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# New Date for Stream Watch Training

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MANOTICK, May 18, 2005 — Here's a chance to participate in the very successful City Stream Watch program as it continues in 2005. Volunteer scientists can monitor and check, protect and clean up three city streams in Ottawa. Take this great opportunity to try your hand at being a junior scientist — learn about urban stream environments and make a positive impact on our urban ecosystem.

Due to the popularity of the City Stream Watch Program another training session has been scheduled for May 28. Volunteers are requested to come to the Community Training Session to learn the easy and basic techniques of stream assessment. The Community Training Session is on **May 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the small park at the mouth of Sawmill Creek about 100 m east of Billings Bridge Shopping Centre (Bank Street at Riverside Drive)**. All necessary equipment is provided and there is no cost to volunteers who 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 program is lead by the Heron Park Community Association and includes the City of Ottawa, Ottawa Flyfishers Society, the Ottawa South Community Association, The Rideau Roundtable, National Defence Fish and Game Club and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. For program details, including the final reports of streams previously studied check out the website [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 2005, contact Grant Nichol, City Stream Watch Coordinator at 580-2424 ext. 22886.

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