

*Quick summary of the Focus Group commonly held discussions/findings:*

The importance of Disaster Planning information and instruction was seen as a vital topic to WI institutions.

Using regionally held workshops and trainings for staff and volunteers - with a hands-on component that resulted in nearly finished products (eg. Disaster Plans; Long Range Conservation Plans; Grant Writing).

Using some sort of initial 'self-survey' or staff initiated assessment that institutions as a first step in identifying their needs.

Utilizing existing networks and associations for the dissemination of instruction and information

Developing and utilizing regional teams/networks for disaster efforts (in both instruction and for recovery assistance)

Institutions could use a listing of good, trusted websites and other on-line instructional materials.