

6th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop – Program

Look to the Future, Learn from the Past

*Schedule subject to change

Wednesday, February 7th

7:30-8:30	Registration on Mezzanine		
Rooms >>	Saskatchewan Ballrooms (A, B and C)		
8:30-8:50	Welcome - Sponsor Introduction		
8:50-9:20	Plenary #1: Measuring Prairie Restoration Success – Is it Worth It?? - John Morgan, Prairie Habitats Inc.		
Session #1			
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9:30-10:05	A Step-By-Step of Planning a Native Prairie Restoration Project, Section 1 – Steven Tannas, Tannas Conservation Services	Oil and Gas Development : a Producer’s Perspective - Brian Weedon, Weedon Ranch	Climate Change and Canadian Native Prairie - Jeff Thorpe, Saskatchewan Research Council
10:10-10:35	A Step-By-Step of Planning a Native Prairie Restoration Project, Section 2 – Steven Tannas, Tannas Conservation Services	Managing Habitat: a Balance of Agriculture, Wildlife and Industry – Neal Wilson, Antelope Creek Ranch	Considerations for grassland survival and renewal in a changing climate – Mike Schellenberg, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada
10:35-10:50	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		
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10:50-11:25	Plenary #2: Restoration Challenges: Past, Present, and Future - Ron Bowen, Prairie Restorations, Inc.		
11:25-12:05	Panel Discussion #1: Beyond Restoration - Utility of Native Species		
12:05-1:05	Lunch - Canadian Ballrooms (South, Central and North) Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		
Session #2			
1:05-1:40	Plenary #3: Rooted in Soil: An Overview of a Valuable Resource – Barbara Cade Menun, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada		
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1:50-2:15	Oil & Gas Site Reclamation and Considerations to Native Prairie – Graham Daviduk, Crescent Point Energy	Enhancing Grassland Bird Habitat in a Semi-Urban Setting: A Conservation Agency Perspective – Renny Grilz, Meewasin Valley Authority	Inoculation with native mycorrhizal fungi accelerates grassland restoration – Jim Bever, University of Kansas
2:20-2:45	Technology and Reclamation Design - Ragnar Robinson and Toby Noy, Westmoreland Coal Company	Restoration of Sagebrush Grassland for Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat in Grasslands National Park, Saskatchewan – Autumn Watkinson, University of Alberta	Descriptions of Manitoba's Aspen Parkland Plant Communities for Rangeland Health Monitoring - Lysandra Pyle, University of Alberta

2:50-3:15	Irrespective of burn history, high levels of browsing are required to effectively control aspen encroachment in upland Manitoba – Kathryn Barr, Brandon University	Chasing Tigers in the Elbow Sand Hills: Population Assessment of the Threatened Gibson’s Big Sand Tiger Beetle (<i>Cicindela formosa gibsoni</i>) - Aaron Bell, Troutreach Saskatchewan	Stories from the Pit: What wetland soils can tell us about the landscape – Angela Bedard-Haughn, University of Saskatchewan
3:25-3:40	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		
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3:45-5:00	Panel Discussion #2: Prescribed Burning in the Current Social Environment		
5:00-6:30	Designated Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		
6:30-8:00	Banquet & Silent Auction - Saskatchewan Ballrooms (A, B & C)		
7:15–8:00	Living in the Landscape – Sharon Butala		

Thursday, February 8th

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Session #3			
8:30-8:45	City of Saskatoon's Green Infrastructure Strategy Project - Genevieve Russel, City of Saskatoon (Platinum Sponsor)		
8:45-9:25	Plenary #4: Natural Processes for the Restoration of Drastically Disturbed Sites - David Polster, Society for Ecological Restoration – Western Canada Chapter		
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9:30-9:55	Ducks Unlimited Canada’s Wetland Restorations on Agriculture Lands in Saskatchewan – Trevor Plews, Ducks Unlimited Canada	CASE STUDY Restoration and Reclamation with a First Nations Perspective – Paulette Fox, Harmony Walkers Inc.	CASE STUDY Uh-oh, NOW we’re in the weeds!?: the uninvited guests at your restoration Case Study: A toolbox for handling invasive species – Kerry Hecker, Environment and Climate Change Canada
9:55-10:20	Artificial Wetland Creation – Purpose, Design, and Construction – Ben Poltorak, Earthmaster Environmental Strategies		
10:20 – 10:50	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		

10:50-11:15	Holistic management approach to reclaim and restore grasslands – Kansie Fox, Blood Tribe Land Management	CASE STUDY Restoration and Reclamation with a First Nations Perspective – Paulette Fox, Harmony Walkers Inc.	CASE STUDY Uh-oh, NOW we're in the weeds!': the uninvited guests at your restoration continued – Kerry Hecker, Environment and Climate Change Canada
11:20-11:45	Salt Contaminated Sites: Options for Remediation Using Risk Assessment and Phytotechnologies - Adam Dunn, Earthmaster Environmental Strategies		
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11:45-12:45	Lunch - Saskatchewan Ballrooms (A, B and C) Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		
Session #4			
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12:45-1:10	Recovery Strategies for Industrial Disturbance in Native Grasslands: A Collaborative Approach to Developing Guidance to Promote Retention and Restoration Outcomes - Jane Lancaster, Foothills Restoration Forum	Weeds Won't Wait! Establishing a Grassland Community with an Integrated Weed Management Approach - Chet Neufeld, Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan	CASE STUDY Beaudry Provincial Park Prairie Restoration – John Morgan, Prairie Habitats Inc.
1:15-1:40	Restoring 71 – Redefining Value on Undesirable Land – Katie Suek, Amec Foster Wheeler	Understanding and predicting invasion in grasslands - Jonathan Bennett, University of Saskatchewan	
1:45-2:10	Traditional Ecological Knowledge; Look to the Future, Learn from the Past - Carol Crowe, Indigenous Visions	Placing Noxious Weed Awareness Centre Stage - Nadia Mori, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture	
2:10-2:40	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show - Mezzanine		
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2:40-3:55	Panel Discussion #3: Passing the Torch		
3:55-4:15	Closing Remarks		
4:15	Hand in Evaluations & Head Home - Safe Travels!		