

Training Workshop: Results-Based Management using the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation

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This workshop will teach participants the overarching philosophy, underlying principles, and specific steps of effective conservation planning based on the globally used *Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation* (<http://cmp-openstandards.org/>). Participants will learn and practice how to identify key conservation and human well-being outcomes, prioritize threats and potential interventions, develop conceptual models that describe the ecological and social context of the project, incorporate empirical data and expert knowledge, and establish a monitoring program that supports adaptive management. In addition to improving attendees' effectiveness in planning and practicing management and conservation, the workshop will provide valuable tools for preparing grant applications, evaluating project plans, and communicating with funding agencies, the scientific community, and laypersons.

The two-day workshop is comprised of training modules introducing key Open Standards concepts, followed by break-out sessions where students apply these concepts to real-world projects. Miradi Software (which supports the Open Standards) also will be demonstrated. Workshop participants will be eligible for 13.5 Continuing Education Units in Category I of The Wildlife Society Certified Wildlife Biologist Renewal/Professional Development Certificate Program.

The workshop will be held at Coastal Enterprises (30 Federal St.), a centrally-located venue in the heart of Brunswick, ME. Workshop dates and location were chosen to make it convenient for those participating in the Maine Land Conservation Conference (held April 5-6 in Brunswick & Topsham, ME) to attend.

Early bird registration (before Feb. 28, 2019) is \$495/student and includes workshop materials, snacks, and coffee. Registration after February is \$575. Space is limited, so sign up now at www.natureplan.org. Questions? Email Quinn Shurtliff at quinn.shurtliff@vnsfs.com.

