

# Raymond Macik

Meet Raymond Macik, Brodhead Watershed's intern during the 2014-15 school year.

He ran the 2014 fecal coliform testing as part of the green infrastructure project, and continues to support BWA with events and data/mapping projects.

Raymond is a 25-year-old East Stroudsburg University student, and a busy one: He has two majors (bachelor's degrees in biology and environmental studies) and two minors (chemistry and geography). He will graduate May 9.

As a Tannersville native and Pocono Mountain East alumnus, he said, "Having grown up in this area, my friends and I were always outdoors — whether it was exploring a new trail or blazing our own."

Raymond enjoys hiking in the Poconos because of the area's "enormous environmental and geological presence. No hike (is) ever the same."

Among his favorite places: the Appalachian Mountain range passing through the Delaware Water Gap, the glacial moraine in Sciota, or the Tannersville Cranberry Bog.

Raymond's early interests have become his career.

After graduation, he will join the



work force, particularly in the biological science field. He has applied for state Civil Service positions, including positions as a DCNR ranger trainee, environmental trainee, environmental education specialist, or forensic scientist trainee. He also plans to work for nonprofit organizations or environmental restoration companies in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Then, possibly a master's degree and doctorate — maybe in botany. "I am not opposed to a concentration in hydrology or limnology, either, and I do have some keen ideas for potential graduate research involving water quality studies; this passion having stemmed from working with the BWA."

Even with these big plans, "I plan to continue working with the BWA in as many ways possible," Raymond said.