

Education

M.A., Botany/Wetland Ecology, University of Texas at Austin
B.S., Forestry/Wildlife Science, Stephen F. Austin University

Years of Experience

With This Firm: 31
With Other Firms: 11

Areas of Relevant Expertise

- ✓ Jurisdictional Wetland Delineation
- ✓ Section 404/10 Permitting
- ✓ Threatened/ Endangered Species
- ✓ Section 7/10(a) Permitting (ESA)
- ✓ USACE HGM Analysis
- ✓ NEPA EA/EIS
- ✓ USFWS HEP Procedure
- ✓ Habitat Restoration/Creation
- ✓ Mitigation
- ✓ Terrestrial Ecology
- ✓ Land Use
- ✓ Expert Testimony

Training and Certifications

- ✓ Certified Professional Wetland Scientist (Emeritus) No. 000155
- ✓ Certified Training in Habitat Evaluation Procedure (HEP)
- ✓ US Army Corps of Engineers Qualified Wetland Delineation Training

TxDOT Precertifications

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| 2.3.1 Wetland Delineation | 2.4.3 US Coast Guard & USACE Permits |
| 2.3.2 Conditional/Functional Assessment | 2.6.1 Protected Species Determination (Habitat) |
| 2.4.1 Nationwide Permit | 2.6.2 Impact Evaluation Assessments |
| 2.4.2 Clean Water Act Section 404 Permits | 2.6.3 Biological Surveys |
| | 2.13.1 Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment |
| | 2.14.1 Environmental Document Preparation |

Experience Summary

Mr. Sherrod is a co-founder of Horizon™ and specializes in terrestrial and wetland ecology, endangered species, regulatory permitting, and NEPA compliance. He has over 40 years of experience in the technical applications of these fields and the regulatory aspects of project-compliance procedures. He is a recognized expert in wetlands issues and is certified as a "Professional Wetland Scientist - Emeritus" (No. 000155) by the Society of Wetland Scientists Certification Program, Inc. He has directed hundreds of wetland assessment and permitting projects throughout the southern US that have included jurisdictional wetland delineation; aerial photographic interpretation and mapping; habitat creation, enhancement, and reclamation; shoreline stabilization; and mitigation planning. Mr. Sherrod has been qualified as an expert witness in federal court regarding wetlands and endangered species issues and has been regularly invited to give presentations and lectures on these issues at conferences and universities. He has successfully represented public and private applicants in numerous Section 10(a)(1)(B) permits (Endangered Species Act incidental take of endangered species) as well as Section 7 consultations. He has certified training in HEP (USFWS Habitat Evaluation Procedure) and has conducted numerous HEP analyses. He has also conducted numerous Hydrogeomorphic Model (HGM) analyses for wetland impacts and mitigation. He brings an enormous amount of practical experience and expertise to any project to facilitate regulatory permitting, particularly as related to wetlands and endangered species.