



**2007 SWS Central Chapter
Fall Meeting
VERY FINAL
Agenda
November 5th & 6th**

November 5th Chapter Meeting
Lake Lodge in Swope Park, Kansas City, Missouri

8:30-9:00 Sign in and Registration (Coffee, Bagels & Pastries)

9:00-9:45

Mr. Douglas Berka

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District,
Regulatory Branch**

Topic: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jurisdiction After Rapanos/Carabell

This discussion will introduce the "new" terminology for wetlands and waters of the United States as related to regulatory jurisdiction under Section 404 the Clean Water Act. In addition, the new jurisdictional determination form and the federal interagency coordination requirements resulting from the Rapanos decision will be presented.

9:45-10:30

Mr. Karl Grover

**Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks,
Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area**

Topic: Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area: History, Management and Reality

Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area has a rich and varied history. Given the diverse weather and changing land uses over time, management can be challenging. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has implemented several projects to better cope with the changing world.

10:30-10:45

Coffee Break

10:45-11:30

Mr. Douglas Berka

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District,
Regulatory Branch**

Topic: Draft Midwest Regional Supplement to Wetland Delineation Manual

This discussion will be a brief overview of the document as compared to the original 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual with an opportunity for questions and answers.

11:30-12:15 Lunch



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12:15-1:00 Central Chapter Business Meeting

Discussion Topics:

Central Chapter & National SWS Update
Officer Term Length
Election of New Officers
Other Member Comments & Concerns

Raffle

1:00-1:45

Mr. Doug Ladd

The Nature Conservancy

Topic: Wetland Management in Missouri / The Role of Wetlands in Biodiversity Conservation

A discussion of wetland management on TNC properties in Missouri, including biodiversity conservation issues as they relate to wetlands, wetland restoration, and wetland management.

1:45-2:30

Mr. Frank Norman

Norman Ecological Consulting /

Kansas Alliance for Wetlands & Streams

Topic: Introduction to the Kansas Alliance for Wetlands & Streams (KAWS)

An overview of the KAWS organization which was formed to foster the protection, enhancement, and establishment of wetlands and riparian areas in Kansas.

2:30-2:45

Afternoon Break

2:45-3:30

Mr. Chris Shulse

Missouri Dept. of Transportation / University of Missouri-Columbia

Topic: The Effectiveness of Mitigation Wetlands as Amphibian Habitat

Various amphibian species are commonly observed in mitigation wetlands. However, some species may require specialized habitat requirements that are often overlooked when designing and placing wetlands in the landscape. Our research seeks to improve mitigation wetlands as habitat for rare or declining amphibian species through assessment of previously constructed wetlands, construction of experimental wetlands that test the effects of various design parameters, and testing of translocation techniques to establish new populations of rare or declining amphibians.



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3:30-4:15

Mr. David Dods

URS Corporation

Topic: Rain Gardens: Integrating Stormwater Management into Attractive Landscaping

Rain gardens are an effective technique for helping integrate stormwater management features into the landscape, and taking something that is typically viewed as a problem (stormwater runoff) and turning it into an asset (beautiful landscaping). This presentation will introduce the *10,000 Rain Gardens* initiative in Kansas City, describe the science of rain gardens, and profile successful and attractive applications from around the country.

Raffle

Social to follow:

Pappi's Pizza & Pub

405 Blue Parkway NW

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

(816) 524-2100



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November 6th Dormant Season Wetland Plant Identification Course

Provided by the Institute of Botanical Training
Lakeside Nature Center, Swope Park, Kansas City, Missouri

8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Meet at the Lakeside Nature Center Parking Lot between 8:15 and 8:30
(4701 East Gregory Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64132)

Bring a notebook, a hat, water, rubber boots/hip waders, and other clothing appropriate to weather in early November. Lunch will be provided.

Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of each workshop. This wetland flora workshop will count toward the fulfillment of "Professional Wetland Scientist" certification as set forth by the Society of Wetland Scientists.



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