

# News Release

## VOLUNTEERING ON BRASSIL'S CREEK

RIDEAU VALLEY, May 27, 2010 — The City Stream Watch program keeps track of the environmental characteristics of 22 streams around the City of Ottawa. We collect valuable, first-hand environmental information on these systems. Each one is surveyed every five years. As the amount of information grows, we find that respect for the streams also increases as people become familiar with the beautiful natural places close to home. Our goal is to help surveyed streams become valued features of the communities through which they flow.

Next on the list is Brassil's Creek in the southwest corner of the City where Montague, Merrickville-Wolford and North Grenville meet. We are seeking several able-bodied outdoor volunteers to assist with the monitoring program on Brassil's Creek.

All necessary equipment and training is provided and there is no cost to volunteers. People can choose the days and times they wish to work on the stream over the summer. This is a good opportunity for interested members of the community to learn about our local streams and meet other dedicated stream stewards. High school students can use their volunteer time towards their required community service hours.

You can expect to take part in professional, hands-on training with stream sampling equipment, fish sampling and identification activities, stream surveying, stream cleanups and City Stream Watch special events.

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

Reports on streams previously studied can be found at: <http://www.rvca.ca/programs/streamwatch/index.html>.

For more information and to get involved on Brassil's Creek, please contact Julia Sutton, City Stream Watch Coordinator, 613-692-3571 ext 1180 or [citystreamwatch@rvca.ca](mailto:citystreamwatch@rvca.ca).

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