 1:15 pm	LUNCH	
<b>Providing Ecosystem Benefits</b>		
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>
<b>Supporting Invasive Species Management</b>		
2:15 - 2:35 pm	Opportunities and Challenges in Supporting Invasive Plant Activities	Mark Renz, <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison &amp; 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	
<b>Building Community Engagement/Positive Public Relations</b>		
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.*

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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 as 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