



Meeting: Midwest PARC Meeting

Date: February 22, 2002

Location: United States EPA Building - Chicago, IL

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Midwest PARC meeting summary

The **PARC Midwest** meeting was held Friday, February 22, 2002 at the US EPA Building in Chicago. Bruce Kingsbury's summary of the meeting is below, or visit the [PARC Midwest website](#).

Summary submitted by [Bruce Kingsbury](#)

- 1) PARC Midwest has demonstrated success** in products such as the "Midwest Ephemeral Wetlands" brochure (see below), the Ephemeral Wetlands Conference, the **PARC Midwest** website, the soon to be released "Habitat Management Guide for Amphibians and Reptiles of the Midwest," due out in a month, and numerous other contributions not directly touted as **PARC** activities.
- 2) There was lively discussion about PARC Midwest leadership structure.** The leadership positions have never been fully defined, and this has lead to significant confusion and loss of some membership. Several attendees at the meeting voiced their frustration about waiting for guidance on what to do next. Discussion about the pros and cons of having more formal governance continued, and, in the end, pending further evolution of **PARC** and **PARC Midwest**, there is no formal leadership structure. **PARC** does not have the means, or members, in many cases, the desire, to formalize such structure. Names of contact persons are provided below if you would like to bounce ideas off of them or get their input on who you might hook up with for a particular activity, but that is the extent of our structure at this time.
- 3) That does not mean that PARC activities should stop!** Anyone with the expertise and resources is encouraged to get projects going, and use the listserv and contact persons to solicit assistance. **PARC Midwest** activities will be task driven, and do not require initiation in a general meeting or by persons formally identified as "leads."
- 4) Several new projects with PARC Midwest links were discussed.** Details on those activities will also be forthcoming