

WDNR/UWEX and Partner Responsibilities 2009

WDNR/UWEX Responsibilities:

- Support partners in volunteer recruitment efforts.
- Provide partners with Project staff contact information.
- Develop a WEPP "Toolkit" with powerpoints, resources, supply lists, etc... for Partners to assist them with introducing the project and its goals and objectives to new volunteers.
- Develop methods and protocols for citizens to monitor ephemeral ponds in a standardized manner.
- Develop and coordinate training sessions for partner organizations and citizen monitors in ephemeral wetland monitoring methods and protocols.
- Develop, in collaboration with partners, printed methods and protocols, monitoring forms, and instruction on data management.
- Provide partners with an electronic database tool for data-entry, archival, and retrieval of information collected at ephemeral pond monitoring sites.
- Provide equipment as negotiated.
- Identify and provide partners with list of local experts
- Develop and analyze program evaluation surveys
- Provide support to Partners to coordinate a Citizen Monitor Celebration to be held at the close of the field season in 2009
- Provide printed summary report with project outcomes to partners

Partner Responsibilities:

- In collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Extension, recruit citizen volunteers for the monitoring project through press releases, direct mailings, in-person recruitment, organizational newsletters, postcards, and/or email lists.
- Maintain an updated list of interested citizens, including for each: full name, telephone number, mailing and Email address. Share this contact list with program organizers.
- Present citizen orientation sessions to be held in the winter 2008/2009 or early spring 2009.
- Must attend Citizen Training (April 4 2009) and Partner Train the Trainer Workshop (June 2009)
- Support citizen monitors representing their organization (i.e., from the local area) in their efforts to conduct ephemeral pond monitoring.
- Assist citizens in establishing access and permission to monitor ephemeral ponds that occur on private lands.
- Coordinate data management and quality assurance for all data collected by citizen monitors, and collect volunteer feedback to program surveys. Provide copies to the project organizers.
- Coordinate and communicate with partners and project organizers to help fulfill project goals on an ongoing basis (e.g., email, telephone, use of project listserv).
- Coordinate use of equipment for volunteers.
- Organize a Citizen Monitor Celebration to be held at the close of the field season in 2009.
- Complete a program evaluation survey.

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Benefits to participating:

- Partners will receive support to implement the project including methods training for both staff and volunteers, written materials to support monitoring efforts, a database tool to manage data that are collected, a list/map of potential monitoring locations in their area, and ongoing support with general volunteer and program management.
- Equipment provided to partners to complete the monitoring, including such items as guide books, rulers, and other monitoring supplies can be kept for use by partners.
- Partners will have an additional program offering for interested citizens, and can provide added educational benefit to their local communities about a unique natural habitat type. (funding available to assist)
- Partners will have the opportunity to draw new constituents to their membership and/or to their programming efforts by augmenting their available programming options with the ephemeral pond monitoring project, and through advertising for other events they are sponsoring at ephemeral pond monitoring orientation and training sessions.
- Partners will have the opportunity to build relationships with other nearby nature centers, WDNR, and UW-Extension, which may result in long term partnerships and collaboration. In today's grant-dependent society, partnering with others is essential for success.
- Partners will increase their volunteer "cadre" and expertise through involvement in this project.
- Participants (partners and volunteers) will receive additional relevant volunteer monitoring information through statewide Citizen-based Water Monitoring Network, including national volunteer monitoring newsletter, *The Volunteer Monitor*, awards opportunities, and additional training and educational programming offerings.
- Partners will gain recognition for their efforts through press releases by project organizers and partners, website postings on the Citizen-based Water Monitoring Network website (see: <http://watermonitoring.uwex.edu>) and partners, etc.