



Historic and Cultural Resource Stewardship A workshop for land trusts and natural resource professionals

October 6-7, 2009
Holiday Inn
Cherokee, NC

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Responsible stewardship of forests and other natural landscapes protects ecosystem functions and values including soils, water quality, biological diversity, and wildlife habitat. A hidden value of forestlands, however, may include historic and cultural resources such as archeological artifacts, historic structures, and culturally important trees and plants. Because it is important to protect heritage resources for current and future generations, several Federal, state, and local laws have been enacted to preserve cultural resources.

State and Tribal offices involved in historic and cultural preservation need access to land managers and natural resource professionals in order to ensure fulfillment of their missions. At the same time, most natural resource professionals lack training in how to identify, protect, and manage historic and cultural resources on the lands they manage. In the southern Appalachian region, cultural and historic resource professionals within the Cherokee Tribal community face significant capacity challenges in protecting and preserving these resources across the 7-state traditional Cherokee lands area.

Through both indoor and field training, this workshop will address the importance, the identification, and uses of historic and cultural resources associated with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the responsibilities of land managers with respect to those resources. This training provided 8 Category 1-CF Forestry Continuing Education (CFE) credits from the Society of American Foresters. The workshop will also facilitate networking and information exchange between land trust staff and other natural resource professionals with the Cherokee Tribal community and with the NC Department of Cultural Resources. This workshop is sponsored by RTCAR - Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources, and Land Trust for the Little Tennessee. It is accredited by the Society of American Foresters for 8 hours of continuing forestry education in Category 1-CF.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS TRAINING?

This workshop was developed with the land manager in mind. Natural resource professionals such as land trust staff, consulting foresters, and biologists doing natural resource conservation work on lands where cultural or historic resources are potentially present.

Natural resource professionals who work on baseline documentation reports, plant inventories, stewardship and management plans addressing the natural resources of a site, but lack the training to identify and protect any cultural or historic resources present on the site.

WORKSHOP LOCATION AND LODGING

The workshop will take place at the Holiday Inn located at 37 Tsalagi Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. The October 5th pre-workshop icebreaker, October 6th workshop presentations, and the starting point of the October 7th field tour will be at this Holiday Inn. A special hotel room rate has been arranged for workshop participants while supplies last. Contact the hotel directly to reserve your room at 828-497-9181 or 800-423-0908 and be sure to mention the group name, Cultural Resources Training to obtain the \$78 special rate.

WORKSHOP TOPICAL AGENDA

Monday, October 5, 2009

6:00 - 7:30 pm pre-workshop reception and registration desk

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

8:45 am - workshop registration

9:00 am to 12:30 pm - Workshop speakers will address topics such as:

- Defining a cultural resource, its legal and cultural framework, and criteria
- How to recognize or look for historic and cultural resources
- The role of an archeologist
- Cherokee historic and cultural resources
- Sources of data and informational support
- The new "Guidelines for Historic Landscape Conservation" developed by the NC Conservation Tax Credit program

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm - luncheon (included in registration fee)

1:30 pm to 2:45 pm - Afternoon workshop speakers will address topics such as:

- Which natural cultural resources are important?
- What is RTCAR?
- A model for historic and cultural resource stewardship, Land Trust for the Little Tennessee

2:45 pm to 3:15 pm - Discussion Panel

3:15 pm to 3:30 pm - Overview of October 7 field tour

3:30 pm - Adjourn to the Cherokee Tribal Fair or visit Qualla Arts

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

8:30 am to 8:45 am - Assemble at hotel parking lot

8:45 am to 11:45 am - Field Training at Kituwah Mound

12:00 pm to Return to Holiday Inn

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

Advanced registration was required to participate in the workshop and tour. The workshop was limited to the first 30 registrants. A waiting list for alternatives would be created if needed. The registration deadline was September 30, 2009. The \$35 per person registration fee includes refreshment breaks, field trip transportation, October 5 social, and October 6 luncheon. Lodging was not included in the registration fee. There were two methods for registration:

- (1) electronically and make payment with check using a paper form through US Mail or fax allowing you to make payment with either check or credit card.
- (2) make instant payment using Mastercard or Visa card.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Contact the workshop registrar at NC State University, phone 919-515-9563, BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2009. A full or partial refund may be available if we are able to find a substitute participant. Participants considering cancellations after October 1 should designate a substitute and contact our office with the details.