



Land Use
and Protection

The Nature Conservancy Wetland Delineation Training for Local Governments

Supporting Solutions through Community

WETLAND DELINEATION TRAINING FOR TOWN BOARDS

Town boards and local planning bodies entrusted with wetland protection through regulation and planning are often handicapped by lack of knowledge and training in wetland identification. A basic knowledge of wetland delineation methods and standards is necessary for local officials to responsibly review wetland delineation submitted by would-be developers. A complete, consistent and fair regulatory review process depends on identifying the boundaries of a wetland system and the procedures used in its delineation.

The Nature Conservancy and Land Use Forum proposed to develop simple curriculum and training for government officials in Door County. Participating town boards and planning committees will receive an introductory lecture on wetland plants, hydrology and soils, an outdoor field exercise to apply the information, and a review of the maps, data sheets and other reports that should be submitted as part of a wetland delineation.

A simple library of field guides, maps and basic wetland delineation tools will be made available to local officials as part of the project.

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A curriculum was created to include soils, plants and hydrology of wetlands. Training sessions will be delivered to the Door County Resource Planning Committee, the town of Egg Harbor, village of Ephraim, the city of Sturgeon Bay and town of Union. Invitations expanded to include any governmental unit zoning administrators and any interested citizens.

At a Glance...

Project:

Develop a curriculum for two lectures and a field exercise on wetland delineation. Conduct sessions for five town boards. Provide basic tools to each town and introduce participants to methods.

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The Nature Conservancy

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