

NEWS RELEASE

From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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Free training: Streamwatchers needed in Sullivan County

Sullivan County has some of the highest quality streams in the East. These waterways provide clean, safe havens for the fish and plants that live in them and the children and adults that swim and boat in them.

In order to maintain these clean waterways, businesses and organizations have to commit to working together to keep pollutants out of the water. Local volunteers are sought to monitor streams on a monthly basis, keeping watch for potential problems and collecting data to determine baseline conditions.

Training will be given from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Apple Pond Farm & Renewable Energy Education Center, 80 Hahn Road, Callicoon Center, N.Y. 12724. See applepondfarm.com.

The program and equipment are provided free of charge through a grant from the William Penn Foundation and support from The Nature Conservancy and Brodhead Watershed Association.

Jackie Speicher, Streamwatch trainer, will guide participants through testing protocols and supply groups with access to a complete testing kit.

Streamwatch trainees will learn how to record observational data such as water color, odor, and turbidity; and how to use test kits that sample for pH of the water, nitrate concentrations and orthophosphates.

For information or to register, please contact Jackie Speicher at 570-236-3008 or jackie.speicher@brodheadwatershed.org. See also brodheadwatershed.org/streamwatchers.html.

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.