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Creekwatcher Currents: July 2015

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Well, July has definitely been an interesting month. For that reason, this is going to be a relatively brief Currents.

First of all, thanks to all of you who've reached out to JoJo. She texted me one day to say that she received a bunch of cards from Creekwatchers and that they really lifted her spirits. Hopefully, JoJo will get a chance to drop by the office after she recovers. She is focusing on getting back to 100% right now.

Next, we will miss Lisa a massive amount. She is the last of the crew who was at the NWA when I started (besides some of you Creekwatchers). I know I'm looking forward to hearing about her new adventures planting trees, saving forests, and getting good done. I know she's excited about getting off her duff and getting her hands dirty!

Until we've filled Lisa's position, there will be some modifications to drop-off times. I included the same information in the sampling period reminder but want to minimize surprises on Monday. You can read more about those temp changes in the "Moving Forward" section below.

We also (unfortunately) received word that a CCC Volunteer will not be placed with us during the 2015-2016 service year, so I'll probably be reaching out to you for help during non-traditional times, such as the post-season and helping us distribute the report card.

We DID receive some great media coverage of our 2014 Nanticoke River Report Card release and Wade In at Trap Pond State Park on July 16. You can read/view some of the coverage at:

- [WBOC](#)
- [WRDE](#)
- [Delaware News Journal](#)
- [Delaware Public Media](#)

I also posted an album of photos from a non-tidal [Deep Creek outing with Alice Mohrman and Richard Julian](#). Hopefully, I'll be able to go out Creekwatching again before the season ends, but I doubt we'll be posting any photos (unless you send some to us!) in the near-future.

Lastly, **BIG-HUGE-THANK-YOUS** to Alan, Dan, Howard, Jeff, and Richard for helping me plug extensive gaps at outreach events. Thanks



Upcoming Events:

*August 1: Rain Barrel and Rain Garden Homeowner Workshop in Cambridge (FULL)

*August 2-3: Sampling Period 10

DUPES/BLANKS: BR CR1 or BR CR2 | Vanderslice

*August 7-8: Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Water Monitoring Conference (Beth Attending--Out of Office)

*August 8: [Reclaim Our River Recycled Cardboard Regatta](#)

*August 15: [Reclaim Our River Lawn and Garden Homeowners Workshop in Blades](#)

*August 16-17: Sampling Period 11

DUPES/BLANKS: RE CR2(P) or RE CR2(C) | Shedakers and Williamsons

*August 19-20: [Project: WET Teachers' Workshop at Trap Pond State Park](#)

*August 22: Great Eastern Shore Tomato Fest in Vienna

*August 30-31: Sampling Period 12

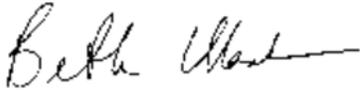
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FINAL BST Sampling Period

to Alan, Nan and Zee, and Colden and Debbie for covering peers' sampling sites. And thanks to JoJo for her work with you this season and for Lisa's help during her almost five years at the NWA. This is a team effort, and I'm so grateful to be part of such an incredible group.

(And another thanks goes to Amanda, our former CCC Volunteer, for volunteering to perform data entry from Boston! I'm about to keel over from the generosity of so many.)

Happy Creekwatching!



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Moving Forward

Due to the current staffing situation, here are changes to expect in the (hopefully short-term) future:

- **Seaford** and **Laurel** folks--congrats, there will be no disruptions for you! It's good to be first. :)
- **Salisbury** folks--I will be heading down straight from LeCompte Memorial. I hope to have ice stocked no later than 7:45 AM.
- **Vienna** folks--I should have the coolers and bin in place no later than 8:30 but hope to have them out by 8:15 AM.

If you arrive before the anticipated time that I'll have ice in place, please 1) bring samples in a quart ziplock with ice inside and leave in the cooler (Salisbury) or on the landing (Vienna) or 2) leave your samples in your iced cooler. Please complete the COC in Salisbury if you have to leave samples behind. I will sort out the rest.

I will collect samples in the same order as I did previously, although **I'll also be collecting in Salisbury and meeting Richard from Cambridge there**. He will bring Vienna samples to me, and I'll take your samples to Envirocorp. Accordingly, **if you are running late and drop off in Vienna, please contact Richard at 410.330.1694**. If you cannot reach Richard for some reason, please contact me. (And massive thanks to Richard for hauling Vienna samples to Salisbury and delivering chlorophyll a samples to Horn Point!)

Help with Report Card Distribution Needed

Normally, our Chesapeake Conservation Corps Volunteer distributes report cards over a span of a couple of days right after beginning the service term. This serves as a great introduction to the watershed. Due

to this year's circumstances, I need YOUR help this year with distributing report cards in your community.

If you would be willing to drop off packets of report cards to places like libraries, chambers of commerce, town halls, and businesses near where YOU live, please let me know. I won't have the packets prepared for you until late August at the earliest, but I'd like to put a plan together. You only need to introduce yourself and be prepared to speak a little about the program.

That's it for this month! Expect to find one Creekwatcher Currents every month in your inbox through November.

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