



2004 Course Catalog



Community-Based Workshops

Building bridges through collaboration among individuals, organizations and government agencies to enhance the quality of life and improve land management decisions.



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Eight Years of Success

Who We Are

The Partnership Series is a network of people and organizations dedicated to the idea that stewardship of our nation's ecosystems is more of a social challenge than it is a regulatory one. The training and business center for the Partnership Series is based at the Bureau of Land Management, National Training Center (NTC).

What We Do

For over eight years, the Partnership Series has been providing a dynamic suite of courses. These workshops are designed to address the critical issues of ecosystem stewardship, citizen empowerment and collaboration. The courses, delivered to individual communities, provide an opportunity to learn to live in harmony with the land. Each course combines theory with practical, hands-on skills that can be put to work immediately in your community. It is our vision that through utilization of the course material, **community-based ecosystem stewardship** can be attained.



Responsible stewardship through:

- Caring for our natural resources
- Dedication to managing the natural environment
- Sustaining the environment for the future



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**Develop a shared
vision that supports
the land!**

Community-Based Stewardship: Ensuring a Healthy Environment

Course Description

This 3 day Community-Based Stewardship class will take place in your community. The purpose is to bring the community together to:

“See the future differently!”

Overall Course Objectives

- ◇ Compare your public lands vision with other community members.
- ◇ Find common goals that will enhance your community and sustain the unique ecology of your area.
- ◇ Learn how to partner with your local agencies to deal effectively with the social, economic and ecological challenges.
- ◇ Learn the value of science and local knowledge in making sound decisions for your public lands.

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**See your
community
through new eyes!**

**Learning Community:
Linking People, Place and Perspective**

Course Description

Participants develop and share a view of their own community, which includes current issues, concerns, opportunities and leadership and ultimately develop an issue management process.

Overall Course Objectives

- ◇ Develop strategies to recognize informal versus formal systems, themes versus issues and the components of productive harmony.
- ◇ Use information gathered through community observation to identify community places, people and behaviors.
- ◇ Identify the informal and formal networks in their community and explore strategies to assess and use networks in their management systems.
- ◇ Identify “7 Cultural Descriptions” as gathered from field experience.
- ◇ Develop an process which integrates community issues and agency concerns.

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Community Economic Assessment: Discovering Realities and Choices

Course Description

This course describes your community from an economic viewpoint and empowers the community to make economic choices.

Overall Course Objectives

- ◇ Transform information into knowledge to shape policy decisions on public lands.
- ◇ Learn to gather data by both manual and automated methods and make informed decisions about the future.
- ◇ Discover the connection between public lands and local economies.
- ◇ Build confidence in understanding the role of economics.

**Assess community
economic development
in light of ecosystem
stewardship!**

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**Place-Based NEPA:
Linking Communities to the Process**

Course Description

This program provides an overview of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the federal planning process, Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and collaboration. The intent is to set the stage for a community-based collaborative approach to planning and explain the parameters in which agencies and citizens can work.

Overall Course Objectives

- ◇ Explain the skills and knowledge needed to more effectively participate in the planning process.
- ◇ Explain the parameters under which agencies and citizens can work.
- ◇ Describe what “cooperating agency status” means and how to apply it in planning and NEPA.
- ◇ Set the stage for a collaborative community approach to planning.

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Community-Based Friends Groups: Linking People to Special Management Areas

Course Description

Friends groups provide a variety of partnering resources. Some of these include increased advocacy, volunteerism and financial support. This course focuses on how to identify community interest in starting or building a friends group. It also assesses whether the time is right to build one and most importantly...how to make it happen!

Overall Course Objectives

- ◇ Support stewardship of special management areas by integrating agency and community needs.
- ◇ Find out why agencies and private citizens participate in a friends group.
- ◇ Learn ways to build a dynamic friends group or re-energize an existing one!
- ◇ Discover values a community group will bring to your special management area.

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The Partnership Series is guided by the following:

Vision:

Communities stewarding healthy environments

Mission:

To foster “community-based ecosystem stewardship” through training, workshops, consulting services and gatherings

Guiding Principles:

- *Transformational Leadership*
- *Ecosystem Integrity*
- *Institutional Changes*
- *Inclusiveness*
- *Capacity Building*
- *Citizen Empowerment*
- *Applied Science*
- *Cultural Absorption*
- *Collaboration*



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