

# NEWS RELEASE

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CITY STREAM WATCH!

RIDEAU VALLEY, MAY 10, 2011 — The City Stream Watch program is holding two “Stream Watch” training sessions for community volunteers on May 28th and May 29th. These volunteer scientists can take part in monitoring three city streams in Ottawa in 2011. 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 and rural ecosystems.

The training sessions are held to introduce new volunteers to the program and to learn the basic techniques of stream assessment. The sessions are the same, so you only need to attend one. The training sessions will be held in two locations:

### Dates and sites for planting:

- **Saturday May 28—Sawmill Creek, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** (Billing’s Bridge)
- **Sunday May 29—Steven’s Creek, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** (Kars)

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.

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, Ottawa Stewardship Council, the Rideau Roundtable and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

For more information about the program, including the reports of streams previously studied, please visit: [www.rvca.ca/programs/streamwatch/index.html](http://www.rvca.ca/programs/streamwatch/index.html)

To register for training events and to get involved in 2011, please contact Julia Sutton, City Stream Watch Coordinator at [citystreamwatch@rvca.ca](mailto:citystreamwatch@rvca.ca).

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

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### More information:

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*City Stream Watch is a community environmental partnership program sponsored by City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club, Ottawa Flyfishers Society, Rideau Roundtable and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.*

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