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**WETLAND DELINEATION: CORPS MANUAL AND
REGIONAL SUPPLEMENT**

July 24-27, 2017 Libertyville, Illinois

This four-day 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. Taught by regional experts in plant identification, hydric soil recognition, and wetland delineation, you will learn how to analyze vegetation patterns, recognize hydric soils and separate them from nonhydric soils –essential skills for wetland identification and boundary delineation. Students will be introduced to the basic concepts and methods in lectures and through field exercises. During the course, students will spend approximately two days of time in the field learning how to determine the presence or absence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology indicators and to use these indicators to identify and delineate wetlands following federal methods. The instructors will demonstrate sampling techniques and guide students through the steps in conducting wetland delineations. Students will work in groups to identify wetlands and delineate their boundaries. Their work will be evaluated by the instructors and their peers.

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. The fee includes all course materials – the Corps of Engineers manual; the regional supplement; Regional Wetland Plant List, and additional information relevant to making wetland determinations plus a hardbound copy of "Wetland Indicators" (Tiner, 1999) – a college textbook providing a comprehensive review of the science behind wetland delineation, various delineation methodologies, and aids to wetland identification.

- This course is designed for students with some familiarity with plant id.
- Meets the training requirements for SMC Certified Wetland Specialist.
<http://www.lakecountyil.gov/Stormwater/FloodplainStormwaterRegulations/Wetlands/Pages/CertifiedWetlandSpecialist.aspx>
- Appropriate for required hours toward the Society of Wetland Scientist's Professional Wetland Scientist certification program (www.sws.org).

COURSE FEE: \$950.00 includes all course materials - textbook "Wetland Indicators" by R.W. Tiner (1999), 1987 Corps Wetlands Delineation Manual, Regional Plant List, Regional Supplement and various handouts.

Instructors: **Michael Whited** has been a soil scientist for 30 years and is a Nationally Certified Soil Scientist / Soil Classifier and a Certified Professional Wetland Scientist.

Ralph Tiner has been mapping wetlands for over 45 years and has been teaching wetland delineation since the mid-1980's. He is a Professional Wetland Scientist and a nationally recognized authority on wetland identification, classification, delineation and mapping.