

News Release

VOLUNTEER STREAM WATCHERS NEEDED!

RIDEAU VALLEY, April 17, 2009 — The City Stream Watch program is holding two “Stream Watch” training sessions for community volunteers in Ottawa on Saturday May 9 and Saturday May 23. Volunteer scientists can take part in monitoring, protecting and cleaning up four Ottawa-area streams in 2009. This year’s featured streams are Barrhaven Creek, Bilberry Creek, Mosquito Creek and Stillwater Creek. 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.

You can register and come to the Community Training Session of your choice to learn the easy and basic techniques of stream assessment and other stream projects planned throughout the season. The sessions are the same, so you only need to attend one. The Community Training Session is on Saturday May 9 or Saturday May 23 from 9 am 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 of the four 2009 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. Please register at your earliest convenience.

The City Stream Watch program is a partnership of community groups including the City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, the National Defence Fish & Game Club, the Ottawa Flyfishers Society, the Rideau Roundtable, and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority with the generous support of the Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre.

For more information on the Community Training Session and how to get involved in 2009, contact Julia Sutton, City Stream Watch Coordinator at citystreamwatch@rvca.ca. For more information about the City Stream Watch program, please visit: www.rvca.on.ca/programs/streamwatch/index.

Please send an email confirmation if you plan to attend!
Thank you very much for your interest in city streams.

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