

A Watershed Dialogue: How Can We Build the Capacity and Effectiveness of Watershed Groups?



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A Watershed Academy Webcast

Join us on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 for “A Watershed Dialogue: How Can We Build the Capacity and Effectiveness of Watershed Groups?” This Webcast will feature an exchange of ideas on supporting local stakeholder efforts to protect and restore watersheds. Our panelists will discuss how the EPA and other organizations are addressing the needs of watershed groups by providing technical tools and support to the local level and what more could be done. This is an opportunity for watershed groups and anyone involved in water protection and restoration efforts to share their views on how we can improve our collective effectiveness. Webcast participants are eligible to receive a certificate for their attendance. Participants are encouraged to download presentations prior to the webcast at www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts.

Panelists:



Don Wayne, Capacity Building Team Lead, EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds Don serves as outreach coordinator for EPA's Nonpoint Source (NPS) Control Branch. He coordinated several national conferences on NPS outreach and oversaw the development of the NPS Outreach Toolbox, EPA's Getting in Step guides for watershed outreach, and other outreach products. Since 2009, Don has also served as the lead for EPA's Capacity Building Team for the Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds. Prior to joining EPA, Don spent 15 years at a regional planning agency working with numerous local governments on watershed management issues.



Wendy Wilson, National Director of Organizational Development, River Network Wendy Wilson directs River Network's programs to help make river and watershed groups more sustainable and to develop new programs at River Network. She has over 25 years of experience working for conservation and community-based groups, including ten years as the founding director of Idaho Rivers United. Wendy specializes in strategic planning for watershed groups, fundraising training, starting-up and supporting grassroots groups, developing sustainable water supplies, and water and climate change.



Hye Yeong Kwon, Executive Director, Center for Watershed Protection Hye Yeong's responsibilities include organizational management, fundraising, and program development. Hye Yeong has combined her education and training to help lead the Center toward a multi-disciplinary strategy to protect and restore watersheds throughout the country. Her project experience has included a wide range of technical subjects, including environmentally sensitive site design, watershed planning, and consensus building. Hye Yeong has a B.S. in Biology, an M.S. in Management, and an MBA.



Christine Olsenius, Executive Director, Southeast Watershed Forum Christine has worked in water resource management for 30 years, managing nonprofit organizations, developing national water programs and publications and facilitating regional watershed-based initiatives. She helped develop and now serves as Executive Director of the Southeast Watershed Forum, a regional center devoted to building leadership in watershed protection through education, training and regional dialogue. Among a variety of programs, the Forum has brought training on "Quality Growth" and watershed-friendly development to over 75 communities in 10 states.



Glynnis Collins, Executive Director, Prairie Rivers Network Glynnis has overseen Prairie Rivers Network's work to build capacity of watershed groups and other partners in pollution reduction in Illinois for the past two years. Prairie Rivers Network used an online survey to assess the capacity needs of watershed groups in Illinois in 2008, and in 2009 and 2010 held a series of training workshops aimed at addressing those needs. Assessment of the workshop series is underway, as is planning for future capacity-building efforts.

The Watershed Academy

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