



# Maine Nonpoint Source Training News



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## Center Announces Fall 2009 Training Schedule

**A** number of courses highlight the Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 2009 Fall Training Schedule.

**Course offerings for contractors** interested in certification include six basic and advanced sessions in erosion control best management practices. These will be held in various locations throughout the state. Preference will be given to local contractors and municipal personnel since the sessions are being co-sponsored by the municipality where they are being held.

**Of interest to consultants, engineers and municipal officials**, the Center will be offering a course on long term maintenance and inspection of Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs). The program will be held in three locations around the state and will feature a voluntary "take home exam" to become an approved stormwater BMP inspector. For engineers the course will provide Professional Development Hours (PDHs) to fulfill continuing education requirements to maintain professional licensure.

**For architects, consultants, engineers and local and state officials** the Center will be co-sponsoring a workshop on Low Impact Development (LID).



*The proper functioning of Stormwater Best Management Practices is critically dependent on regular inspection and maintenance. Learn more about inspection and maintenance of these BMPs and become an inspector by attending this Fall's training sessions. See page 2 to register.*

This is a hands-on program to assist participants in designing these type of developments.

**For certified contractors in need of re-certification credits**, the Center will again be offering a 4-hour continuing education program. This year's program is scheduled for four locations throughout the state. The session will provide a summary of regulatory changes and will focus on Spill Prevention and Hydraulic Mulches.

As an alternative to attending a continuing education program, re-certification can now also be

obtained by viewing a videotaped version of the session on DVD. Participants then complete a short quiz that is sent to the Center, where re-certification is issued.

***The listing on the next page outlines all of the courses being offered. Please register for as many as you'd like by using the registration form on the bottom of the page.***

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**1) Basic & Advanced Erosion Control Practices**

*Hours: 8:00 A.M. To 4:30 P.M.*

**Session #NPS1050 Skowhegan, October 15, 2009,  
Skowhegan Community Center  
Registration Deadline: 10/07/09**

**Session #NPS1051 Boothbay, October 22, 2009,  
Boothbay Fire Station  
Registration Deadline: 10/14/09**

**Session #NPS1054 Ellsworth, November 20, 2009,  
Ellsworth City Hall  
Registration Deadline: 11/12/09**

**Session #NPS1055 Blue Hill, December 1, 2009,  
Blue Hill Town Hall  
Registration Deadline: 11/23/09**

**Session #NPS1057 Bangor, December 3, 2009,  
Spectacular Events  
Registration Deadline: 11/25/09**

**Session #NPS1059 Bangor, December 7, 2009,  
Spectacular Events  
Registration Deadline: 11/29/09**

**2) Continuing Education for Certified Contractors**

*Hours: 8:00 A.M. To 12:30 P.M.*

**Session #NPS1058 Presque Isle, December 4, 2009,  
Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center  
Registration Deadline: 11/26/09**

**Session #NPS1060 Brewer, December 8, 2009,  
Jeff's Catering  
Registration Deadline: 11/30/09**

**Session #NPS1061 Augusta, December 10, 2009,  
The Ground Round  
Registration Deadline: 12/02/09**

**Session #NPS1062 Portland, December 15, 2009, Verrillo's  
Registration Deadline: 12/07/09**

**Session #NPS1064 Continuing Education Course on DVD**

**3) Maintenance and Inspection of Stormwater  
BMPs**

*Hours: 8:00 A.M. To 4:30 P.M.*

**Session #NPS1052 Brewer, November 12, 2009,  
Jeff's Catering  
Registration Deadline: 11/04/09**

**Session #NPS1053 Augusta, November 18, 2009,  
Augusta Civic Center  
Registration Deadline: 11/10/09**

**Session #NPS1063 Portland, December 17, 2009, Verrillo's  
Registration Deadline: 12/09/09**

**4) LID Workshop**

*Hours: 8:00 A.M. To 4:30 P.M.*

**Session #NPS1056 Portland, December 2, 2009, Verrillo's  
Registration Deadline: 11/24/09**

**Maine Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center  
Course Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The Course(s) I would like to attend are:

Course # \_\_\_\_\_ Session # \_\_\_\_\_ to be held in \_\_\_\_\_ Course Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Town)

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(City or Town)

Course fees can be paid by either check or credit card, if paying by check, please make payable to: J.E.T.C.C. For credit card payments, please complete the following: Credit card (check one)  Visa  MC  Disc Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(3 digit code located on back of card (Visa only) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that an additional \$15 late fee will be assessed on all course registrations received after the registration deadline date.

**Course Fees:**

- 1) Basic Erosion Control Practices - \$25 (Lunch Not Included)
- 2) Continuing Education Course - \$30 / DVD Course- \$30
- 3) Maintenance and Inspection of Stormwater BMPs - \$70
- 4) LID Workshop- Fee varies, contact JETCC for more information

*Send this form along with appropriate fee(s) to:  
J.E.T.C.C. P.O. Box 487 Scarborough, Maine 04070-0487  
Tel. 207-253-8020 Fax: 207-771-9028*

## New Law Changes Assist in Improving Maintenance and Repair of Gravel (Camp) Roads



maintenance work. The law has enabled many associations to be formed and has resulted in an overall increase in the quality of roads.

This year, the Legislature amended the law to clarify the purpose and permanence of an association and to allow an association to negotiate easements for road repairs. It also has provided immunity from lawsuits to association road commissioners and board members for organizational activities to encourage more of these organizations to be formed.

