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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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The Brodhead Watershed Association Seeks Volunteers to Walk The Brodhead, McMichael and Pocono Creeks

Recent news about large metropolitan water supplies being contaminated and unsafe to drink should be a reminder that clean water is not always a fact of life. We here in the Poconos take it for granted that we will always have super abundant clean drinking water, but then so did the residents of Charlestown, WV and Toledo, OH.

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit organization that has dedicated the last 25 years to ensuring we always have clean water here in Monroe County. This takes vigilance, to make sure the clean water stays that way, and a desire to find ways to make impaired waters better.

On the side of vigilance the BWA has been monitoring the streams in the Brodhead Watershed for a quarter of a century. They have also been conducting annual fecal coliform testing in partnership with the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The results of several years of testing are clear. The lower Brodhead Creek, McMichael Creek and Pocono Creek are impaired and do not meet clean water standards for recreational use. The BWA wants to do something about that and has secured funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to develop a plan to address this situation.

The first step is to try and locate all potential sources of the problem. As part of collecting that information the BWA will be conducting surveys of the streams called Creek Walks. Teams of volunteers will walk the banks documenting all outfalls, storm drains and eroded stream banks. If you would like to help the BWA protect the water in the Brodhead Creek and its tributaries come out to Creek Walk training on either Wednesday, August 13, at 7 pm in the meeting room of the Stroud Township Municipal Building or Saturday, August 16 at the ForEvergreen Nature Preserve (the former Evergreen Golf Course at Penn Hills) in Analomink. The training will consist in learning what to look for, how to document what you find and establishing teams of volunteers.

A great way to find out more about the Brodhead Watershed Association is to join us for our annual River Ramble this Sunday, August 10 from 1-4 pm at the ForEvergreen Nature Preserve, or by visiting us on the internet at brodheadwatershed.org. You can also register on line for the training at info@brodheadwatershed.org or by telephone at 570-839-1120. The BWA proudly protecting our environment and watershed resources for 25 years.

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a non-profit 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. The BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring.

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