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Report Cards, Hats, and Meet the Monitor

Good day, everyone! It was nice seeing some of you over the past week at Riverfest or at the Wade In. Those of you I did not see were missed.

Just an early heads up that I will not be available the Tuesday of the next sampling period and will send out a reminder with the, uh, reminder email. Should there be any issues on July 26, please contact Lisa Baird at 410.443.8878. I will be back at work on Wednesday, July 27, so I'll be available that day in case of problems.

Also, you should receive a full-blown, all-Alliance Currents in your inbox in another week or so.

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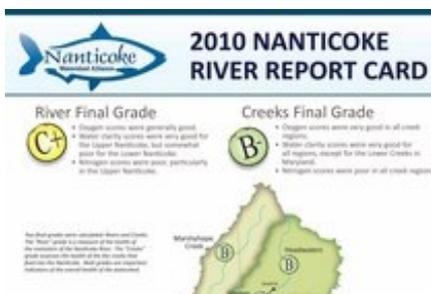
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On Tuesday, we launched the 2010 Nanticoke River Report Card! The digital version is online now (or would be if our website weren't hiccuping all over the place). Also, I will be

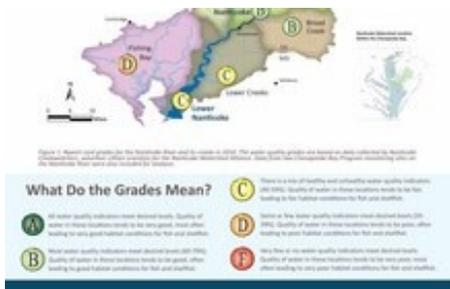
Dates to remember:

July 30 and August 6:
Saturday Open House at the NWA Office in Vienna

August 13: NWA @ AFRAM at Nutter Park in Seaford

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sending out hard copies to current and past Creekwatchers next week. I will update you on the digital version in the reminder email.

In the coming weeks, we'll also be distributing copies (along with discs that contain the raw data) to libraries within the watershed, to chambers of commerce, and to other public locations.

If you have a request for a particular location to be stocked with report cards, please let me know, and we'll it to the list.

Thank you for your hard work; without you, the report card wouldn't be possible, and the report card does much to help us promote awareness of the river.

Hat! Hat! Hat!

Most of you aren't rocking your nifty baseball caps. Boo and hiss, I say. Rescue your hat from its current unloved life in a drab cardboard box. Wield the power of the river. Protect your eyes from the sun. And look stylish while Creekwatching!



How can you get your hat?

1. You can pick up the hat anytime the office is open from Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, or drop by on a Saturday Open House. Open Houses are listed on the website. When it's working correctly.
2. For those of you in Delaware, I know it's a long drive to Vienna. I'll be in touch about a common meeting area and time where you can pick up your hat if I don't see you soon.
3. If you're in Maryland and Vienna is a long drive, we can make alternative arrangements. Contact me if you don't think driving to the office is feasible.

Meet the Monitor: Rob Hutton



Like many of you, Rob Hutton's a busy volunteer. He's also a member of the Seaford Power Squadron, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and is on the Blades planning commission. He grew up on the river between

Maine and New Hampshire but now calls Seaford and the Nanticoke his home.

For more photos of Rob and his sites, check out the [Creekwatching in Seaford photo album on Facebook](#).

How long have you been a Creekwatcher? This is my fourth year. I'm also a VOICES grad and was in the first class with Fred (Sponseller, also a Creekwatcher). Creekwatching was a good way to get 40 volunteer hours. I've been monitoring my current sites since my second year.

What's an interesting thing about your site? They're easy sites to monitor (Seaford Boat Launch and Seaford Canoe Launch)--on floats.



Where's your favorite spot on the Nanticoke or in the Nanticoke watershed, and why? The [Nanticoke River Marine Park](#) in Blades. It's state-owned and leased to the town of Blades. It's a "clean marina" and the boat ramp and pump-out is free. The marina's the only source of fuel in 50 miles.

What's your favorite Nanticoke-related activity? Getting out on the river in the morning. It's quiet. Doesn't matter whether the sun is up or if it's raining.

What do you recommend that visitors do on the Nanticoke and where? On weekends, go up the river to avoid traffic. [Note: Rob is also very big--he teaches it--on [boater safety](#) and encourages you to

have fun and be safe when on the river.]

Is there anything you'd like to add or share with your fellow Creekwatchers? It's a well-run program, but I don't want it to become politicized.

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