

Urban Waterfront Restoration

Lessons Learned

SERO Annual General Meeting 2016 in Association with Toronto Region Conservation

Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto
September 30 – October 1, 2016

SERO Ontario (SERO) is part of an international organization committed to the ecologically sensitive repair and management of ecosystems. While the focus of our efforts is the Ontario region, we strive to share ideas and initiatives across borders and around the globe. Our mission is to promote the practice of ecological restoration and provide educational opportunities and materials for members and for the community at large.

This event is focused on the process of ecological restoration in a unique environment: **the urban waterfront** (agenda attached). Much geologic and human history combines on the **waterfront** to create challenges and opportunities that are found **nowhere else!** Proceeds of the event will go to support the SERO Scholarship Fund that is awarded annually to a post-secondary student.



SERO and TRCA are excited to provide this opportunity for organizations and individuals to come together to learn and exchange experience. The day features presentations, student participation and networking culminating in casual beer tasting and light refreshments at an equally unique location: **Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto.** This will provide an excellent opportunity for students, scientists and practitioners to interact with authorities on coastal processes and restoration.

Sponsorship opportunities are available! Please complete the attached application or call us!
Kind regards,

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Introduction
- 9:15 **David Crombie** - In the Beginning: Planning the Inclusive Waterfront
- 10:15 **Wayne Reeves** - 10,000 Years of Landscape Change: Nature, Culture and the Toronto Waterfront
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 **Ken Dion** - Setting Restoration Goals in the Context of Competing interests
- 11:30 **Milo Strum** - Near-coast Naturalization – unique challenges
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Annual General Meeting
- 1:00 **Gord McPherson** - Bringing back the Wetlands
- 1:30 **Sean Thomas** – Biochar and Forest Restoration
- 2:00 **Moranne McDonnell** - Managing Landslides
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 **Mark Bassingthwaite** - Reconnecting the Floodplains
- 3:15 **John Hall** - Once and Future Great Lakes Waterfront
- Poster Session
- 4:00 Beer Tasting; Socializing with Hors d'ouvres and Cash Bar
- 6:00 Adjourn

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - COASTAL WETLAND TOUR

- 8:00 Registration/Introduction
- 101 Exchange Avenue, Vaughan (TRCA parking lot)
- 8:30 Load buses and drive to Oshawa Second Marsh
- 9:20 **Arrival at Oshawa Second Marsh**
- David McLachlin, Biologist and Jennifer Lavigne, Conservation Specialist, Ducks Unlimited Canada
 - Robin Brand, Wetland Biologist, CLOCA
- 11:00 Load buses and drive to Tommy Thompson Park
- 12:00 **Arrival at Tommy Thompson Park**
- Gord MacPherson Associate Director, Restoration Projects, TRCA
 - Ralph Toninger, Senior Manager, Restoration Projects, TRCA

- 1:30 Load Buses and drive to Rattray Marsh
- 2:15 **Arrival at Rattray Marsh**
- Paul Biscaia, Program Coordinator, Wetland Restoration, CVC
- 3:45 Load Buses and Drive back to 101 Exchange
- 4:30* Arrive back at 101 Exchange Avenue

The tour will proceed rain or shine so please dress appropriately. Boxed lunches will be provided on the bus but feel free to bring additional water and snacks. There will be walking at all of the stops so please wear appropriate footwear. The trails are fairly even with the exception of the rock beach at Rattray Marsh. There are red ants at both Oshawa Second Marsh and Tommy Thompson Park so we recommend tucking pant legs into socks.

**We will keep to the schedule at the wetlands; however, there may be unexpected traffic delays throughout the day. Please allow for an end time of 4:30-5:00PM*

***See below for Registration
Information!***

Join Us!



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September 30th & October 1st, 2016

Registration: Online at Eventbrite <http://sero.eventbrite.com>

Note: Space is limited. Register Early!

Please register by September 21th, 2016

Friday September 30th Symposium

A full day of presentations, lunch and snacks are included.

Registration

- SERO Member Price..... \$65.00
- Non Member Price \$80.00

Student Registration

- Includes SERO Membership..... \$25.00

Poster Display: Student posters are welcome. Please indicate below

- Poster for afternoon session..... thank-you!

Memberships and Donations to the SERO Scholarship Fund:

- SERO Membership Please [click here](#) for your options!

Saturday October 1st Field Trip

Space is limited. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis. The field trip runs from 8:00am-4:30pm starting from the TRCA Office at 101 Exchange Avenue, City of Vaughan

- SERO Member Price \$15.00
- SERO Non-Member Price \$20.00
- Student Price \$ 5.00

Afternoon Social: 4:00-6:00pm following the Symposium ... includes beer tasting, snacks and cash bar.

