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# Public Notice

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**LRH-2015-HGM/SWVM**

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Stream:  
**HGM and SWVM (v2.1)**

Closing Date: Not Applicable

**[High/Low-Gradient Streams (Per, Int, and Eph)]**

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## **PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR THE HYDROGEOMORPHIC FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT OF HIGH-GRADIENT HEADWATER STREAMS (EPHEMERAL AND INTERMITTENT) AND LOW-GRADIENT PERENNIAL STREAMS IN APPALACHIA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** A Public Workshop on the recently completed “Operational Draft Regional Guidebook for the Functional Assessment of High-Gradient Headwater Streams and Low-Gradient Perennial Stream in Appalachia” (Regional Guidebook) will be provided by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Huntington District Regulatory Branch. This Draft Regional Guidebook has been developed by the United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). In addition, this workshop will include a short synopsis and implementation of the West Virginia Stream and Wetland Valuation Metric (SWVM) version 2.1 which incorporates the Regional Guidebook.

**APPLICATION:** The Hydrogeomorphic (HGM) Approach (or Regional Guidebook) is a method for developing functional indices and the protocols used to apply these indices to the assessment of ecosystem functions at a site-specific scale. The HGM Approach was initially designed to be used in the context of the Clean Water Act Section 404 Regulatory Program permit review to analyze project alternatives, minimize impacts, assess unavoidable impacts, determine mitigation requirements, and monitor the success of compensatory mitigation. Additional potential uses have also been identified.

**ATTENDANCE:** Each individual planning to attend the workshop must RSVP **by 4:00pm on Monday, 17 August 2015**, by submitting an email to [HGM.Registration@usace.army.mil](mailto:HGM.Registration@usace.army.mil). Please indicate company/agency affiliation, contact information, classroom only or both classroom and field participation. For individuals without internet/email capabilities, you may call our office at 304-399-5710 to RSVP.

**\*Note:** If the interest received exceeds the conference facility capacity this workshop may have to be down-sized (i.e. two individuals per company) or a second workshop will be scheduled at a later date. Notifications will be provided via email to those who have registered to attend.

**PARTICIPATION:** The Draft Regional Guidebook is not available at this time. You may reference information on the West Virginia SWVM which is available at <http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/permits/> (click on appropriate links). A component of this workshop will involve a field exercise. Therefore, all individuals should wear appropriate apparel in accordance with forecasted or expected weather and field conditions (i.e. hip-waders, boots, rain gear and etc.).

**DATE:** 1-3 September 2015

**LOCATION:** The classroom portion of the workshop will be held at the Clubhouse at Coonskin Golf Course, 2000 Coonskin Drive, Charleston, WV 25311. Field exercises will be along streams located within Coonskin Park.

**TIME:** Tuesday, 1 September (*Classroom*): The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. (e.s.t.) and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Individuals attending the workshop should plan to arrive at the Clubhouse at Coonskin Golf Course between 15-30 minutes early to register. Lunch will be on your own. There are several fast food restaurants near the Capital Complex, approximately 10-15 minute drive from Coonskin Park.

Wednesday, 2 September (*Field Exercise-Partial Group*): Individuals attending this day will need transportation to attend the field exercise. The field site is located within Coonskin Park. This portion of the workshop will begin at 8:00 a.m. (field meeting location for 2 September TBD). Participants shall furnish and bring their lunch (brown bag) in observance of time constraints.

Thursday, 3 September (*Field Exercise-Partial Group*): Individuals attending this day will need transportation to attend the field exercise. The field site is located within Coonskin Park. This portion of the workshop will begin at 8:00 a.m. (field meeting location for 2 September TBD). Participants shall furnish and bring their lunch (brown bag) in observance of time constraints.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

- Take the Greenbrier Street exit (99) from I-64.
- Exit 99 is also the West Virginia State Capital exit.
- The Capital dome is clearly visible from the Interstate.
- Follow route 114 north
- After exiting, go approximately 2.5 miles to Coonskin.

- (Note: I-77 & I-79 intersect with I-64 in Charleston.)

### Coming into Charleston from the Beckley area

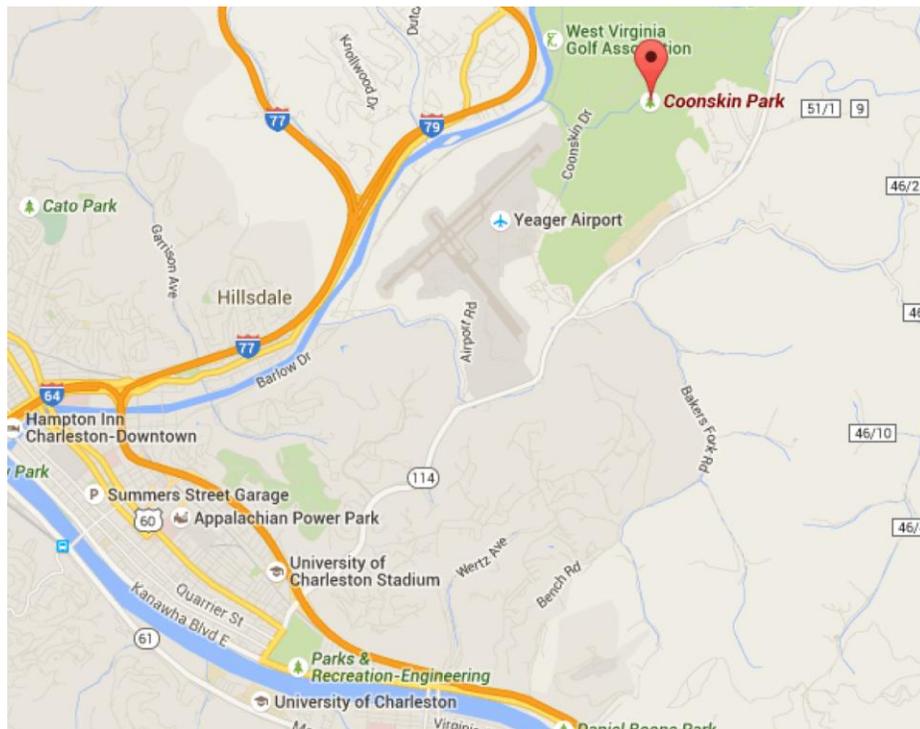
- Follow I-79 north / I-64 west to exit 99.

### Coming south into Charleston from I-77 (Parkersburg, Ripley areas) and I-79 (Morgantown, Weston, Sutton areas)

- Follow I-77 south / I-64 east to exit 99.

### Coming east into Charleston from the Huntington Area

- Follow I-77 south / I-64 east to exit 99



If you have any questions concerning this workshop, please contact Mr. Michael Hatten at (304) 399-5710 or [michael.e.hatten@usace.army.mil](mailto:michael.e.hatten@usace.army.mil).

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