

TRAINING TOOLS FOR PRACTITIONERS, PRODUCERS, AND STAKEHOLDERS ON THE USE OF NATIVE PLANTS

Does your organization produce training tools for practitioners on the use of native plants for restoration?

The National Seed Strategy Task Force on Training Tools is gathering information on all training tools – make sure yours are included by downloading this spreadsheet, adding your details to it, and sending a copy **to gfuller@tnc.org by COB January 31st.**

Instructions on how to fill out the spreadsheet can be found in this document. If you held several training sessions or webinars, you can either provide a link to your organization's training website or fill in details for your top 5 training tools.

This information will provide a basis for understanding what already exists in the way of training on the use of native plants so the Task Force can identify gaps & needs for future training tools. Responses will be used in a short report and as a source for producing a training list for the next Native Seed Conference (or other appropriate meetings).

Below is a list of “definitions” for use in the spreadsheet (for ease of data interpretation) but if training materials you know of do not fit these definitions, please write in a description as you see fit.

The columns at the end of the spreadsheet are meant to track the target audience. Please enter a 1 for all that apply – Practitioners, Producers, and Stakeholders. Stakeholders is a somewhat subjective and difficult term to define. A broad definition is included below – pretty much anyone that would benefit from a well-informed and highly trained cadre of native plant producers and practitioners.

What do we mean by “Native Plants?”

Indigenous terrestrial and aquatic plant species that have evolved and occur naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat. May be referred to as “locally adapted” or “genetically appropriate” plants and includes seeds, plugs, or any other planting stock.

Practitioners:

Federal, State, Local, Tribal land managers
Seed banks
Botanic gardens
Landscape architects
Native plant societies
Research universities
Native plant nurseries
Industry oil/gas/renewables

Producers:

Farmers
Seed growers
Plant Materials Centers
Native plant nurseries
Seed cooperatives

Stakeholders:

Federal, State, Local, Tribal land management agencies

Private land owners – from large nature preserves to urban home owners
Industry - landscape architects, native plant nurseries, oil/gas/renewables

Trainings:

Active and blended learning (combination of hand's on and remote learning tools)

Webinars

Workshop/class (in person, hands-on)

Distance learning

Demonstration sites

Restoration project mentoring

Tools/topics:

Native seed collection

Seed cleaning

Seed storage

Germination

Seed increase

Seed transfer guidelines

Production (seed farming including “orchards” and plug production)

Seeding protocols (from hundreds of acres to a single back yard)

Seed application tools

Drill calibration

Development of seeding plan

Availability:

Biannual, annual, quarterly, etc. – include upcoming date?

Streaming (available anytime – video or webinar)

One time only (should the workshop/class be offered annually or turned into a streaming tool?)