

Getting Started in Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring

A Watershed Academy Webcast

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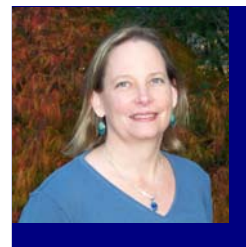
Session Description:

Throughout the world, trained volunteers provide an invaluable service: monitoring and providing data on the quality of rivers, streams, lakes, estuaries, and wetlands. This session will provide a primer on starting a volunteer water quality program. Instructors will discuss key steps to follow, questions to ponder, examples of success stories, and where the best resources are for further information. They will also introduce a tiered approach to ensure the best use of volunteer-collected data. The data use tiers are defined by the purpose of the program, the intended use of its data, and the intended data users. Also, learn about World Water Monitoring Day, celebrated every October to raise awareness about the importance of water quality monitoring (<http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/>).

Instructors:

Linda Green, URI Watershed Watch Program Director, University of Rhode Island Watershed Watch Program

Linda represented the volunteer monitoring community on the National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC) for 9 years, co-chaired its Collaboration and Outreach subcommittee, and co-chaired two NWQMC conferences. She co-leads a national Extension project to expand and enhance volunteer monitoring in Extension programs across the country. She has been the director of the URI Watershed Watch program since its creation 20 years ago.



Danielle Donkersloot, Volunteer Monitoring Coordinator, New Jersey DEP

Danielle coordinates and facilitates New Jersey's volunteer monitoring programs under one umbrella organization called the Watershed Watch Network. She represents the volunteer monitoring community at the NJ Water Quality Monitoring Council and she has been providing support and guidance to the volunteer community for several years.



The Watershed Academy

The Watershed Academy is a focal point in EPA's Office of Water for providing training and information on implementing watershed approaches. The watershed approach is one of the four pillars of the EPA's Sustainable Infrastructure Initiative. The Academy sponsors live classroom training, online distance learning modules through the Watershed Academy Web at www.epa.gov/watertrain/, and most recently, Webcasts on various watershed planning and restoration topics. EPA plans to offer additional Webcasts in 2006. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watershedacademy.

Registration

Registration for this Webcast opens October 4, 2006. You must register in advance to participate in the Webcast. To register, visit www.clu-in.org/live. The Webcast will be a Web-based slide presentation with a companion audio portion. There are two options for accessing the audio portion of the Webcast: by phone OR streaming audio broadcast (not both). By selecting one registration option at the registration page, you will be registering to view the Web-based slides and the audio method of your choice. If you choose the streaming audio option, you will not be able to participate by telephone. However, you will be able to submit questions online for the presenters to answer during the Webcast. Closed-captioning is available. Upon registration you will receive complete participation instructions. **Please note that there are a limited number of toll-free phone lines available, so register early to guarantee your spot. Because of the growing popularity of these Webcasts and the limited number of available spaces, we strongly encourage you to reserve a conference room and invite your colleagues and other partners to participate.** If you register after that limit is reached, you will be added to a waiting list. After the Webcast is over, an audio version of the Webcast will be available—visit www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts/ for more information.

Questions?

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