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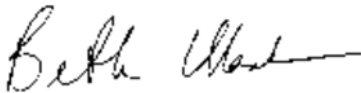
Can you believe it? We're almost at the mid-point of the season already, even though it seems like we were just kicking off the season a few weeks ago.

July is a very busy time for the NWA, with the 2014 Report Card release just around the corner and a number of workshops and outreach events coming up. Since you're current Creekwatchers, you'll get a brief sneak peek at the results. All Creekwatchers (current and past) will receive hard copies of the report card in the mail after we've officially released it, and of course, we invite you to the launch events at Riverfest and the Wade In.

We've posted some Creekwatching albums on Facebook since the May Currents. Here's what you've missed if you're not on Facebook (no account required to view albums):

- [Creekwatching 2015: Seaford](#)
- [Creekwatching 2015: Marshyhope Creek](#)

Happy Creekwatching!



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2014 Nanticoke River Report Card and Launch Dates!

Great news! The Nanticoke River edged up to a B- (the score was very close to B- last year); Creeks received a B, as they did in 2013. DE Headwaters and Marshyhope Creek scored the highest, as usual, with solid Bs.



Upcoming Events:

*July 4: Happy Independence Day!

*July 5-6: Sampling Period 8

****DO Maintenance****

Blanks/Dupes:

**Fees--DENA2 or COBR1
Wilson--MAH05**

*July 11: [Riverfest](#) and Report Card Launch!!

*July 16: [Wade In at Trap Pond State Park](#) (a "Reclaim Our River" event) and Report Card Launch!

*July 18: [Lawn and Garden Homeowner Workshop \(Cambridge\)](#)

*July 19-20: Sampling Period 9

Blanks/Dupes:

**Kamauff--RECR1 or BACR2
Wasden--MAH03**

*July 25: [Rain Barrels & Rain Gardens Homeowner Workshop \(Blades\)](#) (a "Reclaim Our River" event)

*July 26: [Project CleanStream](#)

River Region	Dissolved Oxygen	Water Clarity	Total Nitrogen	Total Phosphorus	Chlorophyll a	Overall Health Index	Trend
DE Headwaters	A+	A	D-	A	B	B	→
Marshyhope Creek	A+	B+	F	A-	B	B	→
Lower Nanticoke	A	D	D	B+	C	B-	→
Broad Creek	A+	A-	F	A-	C-	B-	→
Lower Creeks	B	C+	C	C+	B-	C+	→
Upper Nanticoke	A+	C	F	B+	C-	C+	→
Fishing Bay**	B-	C	D	D-	C+	C	→

[Clean-up at Cherry Beach Park](#)

(**led by JoJo**)

Once you receive your report card, you'll find that "no change" is the general theme of 2014, with all six subwatersheds and Fishing Bay remaining flat from 2013 to 2014.

Of course, this doesn't mean that there weren't any changes at all, but they were on the indicator level and site level.

We'll be releasing the Report Card at two events in July--Riverfest on July 11 and the [Wade In at Trap Pond State Park](#) on Thursday, July 18. The Wade In is a free event that includes lunch, educational activities, and paddling opportunities. Trap Pond will be unveiling a floating wetlands project as part of the Wade In, which is also a "Reclaim Our River" event.



We are asking that you register (see the link above or [contact JoJo directly](#)) if you plan to attend the Wade In, as we want to make sure that we have plenty of food.

Help Wanted at Riverfest, Great Eastern Shore Tomato Fest, Woodland Ferry Fest



The NWA will be attending some of the largest community fests of the season in the next several weeks. All of these events are held on Saturdays, and you can volunteer with us for a partial or full day.

Specifically, we are looking for assistance at the following events:

- Riverfest (Seaford) on July 11
- Great Eastern Shore Tomato Festival (Vienna) on August 22
- Woodland Ferry Festival (Woodland side of the ferry!) on September 12

These events allow us to get out in the community and to talk about the work that the NWA does and all things Nanticoke River. We often provide fish printing activities for children or the young-at-heart.

As Creekwatchers, you're already in a great position to talk about the river, your water quality monitoring work, and other NWA activities. As always, you will be working with at least one staff member (usually two) and would be given plenty of time and opportunity to walk the festival and grab something to eat.

If you'd like to help out at any of these events or want more info, please contact me!

Cherry Beach Clean-Up On Sunday, July 26

JoJo, our Chesapeake Conservation Corps Volunteer, will be leading a [Cherry Beach Clean-up](#) on Sunday, July 26 from 1:30-3:30PM. (I will also be there and actively engaging my trash removal skills).



Cherry Beach, a popular park in Sharptown, MD, is also home to a tree planting project that the NWA undertook with Mardela Springs Middle and High School students and a Creekwatching site.

The NWA will provide gloves, bags, trash grabbies, and all items required to help us clean up Cherry Beach. You should wear sturdy footwear and be dressed for the weather conditions.

For more information or to register, please [see the EventBrite page](#). You can also directly [contact JoJo](#).

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

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