

Managing Nutrients in Your Backyard and Your Community

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Two-hour audio Web broadcast

Eastern: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Central: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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A Watershed Academy Webcast:

Nutrient loading from nonpoint source runoff is a common problem in watersheds. Nitrogen and phosphorus pollution continue to be included as top causes of aquatic ecosystem degradation across the nation. This Webcast will examine the serious impacts on water quality from excess nutrients and will highlight two exceptional programs at the state and local level that encourage homeowners, businesses, and neighborhoods to adopt more sustainable practices to prevent harmful runoff from yards and lawns. Our first speaker will provide a description of the water quality problems associated with nutrients and a description of EPA's national program to set water quality criteria for nutrients, followed by state and community perspectives on nutrient management initiatives as alternatives to conventional lawn care practices. Join us for this Webcast to learn how your community can encourage more sustainable lawn care practices to protect water resources.

Instructors:



Steve Potts, Acting Nitrogen and Phosphorus Pollution Criteria Team Leader, US EPA

Steve Potts is the Acting Nitrogen and Phosphorus Pollution Criteria Team Leader within the Office of Science and Technology in the Office of Water. Steve has been working with this program since 2001. He has been instrumental in establishing a technical support center which provides States and Tribes with a wide array of services, including statistical analysis, scientific peer review, workshops and Webcasts. Steve has a Masters Degree in Environmental Science and Policy from Johns Hopkins University.

Ondine Wells, Statewide Builder and Developer Coordinator, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods

Ondine Wells is the Statewide Builder and Developer Coordinator for the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) program of the University of Florida. She provides educational resources and training on Florida-friendly landscapes in new construction throughout the state. Previously, she served as the director of a non-profit environmental education program for at-risk youth in Washington, DC. Ondine holds an M.S. in ecology from the University of Florida.



Mona Menezes, Stormwater Educator, City of Columbia, Missouri

Mona Menezes is a forester by training and often uses a total ecology approach to stormwater education. Mona helped build a team to successfully launch ShowMe Yards and Neighborhoods for a Missouri city of 90,000 people. The Show-Me Yards program has had nearly 1,000 people participate in watershed-friendly practices since its inception 3 years ago. She is also responsible for fulfilling the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems goals for outreach, education and public involvement.

The Watershed Academy

The Watershed Academy is a focal point in EPA's Office of Water for providing training and information on implementing watershed approaches. The Academy sponsors live classroom training and online distance learning modules through the Watershed Academy Web at www.epa.gov/watertrain. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watershedacademy.

Registration

Registration for this Webcast opens March 5, 2008. You must register in advance to participate in the Webcast. To register, visit www.clu-in.org/live. The Webcast will be a Web-based slide presentation with a companion audio portion. There are two options for accessing the audio portion of the Webcast: by phone OR by streaming audio broadcast (not both). When registering, you will be able to select the audio option you prefer to accompany the Web-based slides. If you choose the streaming audio option, you will not be able to participate by telephone. However, you will be able to submit questions online for the presenters to answer during the Webcast. Closed-captioning is available. Upon registration, you will receive complete participation instructions. **Please note that there are a limited number of toll-free phone lines available, so register early to guarantee your spot. Because of the limited number of spaces, we strongly encourage you to reserve a conference room and invite your colleagues and other partners to participate.** If you register after that limit is reached, you will be added to a waiting list. After the Webcast is over, an audio version of the Webcast will be available—visit www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts for more information.

Questions?

Visit www.clu-in.org/live or contact Amber Marriott at amber.marriott@tetrattech.com or 703-385-6000.

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