We ask the Host Agency to offer an indoor classroom space for 3 full day and one-half day (morning) training sessions for 50 participants.

CLASSROOM CONSIDERATIONS:
- Seating for 40-50 participants, classroom style set-up
- Projector screen or blank wall
- Wifi
- Restrooms
- Area for registration table and morning coffee & snacks

IDEALLY A SITE WILL HAVE:
- Projection equipment
- Audio equipment (microphones for presenters, speaker for playing video content)
- Access to a site support contact person as needed
- Access to IT help as needed
- Free parking or easily accessible by public transit
- Accessible to restaurants for lunch break

PRACTICUM (FIELD DAY)
Our Maintenance Qualification Training includes a half-day service-learning field day/practicum project where participants gain hands-on experience applying our 8 Principles by installing a regenerative landscape that benefits a nearby community. The practicum project should involve sheet mulching, compost and mulch applications, as well as planting and installing irrigation if needed. The practicum project is intended to put into practice and reinforce the information that the students have learned in the previous 3 and half days of lectures. The host agency provides a location for the practicum activity, obtains necessary materials and tools, and actively collaborates with ReScape to plan, design and execute the practicum project.

PARTNER AGENCY STAFF:
- Dedicate a practicum lead person who will participate in planning phone calls with the ReScape team.
- Ensure site design and preparation is executed and materials are obtained prior to the practicum day.
- Make a minimum of three employees available on the day of the practicum project to act as site captains (these employees may be enrolled in the training).

PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS:
The Host Site Partner Agency should choose a location that is appropriate for a class of 40 landscape professionals to practice basic sheet mulching (approx. 10,000sq ft). Turf grass conversion projects are ideal, but street medians, empty lots, etc. can also be very interesting and effective. Larger areas can be covered if the class is full. Specifics of the scope and location will be discussed in planning phases with ReScape staff. In the event there is a special training request (such as pruning) or unusual project that the Host Agency has in mind, ReScape will discuss it on a case-by-case basis.

Partner Host Agencies qualify for discounted tuition of $575 per person (normally $625).
A TYPICAL PRACTICUM PROJECT SCENARIO:

- Sheet Mulching: the site must be prepared for sheet mulching which includes:
  - Turf grass or other open space areas must be mown down as short as possible. Unless the pre-existing vegetation was heavy weed cover that had already gone to seed, removal of the cut vegetation to the landfill or green waste bins is not necessary.
  - Any hardscaping to be removed must already have been removed from the site and any hazards also identified and either flagged or removed (such as steel reinforcing wire, rebar, broken glass, etc).

- If planting is included in the project, then the project area should be reduced by 80%. Host Agency is responsible for selecting and providing plant materials and the design. ReScape urges Host Agencies to use Bay Friendly practices and appropriate hydrozoning and spacing in order to make selections. If the design runs contrary to Bay Friendly principles and practices, these contradictions will be discussed during the field day so that participants can learn what would have been preferable and why.

- If irrigation is included in the project, then the project area should be reduced by approximately 50% to allow time for this added scope. Irrigation should be drip only, with all points of connection either ready or planned for finishing after the training. ReScape urges Host Agencies to employ thoughtful irrigation design practices in determining how to lay out the irrigation; line-source layout of the design is strongly preferred over point-source. Non-commercial grade irrigation materials will be discussed and inappropriate irrigation design layout or product selection will also be reviewed. If the design runs contrary to Bay Friendly irrigation design training information, these contradictions will be discussed during the field day so that participants can learn what would have been preferable and why. During the field day, only basic line layout, stapling, and grid connections will be made, trainees will not be asked to perform capping, hard piping, welding, or cutting of pipe.

SITE DESIGN:
ReScape California does not provide design services for the field day. Host Agencies are generally expected to have the ability to either contract for professional design services or provide them in-house. Likewise, if a project comes under MWELO or another permit process, ReScape CA cannot be held responsible for any outcomes affecting those processes.

MATERIALS:
- Cardboard
- Mulch
- Compost
- Plants or planting materials (if specified in project)
- Irrigation materials (if specified in project)
- Tools – shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc.
- Hoses and point of connection or water source sufficient to reach project area
- Safety cones or other warning materials as needed (P.P.E. if possible)
- Waste management receptacles

BENEFITS TO HOSTING AGENCY

By hosting, a partner organization can guarantee that a ReScape Qualification Training will be held at a location that is accessible to the partner organization’s employees, and that the course content is tailored to the partner organization’s regional environment as well as local laws and policies.

The practicum is intended to assist the Host Agency in completing a large project that otherwise may not have been given priority, or had enough time or staff delegated to. Additionally, the practicum project is used as a case study and the site is referred to throughout the training course. Hosts should choose a practicum location that utilizes our resources in a way that is beneficial to you and your community.

A partnership with ReScape’s Qualified Trainings demonstrates the Host Agency’s commitment to building and maintaining healthy, regenerative landscapes. We recognize and promote the Host Agency throughout our training promotion and events, including press and media releases.