Other new legislation of benefit to gravel road owners allows municipalities the ability to utilize public resources on private roads to help to protect the quality of certain lakes and ponds in town. For the roads to qualify, the waterbodies must be threatened or impaired, the road must be found to be contributing to degradation of water quality based on an evaluation of the road, and the repairs must be maintained by an organized road association.

The legislation takes effect on September 12, 2009, and it is hoped that it will encourage many more road associations to be formed and more gravel roads to be properly maintained. For more information on this legislation, please call the Center at: 287-7726.

**N**ew legislation that was recently passed could assist landowners in obtaining required resources to conduct proper road maintenance and repair.

Many years ago, the Legislature enacted the Private Ways Law. This allowed the owners of 3 or more parcels of land on a private road to call a meeting to address road repair and maintenance issues. It further allowed the assessment of fees on landowners using the road, to fund the repair and

## 2009 Winter/Spring Training Season Hosts 1135 Participants



Contractors, site evaluators and others interested in instruction on subsurface sewage disposal rules, septic system design installation and inspection were provided with nine training sessions encompassing these topics. As usual, turnout was excellent with **417** participants attending.

For landscape contractors, participating members of the State's Soil & Water Conservation Districts, as well as consultants and lake group members, the Center sponsored workshops on the LakeSmart Awards Program. The workshops provided instruction on LakeSmart principles and the use of the newly revised evaluation form. A total of **96** participants attended these programs. In addition, in August, Center staff conducted a LakeSmart "Walk and Talk" program on Worthley Pond in Peru with **12** property owners attending.

In May, Center staff participated in putting together the 2009 NPS Conference held in Portland. This

three day conference hosted participants from several New England states and explored a number of NPS related topic areas. A total of **148** people attended the conference.

Gravel road problems and their evaluation and treatment were featured topics for 4 training sessions held throughout the state. The sessions provided instruction on diagnosing and repairing road problems to prevent impacts to water quality. A total of **52** participants attended these sessions

*The Center would again like to thank the Advisory Committee members, instructors, sponsors, J.E.T.C.C. , and other organizations who made the Winter/Spring 2009 training season so successful!*

**T**he Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 2008 Winter/ Spring Training was successful in reaching a number of groups. Training was held for contractors, engineers, consultants, site evaluators, state and municipal officials, landscapers and landowners.

Training in erosion control was again provided to contractors and others throughout the state. Twelve courses in erosion control best management practices, were held. A total of **410** people attended these programs.

## New Focus in Reaching Contractors Anticipates Greater Program Participation



So if you are a local CEO and would like to assist the Center in getting the word out to local contractors on certification training, or if you are the owner of a large construction company and would like to schedule a training session for your staff at your facility, please contact the Center at 287-7726. Your assistance and/or participation will be greatly appreciated.

examples of actions property owners can take on their own to protect the water quality of their lakes. Each property owner was awarded a framed certificate for his or her home and LakeSmart Award signs to display on his or her property. This brings the total number of award recipients statewide to **228**.

The Center truly appreciates the work that these landowners have completed to make their properties more lake friendly.

**A**s a result of the need to improve participation in the certification process, the Center has changed its focus from utilizing mass mailings to advertise training sessions to the state's contractors, to working with local Code Enforcement Officers (CEOs) in recruiting program participants. In addition, the Center has also started contacting larger construction companies to offer sessions for personnel at the company's facility.

The use of mass mailings has worked for a number of years in recruiting participants, however it appears that the majority on the mailing list who want to participate have done so and the list itself does not include a lot of the small local contractors who do business in a number of Maine's communities. Local CEOs are the best source of information on who the local contractors are in their area and have regular contact with them.

For larger companies it is sometimes difficult and expensive to send individual employees to training sessions, and holding a session in-house may make more sense. It is also an opportunity to get a number of personnel eligible for certification at one time.

## LakeSmart Awards Given to 13 Lakefront Property Owners



**T**he Center would like to congratulate the following landowners for their recent LakeSmart awards: **Joe and Suzanne Bruno, John and Shirley Hammon, Nathan and Sarah Kimble and Greg Naylor** for properties on Crescent Lake in Raymond; **Bernard and Judith Elfring** for property on Worthley Pond in Peru; **Hal and Carol Taylor and David and Penny Littell** for properties on Farrington Pond in Lovell; **Sherwood and Mary Elizabeth Anderson and Millard S. Parlin Jr.** for properties on Porter Lake in New Vineyard; **Marty and Betty Welt** for their property on Damariscotta Lake in Nobleboro; and **Robert and Melanie Pullo, Ruth and Glen Evans and Wayne Smith Jr.** for properties on Wilson Lake in Wilton.

The landscaping and management of these properties are excellent

## New "Guide to Forming Road Associations" Available Soon



**A**s part of an effort to promote the formation of Road Associations to encourage proper maintenance of gravel roads throughout the state, the Department in cooperation with the Maine Alliance of Road Associations, (MARA) the Congress of Lake Associations (COLA) and others has put together a revised version of "**A Guide To Forming Road Associations**".

The new guide coincides with all of the provisions of the legislation that was recently passed concerning the Private Ways Law. It features a section on types of Road Associations and includes step by step instructions to be followed in developing a legal association. The Guide also contains sample forms and by-laws to assist organizers in ensuring that the association meets all statutory requirements.

From holding the Informational and Organizational meetings to developing and implementing a maintenance plan, this publication will be very helpful to those interested in taking action to improve and maintain their gravel road.

For more information or to receive a copy of the "Guide", contact the Center at: 287-7726.