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Would you like to be a Streamwatcher?

Brodhead Watershed Association will soon welcome new “water warriors” into its popular Streamwatch program.

Streamwatch volunteer training sessions will be held at Northampton Community College’s Tannersville campus. You need attend only one session: either 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in Pocono Hall, Room 108, or at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 24, in Kapp Hall, Room 104.

For 27 years, BWA Streamwatch volunteers have been checking local streams on a monthly basis. Now, with more than 70 volunteers in six sub-watershed regions of Monroe County, new volunteers are always welcome to join the efforts to ensure water quality. This program is also a good refresher course for veteran Streamwatchers.

“These citizen scientists not only test for indicators of pollution, they also provide observations on the health of our streams,” said Bob Heil, BWA executive director. “With budget cuts at regulatory agencies, these volunteers are even more valuable.”

If problems are discovered, BWA alerts regulatory agencies, such as the Department of Environmental Protection.

At the training, volunteers will meet other Streamwatchers from the local watershed, learn what the program is all about, and get hands-on training with the equipment. At that time, you can decide if Streamwatch is right for you.

To register for either training session or if you have questions, contact the BWA office at 570-839-1120 or email info@brodheadwatershed.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is preferred. For more about the Streamwatch program, see 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.