

News Release

VOLUNTEER STREAM WATCHERS NEEDED!

CITY STREAM WATCH WORKSHOP AVAILABLE

MANOTICK, May 2, 2007 — The City Stream Watch program is holding the first of two “Stream Watch” training sessions for community volunteers on May 12. Volunteer scientists can take part in monitoring, protecting and cleaning up three city streams in Ottawa in 2007. Take this free opportunity to try your hand at being a citizen scientist, learn about stream environments and make a positive impact on our urban ecosystem.

Volunteers are requested to come to the Community Training Session to learn the easy and basic techniques of stream assessment and well as other projects planned throughout the season. The Community Training Session is on May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at the small park at the mouth of Sawmill Creek about 100 m east of Billings Bridge Shopping Centre (Bank Street bridge at Riverside Drive).

All necessary equipment is provided and there is no cost to volunteers. People can choose which stream or streams they wish to work on over the summer. This is a great chance for interested members of the community to learn about and help care for their local streams and also meet other dedicated stream stewards. Register now!

The City Stream Watch program is a community-based partnership, which includes the City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, the National Defence Fish & Game Club, the Ottawa Flyfishers Society, the Ottawa South Community Association (ECOS), the Rideau Roundtable, and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. For more information about the program, including the reports of streams previously studied, please visit:

www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/streamwatch/index.html

<<http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/streamwatch/index.html>> .

For more information on the Community Training Session and how to get involved in 2007, contact Grant Nichol, City Stream Watch Coordinator at grant.nichol@ottawa.ca

Please send email confirmation if you plan to attend!

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