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Stream:

Western WV High-gradient (Eph and Int)

Closing Date:

Not Applicable

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PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR THE HYDROGEOMORPHIC FUNCTIONAL ASSESMENT OF HIGH-GRADIENT EPHEMERAL AND INTERMITTENT STREAMS IN WESTERN WEST VIRGINIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: A Public Workshop on the recently completed “Operational Draft Regional Guidebook for the Functional Assessment of High-gradient Ephemeral and Intermittent Headwater Streams in Western West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky” (Regional Guidebook) will be provided by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Huntington District Regulatory Branch. This Draft Regional Guidebook has been developed by the United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). In addition, this workshop will include a short synopsis of the West Virginia Stream and Wetland Valuation Metric (SWVM) and the “Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (Version 2.0)” (Regional Supplement).

APPLICATION: The Hydrogeomorphic (HGM) Approach is a method for developing functional indices and the protocols used to apply these indices to the assessment of ecosystem functions at a site-specific scale. The HGM Approach was initially designed to be used in the context of the Clean Water Act Section 404 Regulatory Program permit review to analyze project alternatives, minimize impacts, assess unavoidable impacts, determine mitigation requirements, and monitor the success of compensatory mitigation. Additional potential uses have also been identified.

ATTENDANCE: Each individual planning to attend the workshop must RSVP at the following online address **by 4:00pm on Monday, 1 November 2010**

<http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/permits/> (click on the “Registration for WV HGM Public Workshop” link). For individuals without internet capabilities, you may call our office at 304-399-5710 to RSVP.

PARTICIPATION: It is recommended that each participant download, read and bring a copy of the Regional Guidebook with them to the workshop. The Regional Guidebook is available at <http://el.ercd.usace.army.mil/programs.cfm?Topic=wrap&Option=Program> (click on the

appropriate links) and the Functional Capacity Index (FCI) calculator which accompanies the Regional Guidebook is available at <http://el.erdc.usace.army.mil/wetlands/datanal.html>. In addition, you may reference information on the Regional Supplement from the above website and information on the West Virginia SWVM is available at <http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/permits/> (click on appropriate links). A component of this workshop will involve a field exercise. Therefore, all individuals should wear appropriate apparel in accordance with forecasted or expected weather and field conditions (i.e. boots, rain gear and etc.).

***Note:** If the interest received exceeds the conference facility capacity this workshop may have to be down-sized (i.e. two individuals per company) or a second workshop will be scheduled at a later date.

DATE: 3-4 November 2010

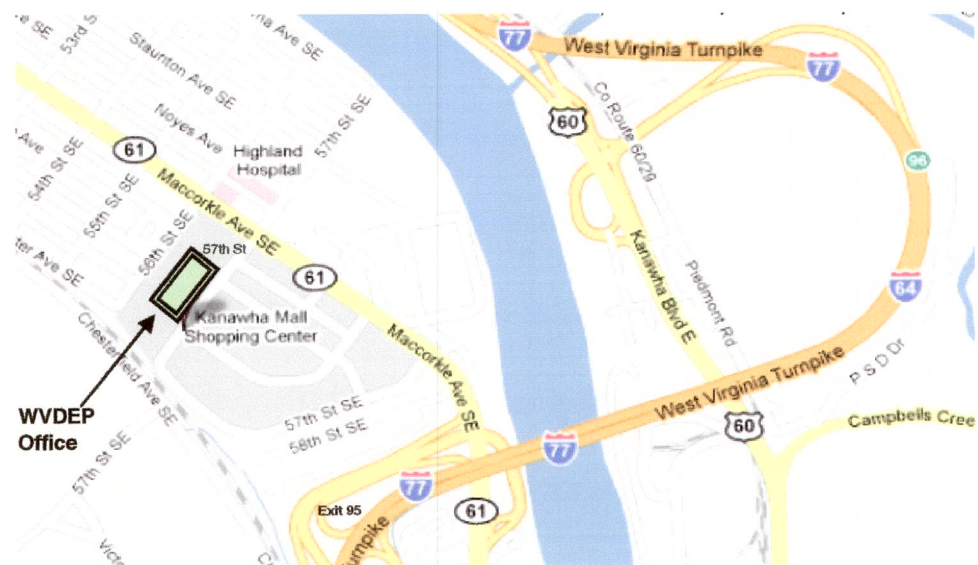
LOCATION: The classroom portion of the workshop will be held in the Coopers Rock Conference Room at the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Kanawha City Office; 601 57th Street; Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

TIME: Wednesday, 3 November (**Classroom**): The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. (e.s.t.). Individuals attending the workshop should plan to arrive at the WVDEP office between 15-30 minutes early to register. Lunch will be on your own. There are several fast food restaurants within walking distance.

Thursday, 4 November (**Field Exercise**): Individuals attending this day will need transportation to attend the field exercise. The field site is located approximately 20 minutes from the WVDEP office. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. (field meeting location for 4 November TBD). Participants shall furnish and bring their lunch (brown bag) in observance of time constraints.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:
I-64 East (I-77 South) to Exit 95, then onto MacCorkle Ave. West (winds you back under I-64), go 2 blocks and turn left on 57th Street. The WVDEP Office is the 3-story building with green tinted glass.

If you have any questions concerning this workshop, please contact Mr. Michael Hatten at (304) 399-5710 or michael.e.hatten@usace.army.mil.



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