## **NEWS RELEASE**

## From the Brodhead Watershed Association FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A STREAMWATCHER?

Brodhead Watershed Association will soon train new volunteers for its popular Streamwatch program.

Streamwatch training sessions will be held 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at East Stroudsburg University's Moore Building, Room 201; and at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Northampton Community College's Kapp Hall, Room 104, at the Tannersville campus. You need attend only one session.

For 26 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 basic level of citizen science is essential to identifying stream issues as soon as they occur," said Bob Heil, BWA executive director. 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.

New this year will be an opportunity to meet Dr. Sarah Princiotta from Lacawac Sanctuary, who hopes to establish a similar program for lakes in the Pocono region.

BWA offers other opportunities for volunteers, too. See brodheadwatershed.org.

To register for either training session or if you have questions, contact the BWA office at 570-839-1120 or email info@brodheadwatershed.org.

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: <a href="mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org">info@brodheadwatershed.org</a> or 570-839-1120.