

**Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
Certified Wetland Specialist Program
Minimum Requirements for SMC-Approved Wetland Delineation Training Courses
As of May, 2009**

1. Course shall be offered by a reputable firm, university, or non-profit organization.
2. Class instructors shall be knowledgeable and experienced in wetland delineation methods.
3. Course shall instruct the methodology contained in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual.
4. Course shall instruct on the technical aspects for determining hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology;
5. Course shall be a minimum of 24 hours in duration (40-hour course preferred), including a minimum of 8 hours of field instruction.

The course shall be conducted in the Upper Midwest Region, preferably in northeastern Illinois. Other course locations may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

A number of firms, universities, and agencies offer basic and advanced wetland delineation training courses in the use of the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, such as:

- Institute of Wetland Education and Environmental Research (IWEER)
(413) 441-3708; www.wetlanded.com
- Wetland Training Institute (WTI)
Toll Free 877-792-6482; www.wetlandtraininginstitute.com
- Richard Chinn Environmental Training, Inc.
800-427-0307 (US toll free); www.richardchinn.com
- The Ohio State University
(614)247-7984; www.swamp.osu.edu
- USEPA or Corps of Engineers Sponsored Wetland Delineation Courses (1987 Manual)
Corps of Engineers, Chicago District Office, General Info: 312-353-6400, ext. 4026.

The above list is not comprehensive and does not constitute an endorsement of a particular course or training provider by the SMC.