

# **Living on the Land: Stewardship for Small Acreages. (A04-minshew113005-Poster)**

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## **Abstract:**

Living on the Land (LOL): Stewardship for Small Acreages is an educational curriculum that targets small acreage landowners. In the West, larger tracts of land are being subdivided to accommodate people moving to the 'country'. This fast growing demographic has a significant impact on natural resources through the cumulative effects of its numbers. These cumulative effects result in excess soil erosion, poor surface and groundwater quality, degraded fish and wildlife habitat and loss of land productivity. These new landowners created a great demand for information and technical assistance to help them manage their wildlife, land, and water resources. The LOL curriculum aims to raise awareness among small acreage landowners and to provide the tools for them to be better stewards. One of the key strengths of the curriculum is its adaptability to fit the needs of local audiences. This 36-hr curriculum includes an instructors' guide and five lessons in PowerPoint format entitled 1) Setting the Stage, Inventorying Resources, 2) Your Living Soil, 3) All Life Depends on Water, 4) Love Your Grass as Much as Your Animals and 5) Don't Forget the Animals.

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