

Integrated Vegetation Management  
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You are cordially invited to attend the **Maryland IVM and Ecosystem Management Workshop** hosted by IVM Partners, Inc. on **October 19, 2010**. The purpose of the workshop is to educate utilities, public agencies, and conservation organizations on the science of integrated vegetation management as outlined in *ANSI A300 Part 7: Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Maintenance – Standard Practices (Integrated Vegetation Management a. Electric Utility Rights-of-Way)*. Observations, demonstrations and botanical documentation by Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage will help participants understand the difference between a professional **IVM Program** and the unplanned use of various vegetation maintenance practices, and help in drafting beneficial language to serve both the energy and conservation needs of the United States in the following areas:

1. Best practices guidance for general use permits on rights-of-way corridors to meet **NPDES** regulations under the Clean Water Act
2. Revision of the **Memorandum of Understanding** between Edison Electric Institute and the federal land management agencies for adopting IVM practices on electric ROW crossing federally managed lands and expansion to include natural gas pipeline corridors
3. Best vegetation management practice recommendations for new energy corridor construction under the **Energy Policy Act of 2005**
4. Best vegetation management practices for controlling **nonnative invasive plants** and restoring **endangered specie habitat**
5. Development of a **national award program** to recognize utilities that adopt IVM best practices to convert ROW into **pollinator and wildlife greenways**

The workshop begins with classroom presentations at the **Owens Brown Interfaith Center located at 7246 Cradlerock Way in Columbia, MD**. Continental breakfast will start your day with a barbecue lunch in the field. We will tour Baltimore Gas & Electric transmission and natural gas rights-of-way to compare the results of mowing versus herbicide treatments and observe the best management practices applied for two separate ROW Partnerships:

- **Columbia** - Baltimore Gas & Electric, Committee for Lake Elkhorn's Environmental Restoration (CLEER), the Columbia Association, the Howard County Board of Environmental Sustainability, the Division of Storm Water Management in the County, Department of Public Works, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the County Council
- **South River Greenway** - Baltimore Gas & Electric, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Anne Arundel County, Biophilia Foundation, Environmental Finance Center, Maryland/DC Audubon, Maryland Environmental Trust, Maryland DNR, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Scenic Rivers Land Trust, South River Federation, and the Trust for Public Land

There is no charge to attend this workshop but please make a donation to help with our continuing educational efforts at [www.ivmpartners.org](http://www.ivmpartners.org).