

News Release

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CITY STREAM WATCH!

RIDEAU VALLEY, April 22, 2010 — The City Stream Watch program is offering two “Stream Watch” training sessions for community volunteers free of charge on May 15 and May 29. Volunteer scientists can take part in monitoring four city streams in Ottawa in 2010. Take this free opportunity to try your hand at being a citizen scientist, learn about stream environments and help keep our city streams clean and healthy.

The training sessions introduce new volunteers to the program and teach the basic techniques of stream assessment. The sessions are the same, so you only need to attend one. You have a choice of two dates and two locations:

Saturday May 15—Graham Creek, 9 am-noon

Meet at the mouth of Graham Creek, at the east parking lot in Andrew Haydon Park (parking lot is off of Carling Avenue, east of Holly Acres Road).

Saturday, May 29—Sawmill Creek, 9 am-noon

Meet at the small park at the mouth of Sawmill Creek where it enters the Rideau River, 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 Rideau Roundtable, and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority with the generous support of the Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre.

For more information about the program and reports of streams previously studied, please visit:
<http://www.rvca.ca/programs/streamwatch/index.html> .

For more information on the training sessions and how to get involved in 2010, contact Julia Sutton, City Stream Watch Coordinator at citystreamwatch@rvca.ca

Please send an email or phone confirmation if you plan to attend!

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