

Essential Information for the 2009 Watershed Institute

Thank you for registering for the 2009 Watershed Institute! We look forward to three-and-a-half intense days with you in Columbia, South Carolina at the Clarion Hotel Downtown. In order to make the most of your Watershed Institute experience, please review the following information.

- ◆ **Watershed Institute check-in** will be held Tuesday, September 22 from 7:30 – 8:30 am at the Clarion Hotel Downtown. A final program will be provided to you with a notebook and other materials when you check-in.
- ◆ A copy of the **Watershed Institute agenda** can be downloaded from the Institute webpage at <http://www.cwp.org/Calendar/WI09/WI09.html>. All information, resources, and materials presented during the Institute will also be posted on our website and will remain available for six months.
- ◆ **Starting and ending times** for the Watershed Institute vary slightly each day:
 - Tue., September 22: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm (check-in 7:30 – 8:30 am)
 - Wed., September 23: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm; optional sessions: 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm
 - Thur., September 24: 8:00 am – 8:30 pm (including BBQ picnic dinner)
 - Fri., September 25: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
- ◆ The Watershed Institute is designed to be an **intensive learning experience** with a committed community of watershed practitioners. Because of the unique nature of the Institute, participants are expected to attend all four days of the program.
- ◆ Your **registration fee** for the Institute includes all lunches and snacks as well as Happy Hour hors d'oeuvres on Tuesday night and barbecue dinner on Thursday night. A breakfast buffet is included with your stay at the Clarion Hotel Downtown. If you wish to have family or guests join you for the barbecue dinner on Thursday night, please sign them up when you check in on Tuesday morning. Cost will be \$18/person for guests.
- ◆ Please remember to book yourself a **hotel room**. Hotel information can be found on the Institute website. We have reserved 50 rooms for \$95/night (plus tax) at the Clarion Hotel Downtown. For reservations, call the Clarion at 803-771-8711 and mention you are with the Watershed Institute 2009 to get the special rate and free breakfast. Rooms will be held until August 22, 2009.
- ◆ When you registered, you were asked to complete an **Indemnity, Release of Liability and Acknowledgment of Assumption of Risk form**, and an **Emergency Information Sheet**. If you have not filled them out and sent them in, please do so before you arrive at the Institute.
- ◆ **2.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** are available for those that attend all

sessions of the Watershed Institute. At the end of the Institute, you will receive a certificate identifying the CEUs that you earned. The participant is responsible for filing their CEUs with their own certification program.

- ◆ Many of the **outdoor field assignments** require a certain level of agility. Participants should be aware that fieldwork may involve climbing up and down stream banks and walking through uneven and slippery stream channels. As the field component is an integral part of the Institute, anyone with special needs or concerns should contact Lisa Fraley-McNeal at lfm@cwpc.org.
- ◆ **Dress for the Watershed Institute is casual.** Chances are high that you will look nicer than we do. The following are suggested items to make your Institute experience more comfortable:
 - Clothing and footwear appropriate for stream walks and field work;
 - Raincoat (field excursions will commence even in the case of live stormwater action);
 - Jacket
 - Sunscreen and bug repellent
 - Water bottle
 - Your own coffee mug
 - Laptop computer (not necessary, but may be useful. Hotel has free internet access.)
- ◆ **Pre-Institute Reading Materials:** The following reading materials would be the most useful in getting you up to speed and prepared for the Watershed Institute:
 - [Article #27 from the *Practice of Watershed Protection: The Tools of Watershed Protection*](#)
 - [Article #28 from the *Practice of Watershed Protection: Basic Concepts in Watershed Planning*](#)
 - Excerpt - [Chapter 4 of Manual 1 from the *Urban Subwatershed Restoration Manual Series: An Integrated Framework to Restore Small Urban Watersheds*](#)
 - Excerpt - [Introduction to Manual 2 from the *Urban Subwatershed Restoration Manual Series: Methods to Develop Restoration Plans for Small Urban Watersheds*](#)
 - Excerpt - [Portion of Chapter 1 of Manual 4 from the *Urban Subwatershed Restoration Manual Series: Urban Stream Repair Practices*](#)
 - Excerpt - [Chapter 1 from *Watersheds: Processes, Assessment, and Management*](#)

We look forward to seeing you!