

# *Soils* and *RESTORATION ECOLOGY*

**A Conference to Promote Soil Ecology in the Practice of Restoration Ecology**

## First Announcement and a Call for Abstracts

**Where:** DePaul University, Chicago, IL. Chicago is an ideal location for the conference as it has a large and vibrant restoration community (both academic and on-the-ground), and the city is centrally located with two large airports. Holiday shopping is good too!

**When:** 18 – 20 December 2006

**Who should attend:** Restoration Ecologists, Soil Ecologists, Restoration Engineers, Land Managers, or anyone interested in Restoration, Reclamation, or Remediation of Ecosystems.

**Why YOU should attend:** The conference will focus on the role of soils in restoration ecology, and the question of why soils (as an ecological entity) are not more often incorporated into restoration plans. There will be several oral sessions over three days with invited plenary speakers, as well as poster sessions.

### **Session topics**

Historical and Developing Conceptual Bases for Restoration Ecology  
Soils as an Afterthought in Restoration Ecology – Why?  
How to Incorporate Soils into Restoration Experiments  
Restoration in the Face of Biological Invasions  
Restoration in the Face of Climate Change  
Policy Considerations for Successful Ecosystem Restoration  
Successes and Failures in Soil Restoration: Case Studies

### **Other Information:**

Please email Mac Callaham ([mcallaham@fs.fed.us](mailto:mcallaham@fs.fed.us)) or Liam Heneghan ([lheneha@depaul.edu](mailto:lheneha@depaul.edu)) with any questions. If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact us as soon as possible to help us in the plan for the event. Registration information will follow shortly. Also, please forward this announcement to any of your colleagues who may be interested.

Abstracts (300 word maximum) are due on 15 September 2006. Abstracts should be submitted as a Word document to Mac Callaham via email ([mcallaham@fs.fed.us](mailto:mcallaham@fs.fed.us)). Please indicate your preference for oral or poster presentation format. Please note that there is a very limited number of slots for oral presentations.

There will be a modest registration fee for the conference:

Students: \$25

Non-Students: \$75

A published proceeding based on the oral and poster presentations is planned, perhaps as an edited volume or special issue of Restoration Ecology.