

11th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop

Atlas Hotel, Regina, SK

*draft program is subject to change

February 12, 2025

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| 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 | | |
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| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch - Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show | | |
| Rooms >> | Imperial | | |
| | 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 align="center"><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 |

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| | 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: Jared Clarke Award Ceremony (NPRR Grant and Poster Session Winner) | | |

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| 8:00 | Breakfast | | |
| 8:30-8:45 | Greetings | | |
| 8:45-10:00 | Producer Panel Discussion | | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show | | |
| Rooms >> | Imperial | Urban | Traditional Case Study |
| 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 | Using Multispectral UAVs and Zonal Statistics to Measure Vegetation Health in High Resolution | Collaborative Approaches to Reclaim Prairies for the Future | |

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| | Jesse Lawrence | Glen Koblun, Native Plant Solutions | |
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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 |
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| 2:45-3:15 | Plenary #3: Seeds of Success – Dr Cristina Eisenberg, Oregon State University | | |
| 3:15-3:45 | Plenary #4: Building community, Ecosystem – Dr Dirac Twidwell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln | | |
| 3:45 -4:00 | Closing Remarks Hand in Evaluations & Head Home - Safe Travels! | | |

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