



Salt Smart Parking Lots & Sidewalks Training & Certification Program

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Timeline



- A lot has changed since the grant was submitted in August of 2019. We worked with IEPA to incorporate maximum flexibility to create a program that fits with current conditions.
- Basic tasks in the grant are to “Develop a plan for Training & Certification Program” & “Implement Plan”
- We will convene a Salt Smart Collaborative (SSC) Training Committee to assist with program development and review.
- Draft plan to IEPA by end of September, final plan by end of October 2021. Project completion date is December 31, 2022.



Consultants



The Conservation Foundation will be hiring consultants to assist with grant tasks. We will likely utilize more than one consultant bases on the types of tasks we will need assistance with.

Consultant tasks:

- Technical content review, increase readability, development of and translation into training modules.
- Graphics, branding
- IT needs



Training Committee



One of our first tasks will be to setup a SSC Training Committee, first meeting is targeted for August 26th time and location TBD. Committee will be broader than the 319 project.

Salt Smart Collaborative Training Committee tasks:

- Review and guide PL&S Training & Certification Program
- Identify regional training needs
- Assist in development of new training modules



Project Goals



- Review and finalize IL-based training manual
 - Technical content, module breakdown, order of materials
 - Format, graphics
 - Meeting set with Scott K. on Thursday for initial review
- Develop & implement framework for Virtual Training Program
 - Training Program format – likely a set of modules
 - Tests & tracking
 - IT needs to make accessible on-demand via SSC website



Project Goals



- Certification process development
 - What does “Certification” mean for an individual? For an organization?
 - IT needs to track online via SSC website
 - What does the renewal process look like?
- Marketing Materials
 - Create materials for companies to use promoting them as “Salt Smart Certified”



Opportunities to Participate



- Participate on SSC Training Committee
 - Contact Jennifer Hammer if interested in participating
 - First meeting August 26th time & location TBD
- Provide pictures/video or staff “interviews” to support material development
- Contribute funds for grant match



Upcoming Training



- Virtual Winter Deicing Workshops in September & October
- Public Roads
 - September 30
 - October 5 & 12
- Parking Lots & Sidewalks
 - September 28
 - October 7

Registration open in August on www.saltsmart.org



Contacts



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THANK YOU!