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**WETLAND DELINEATION (Reg IV): CORPS MANUAL  
& REGIONAL SUPPLEMENT TRAINING**  
September 21-25, 2009 Covington, Georgia

If you're interested in learning how to identify and delineate wetlands following federal methods, this course is for you. This course is designed to provide students with hands on experience in the field applying the methods and getting critiqued by the instructor and their peers. This course is taught by Bruce Pruitt and Eric Somerville, regional experts in plant identification, hydric soil recognition, and wetland delineation. You will learn how to recognize hydric soils and separate them from nonhydric soils – this is critically important for delineating wetland boundaries. Time will be spent on wetland delineation using plants, soils, and signs of hydrology to identify and delineate wetlands. Students will be introduced to the basic concepts and methods in lectures and field exercises. The instructors will guide and coach students through the steps in conducting delineations at several sites and students will work in groups to identify wetland and delineate the boundaries. There will also be an overview of regulations, including information on where to obtain the latest regulatory guidance regarding jurisdictional questions (e.g., isolated wetlands and Rapanos.)

Focusing on the use of the Corps Wetlands Delineation manual and **the latest regional supplement**, there will also be a discussion of key differences between this manual and state methods, where appropriate. Students will receive information on where to obtain the latest regulatory guidance regarding jurisdictional questions (e.g., isolated wetlands and **Rapanos**). The course utilizes training materials developed by the Corps for the Wetland Delineator Certification Program (WDCP). The fee includes all course materials – a copy of "Wetland Indicators" (Tiner, 1999); the Corps of Engineers manual; the regional supplement; Regional Wetland Plant List, and additional information relevant to making wetland determinations.

The course will start at 12PM on Monday, September 21<sup>th</sup> and run through 2PM on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The classroom training will take place at the Alcovy Conservation Center, 11600 Hazelbrand Road, Covington, GA.

**Instructors:** **Dr. Bruce Pruitt** has over thirty cumulative years of professional level working experience in both the private and public sector. Over twenty years has been devoted to wetland ecology, watershed hydrology, soil science, and geomorphology. **Eric Somerville** has over nine years of professional experience in wetland ecology, hydrology, geomorphology, and botany in both the public and private sectors. Mr. Somerville earned a Master of Science degree in forest hydrology with emphasis on wetland and watershed hydrology. He has a diverse background in numerous relevant scientific disciplines including wetland ecology, forest hydrology, botany, land planning, and fluvial geomorphology.

**Fee:** \$850.00 and includes all course materials. Students successfully completing this program will be awarded a "certificate of training." The training provides approximately 2.6 credit hours toward the Society of Wetland Scientists' Professional Wetland Scientist certification.

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