

11th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop

Atlas Hotel, Regina, SK

*draft program is subject to change

February 12, 2025

9:00-10:00	Registration		
Rooms >>	Imperial Ballroom		
10:00 -10:30	Welcome - Sponsor Introduction		
10:30-11:15	Plenary #1 Partners for okâwîmâwaskiy [Mother Earth]: a First Nations and Academic Partnership – Dr Andy Miller, First Nations University of Canada and Elder Bill Strongarm, Touchwood Agency Tribal Council		
11:15-12:00	Plenary #2 Uncovering Hidden Allies: The Role of Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi in Restoring Alberta’s Threatened Grasslands – Dr Adriana Morrell, Lethbridge Polytechnic		
12:00-1:00	Lunch - Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show		
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	Lessons Learned		
1:00-1:30	A Tale of Two Sites: Same seed, same time, different results Chris Tenszen, Trace Associates	<p align="center">“Speed Dating” CASE STUDY</p> <p><i>Each scenario will have a 3-minute overview presented by a Table Leader. Groups of mixed attendees will have 12 minutes to work through and solve the scenario. Groups will change and rotate through different 4-5 scenarios.</i></p> <p align="center"><u>Scenario topics include:</u> <i>Wetland Restoration Invasive Species Prevention and Management Species at Risk Habitat Restoration Reclamation Seeds and Soils</i></p>	
1:30-2:00	Restoring the Prairie: In it for the long haul Daryn Farrant, Grasslands National Park		
2:00-2:30	The Economics of Grassland Conservation Auctions in Saskatchewan Koal Sammons, University of Saskatchewan		
2:30-3:00	Landowner Insight on Seeding Native Grass through Reverse Auction for Grassland Restoration Program Mindy Anderson, SK Stock Growers Foundation and Justin Carrier		
3:00-3:30	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show		
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	Beyond Restoration	Soil	Seeds
3:30-4:00	Sheltering in Place: Community Ecological Collaborations with One	Soil microbiome mediation of invasion in the Canadian Great Plains	Travels of a Nuffield Scholar: The WOW Factor of the European Native Seed Industry

	School One Farm Shelterbelt Project Elizabeth Bekolay, One School One Farm	Dr Jon Bennett, University of Saskatchewan	Renny Grilz, Meewasin Valley Authority
4:00 – 4:30	Prairie Song: How Can We Monitor Declining Grassland Bird Populations? Sarah McIntire, The Nature Conservancy	Harnessing the Power of the Microbiome for Native Prairie Restoration Rachel Tilford-Njaa, HumaTerra	Travels of a Nuffield Scholar: The Unique Perspectives of "Habitat Restoration" in Europe Renny Grilz, Meewasin Valley Authority
4:30-5:00	Indigenous Network for Invasive Species Management Daryl Wright, Seed 2 Leaf Environmental Consulting Inc.	Promoting native copse conservation through the carbon market Andrea Cline, University of Saskatchewan	A New Native Seed Collaborative for Saskatchewan and Manitoba Michael Skinner, SK and MB Seed Collective and Sean Asselin, AAFC
5:00-6:00	Designated Poster Session / Trade Show		
6:00-8:00	Banquet & Silent Auction		
7:00-8:00	Speaker: Conservation, however you can - Jared Clarke, Biologist, Teacher and MLA Award Ceremony (NPRR Grant and Poster Session Winner)		

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7:30-8:30	Hot Breakfast		
8:30-8:45	Greetings		
8:45-10:00	Producer Panel Discussion		
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show		
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10:30-11:00	Establishing Vegetation in Riparian Areas Dr Fardausi (Shathi) Akhter, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada	The Meadoway Restoration Project: Best Practices for Site Preparation and Invasive Plant Management Sarah Kotsopoulos, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	Redberry Lake Biosphere Region Topics include native grass seeding, restoration for species at risk, restoration with native plugs, 30 Billion Trees by 2030, Collaboration and Engagement and more!
11:00-11:30	Protecting and restoring natural features through agroecosystem research on a landscape scale Dr. Branimir Gjetvaj, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada	The Value of Native Pollinator Gardens: Understanding Preferences and Willingness to Pay for Urban Ecosystem Services Dr Oscar Zapata, University of SK	
11:30-12:00	Drones as a Data Collection Tool: Multispectral Imagery, Topography, and Statistics	Collaborative Approaches to Reclaim Prairies for the Future	

	for Assessing Vegetation Health in High Resolution Jesse Lawrence, Good Lands Environmental	Glen Koblun, Native Plant Solutions	
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12:00-1:00	Lunch Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show		
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	Tools for Conservation	Collaboration	Invasive Species
1:00-1:30	Optimal and current potential habitats of plains rough fescue (<i>Festuca hallii</i>) in North America Central Plains: What is left? Johan Home, University of SK	Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge and Two-Eyed Seeing: Policies in Indigenous Partnerships Cristina Eisenberg, Oregon State University	Monitoring Biodiversity Response to Invasive Annual Grass Control Across Several Western Ecoregions Dr. Victoria Maloney, Envu
1:30-2:00	Using science and technology to address biome collapse in the Great Plains Samantha Cady, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	The Art of Building Partnerships and Collaboration John Kindrachuk, Redberry Lake Biosphere Region	Vegetation Responses to Native Grassland Restoration in Solar Farm Riley (Fengxue) Zheng, University of Alberta
2:00-2:30	Range Health Assessment Update Matthew Braun and Levi Boutin, Nature Conservancy of Canada	Restoring habitat heterogeneity to promote biodiversity Diego Steinaker, South of the Divide Conservation Action Program Inc	One Government Invasive Weeds Task Force Cory Jacob, SK Ministry of Agriculture
2:30-2:45	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show		
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2:45-3:15	Plenary #3: Seeds of Conservation Success: Fort Belknap Indian Community Native Seed and Grassland Restoration Conservation Project – Dr Cristina Eisenberg, Oregon State University		
3:15-3:45	Plenary #4: Building community – Dr Dirac Twidwell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln		
3:45 -4:00	Closing Remarks Hand in Evaluations & Head Home - Safe Travels!		

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