

FQA Workshop and NEBAWWG Meeting
Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission Discovery Center
Albany, NY
May 1-2, 2013

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

FQA Workshop

- 9:30 am** *Refreshments and light breakfast*
- 10:15 am** Welcome and Introductions
- 10:20 am** Testing Floristic Quality Assessment as an Indicator of Freshwater Wetland Condition in Rhode Island (*Tom Kutcher*)
- 10:35 am** Applying FQA at 32 wetlands in New Hampshire (*Sandy Crystall, NHDES*)
- 10:50 am** Floristic quality assessment in forested wetlands in Massachusetts: Testing FQA metrics as an indicator of ecological integrity (*Theresa Portante-Lyle, UMass Amherst*)
- 11:05 am** *Break*
- 11:15 am** Testing FQA metrics in a pilot wetland condition assessment in the Upper Hudson watershed, New York (*Aissa Feldmann, NY Natural Heritage Program*)
- 11:30 am** Use of FQI on degraded riparian sites in the Catskills, with restoration implications (*Elizabeth Spencer, NY Natural Heritage Program*)
- 11:45 am** Floristic quality assessment signals human disturbance over natural variability in a wetland system (*Jason Bried, OK State University*)
- 12:00 pm** *Lunch*
- 1:00 pm** Augmenting Wetland Level 2 Ecological Integrity Assessments with updated FQA metrics in New Jersey (*Kathleen Walz, NJ Natural Heritage Program*)
- 1:15 pm** National Wetland Condition Assessment; Status of Floristic Quality Analysis (*Teresa Magee, EPA*)
- 1:30 pm** Mid-Atlantic Region Floristic Quality Assessment Project (*Denise Wardrop, MAWWG/Riparia at Penn State*)
- 1:45 pm** *Break*

- 2:00 pm** Northeast CoC List – Group Discussion
- Nomenclature
 - *Additional review required – assess need/plans to complete*
 - *Which reference should be used - Arthur Haines vs USDA Plants, or both?*
 - Voluntary botanist reviews
 - *Assess need/plans to complete*
 - *How to prioritize reviews (e.g., confidence scores)*
 - Missing taxa
 - *Identify which species are not included in the lists - please bring a list of taxa for your state that did not receive a score*
 - *How can they be added to the list? Part of the voluntary botanist review process?*
 - Coastal species scores
 - *Are these scores valid? Is additional review required?*
 - Reconciliation of scores in Maine and NY
 - *Andy Cutko and Aissa Feldman will discuss the approach they used to reconcile the scores*
 - Online FQA calculator
 - *Assess need/plans to develop*
 - Formatting the list for easy import into databases
 - Other applications of CoC list
- 4:00 pm** Next Steps for Northeast FQA CoC List
- 4:15 pm** Adjourn
- 4:30 pm** Guided walk through the preserve
- 7:00 pm** Group dinner (Blue Spice Restaurant, 1614 Central Ave)

Thursday, May 2, 2013

NEBAWWG Meeting

9:00 am *Refreshments and light breakfast*

9:30 am Welcome and Introductions

9:35 am State Updates

Each state will be given 15 minutes for their update. Please include your monitoring accomplishments and goals for the next 5 years.

11:30 am Federal Updates

12:00 pm *Break*

12:15 pm *Working Lunch*

Enhancing Commonality among Wetland Assessment Methods to Facilitate Identification Of State and National Reference Sites
(Don Faber-Langendoen, NatureServe)

12:45 pm Northeast States - Wetlands Monitoring and Assessment – 5YR Goals Matrix

Discuss the needs, obstacles, and ways that EPA and the workgroup could support the goals of the states.

1:45 pm Wrap-up

2:00 pm Adjourn