



PPPM Summer Term 2007

Conservation Planning

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This new course will explore real-world approaches to planning for conservation of native plant and wildlife habitats in Oregon.

Moving beyond theoretical models, this course will explore the political, social, economic, ecological, legal, and fiscal realities faced by the conservation planner in making key project management choices, such as how to:

- determine what ecological systems or habitat features to conserve
- successfully manage the involvement of private property owners
- educate stakeholders, and determine what they need to know
- bring the appropriate ecological information to the decision-makers
- determine what the appropriate conservation measures are
- define successful conservation

Through case studies, “war stories,” class discussions and exercises, we will explore the strengths and weaknesses of local and regional conservation planning processes, including the West Eugene Wetlands Plan, the Eugene Water Resources Conservation Plan, the Oregon Conservation Strategy, and The Nature Conservancy’s Conservation Action Plan process.

The 3-credit classroom seminar will be supplemented by a two-day field workshop (PPPM 408/508 Wrk) in which many of the habitats, examples and issues covered in the classroom will be viewed and discussed on-site. The class will meet M-W-F at 8:30 am, weeks 5-8.

Instructor Neil Björklund has nearly 2 decades of experience designing and managing habitat conservation projects for the City of Eugene. He was the city’s lead planner for the award-winning West Eugene Wetlands Plan, the Eugene Water Resources Conservation Plan, the Eugene Salmon Recovery Strategies and is currently managing the South Ridgeline Habitat Study. For more information, contact Neil Björklund, nbjorklu@uoregon.edu.
