



DEMONSTRATING STRATEGIC RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT



Managing Natura 2000 rivers: restoration, monitoring and linking with the floodplain

24-25 June 2009

Dinton Village Hall, near Salisbury, England



BACKGROUND TO THE CONFERENCE

STREAM is a £1 million conservation project centred on the River Avon and Avon Valley Natura 2000 designated sites in southern England. It is one of the largest river restoration projects undertaken in the UK, and has developed a range of innovative techniques to restore, monitor and manage lowland rivers and floodplains. The project has taken action on

1. River restoration
2. Linking river and valley
3. Monitoring
4. Raising awareness of the river system

Under the Water Framework and Habitats Directive, an increasing amount of river restoration work is being planned across Europe. The conference will demonstrate practical aspects of how to plan, manage and implement a large programme of river restoration, develop detailed whole-river restoration plans, and integrate management of river and floodplain Natura 2000 designated sites.

Conference aims

To demonstrate innovative techniques for planning and delivering restoration, monitoring and management of lowland rivers and floodplains.

Who should attend?

Anyone involved in river restoration, including river and fishery managers, specialists, academics and competent authorities from the UK and around Europe.

Costs

There is a small fee for attending the conference and dinner, and delegates are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. Discretionary discounts are available for students, participants from EC ascendency states, Trusts and small NGOs.

Booking

Places will be allocated on a “first come first served” basis. Please send a completed booking form to elaine.swiffen@naturalengland.org.uk by **22 May 2009**

MANAGING NATURA 2000 RIVERS – FINAL PROGRAMME

Day 1: Wednesday 24th June 2009

8:30	Coaches depart from Salisbury city centre to Dinton	
9:00 – 10:15	REGISTRATION &TEA/COFFEE	
10:30	Welcome & announcements: Chris Klee (REFERAC chair)	10 mins
10:40	Introduction to STREAM: Jenny Wheeldon (Natural England)	20 mins
11:00	Chalk rivers and restoration: Allan Frake (Environment Agency)	1 hour
	Discussion topics: lowland river restoration techniques, costs, and flood risk issues	
12:00	Discussion	15 mins
12:15	BREAK: COLLECT PACKED LUNCH & SITE VISIT KIT	30 mins
12:45	Site visits (transport and packed lunch provided)	4hr 45 mins
17:30	Close day 1	15 mins
18:00	Coaches depart to Salisbury city centre	30 mins
20:00	CONFERENCE DINNER, SALISBURY	

Site visits: The site visits will involve walking over uneven, soft and wet ground and there are a number of stiles to cross. Please bring suitable wet weather gear and footwear with you.

Day 2: Thursday 25th June 2009

8:45	Coaches depart from Salisbury city centre	
9:15-9:45	REGISTRATION &TEA/COFFEE	
9:50	Welcome & announcements: Chris Klee, (REFERAC chair)	10 mins
10:00	Living River: Martin Gilchrist (Natural England) Community engagement approaches, and managing invasive plants	30 mins
10:30	Linking river and floodplain workshop: Jo Eyquem(Royal Haskoning) Operating protocols for structures	30 mins
11:00	Fisheries and floodplains: David Solomon (Consultant) Minimising potential conflicts between fisheries and floodplain restoration	30 mins
11:30	Discussion	20 mins
12:00	BREAK	
12:20	The Shannon LIFE project : Oisin Naughton(Shannon Fishery Board)	30 mins
12:50	Houting LIFE project: Hans Ole Hansen (Danish Forestry department)	30 mins
13:20	Discussion	
13:30	LUNCH & POSTERS	
14:30	Monitoring workshop: River Restoration Centre Discussion topics include: techniques, cost effectiveness, planning monitoring	1 hr
15:30	STREAM experience & “Afterlife”: Jenny Wheeldon (Natural England) Tips for managing large restoration projects: planning, funding and delivering , and whole river restoration planning	30 mins
16:00	Discussion and close of day 2	
16:30	Coaches depart to Salisbury city centre	30 mins