

FRIENDS GROUP SECTOR MEETING
2007 NERRS-NERRA Annual Meeting
National Conservation Training Center
Shepherdstown, West Virginia
October 23-25, 2007



Agenda

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions** *Angela Gustavson*
Each participant will introduce themselves, briefly describe their friends group, and share some of their friends group's recent activities and accomplishments.
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Information Sharing** *Susan Rouillard*
Friends members will have the opportunity to identify key issues and share information on these topics. Possible topics may include establishing a friends group, volunteer activities, and capital campaigns.
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Legislative Update** *Angela Gustavson, Kacky Andrews*
NERRA and CSO will provide a legislative update focusing on recent legislation in the 110th Congress, FY 08 appropriations, and the coastal management visioning project. This session will also highlight things friends members can do to support NERRA's and CSO's legislative and appropriations priorities.
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Information Sharing (continued)** *Susan Rouillard*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Introduction to Grantwriting** *Walter Ernest*
This session will focus on grantwriting, including types of grants, what funders want in a grant proposal, basic components of a grant proposal, writing guidelines, and developing a budget for a proposal.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007

- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Friends Role in Addressing Climate Change** *Gary Lytton, Lois Swaim, Walter Ernest*
This session will address how friends groups can support the Reserves' focus on climate change, including how friends and volunteers can be engaged and engage others to support this important issue. The session will also highlight carbon sequestration programs.

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Planning Based on Your Organization’s Maturity Level** *John Girard*
Because of the diversity in organizational maturity among the friends groups, this session will focus on helping each organization determine where they are on a maturity spectrum and what type of planning makes sense given that level. The session will highlight many aspects of planning, including project, strategic, operational, financial, growth, and collaboration planning.
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Planning Based on Your Organization’s Maturity Level (continued)** *John Girard*
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**