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The first sampling period is almost here!

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Creekwatcher Currents: March/April 2016

Welcome to the March/April Creekwatcher Currents newsletter! The season is off to a great start, although I'm a bit behind on newsletters. Accordingly, this newsletter covers the March-April time period.

If you missed the first couple of photo albums of the year, I've uploaded photos to Facebook of new [Creekwatchers Bididi and Barbara at Hearn's Pond](#) and of [Blake at Tommy Wright Branch](#) (a temp site in lieu of our normal Noble Rd. Marshyhope Creek site). I plan to get out into the field with more of you in the coming weeks.

However, I am still looking for Creekwatchers to adopt the two Mardela Springs sites (must be adopted together) and the Henson Scout Reservation site. Please spread the word if you know of anyone would interested in making the commitment to Creekwatch this season.

Below, you'll find information about our Musselwatchers Program (thanks to Nan for going out in the field with me and for striking some

April 24-25:

Sampling Period 3
**BLANKS/DUPES:
DEHE3 OR DECR3**

April 30:

Rescheduled
Project Clean
Stream Clean-up at
Rifle Range Rd.**
8:00-9:30AM

May 7: [Nanticoke Musselwatchers Program Kick-off**](#)

May 8-9: Sampling
Period 4

DO Maintenance

**BLANKS/DUPES:
MANA1 OR
MANA2**

May 13: [TOAST TO THE NANTICOKE: GROWING UP NANTICOKE](#)

Catered by Abbott's
at Broad Creek, with

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my upcoming May out of office time.

As always, if you need anything, please contact me, and Happy Creekwatching!



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Nanticoke Musselwatchers Kick-off

[Nanticoke Musselwatchers Pilot Program Kick-off registration](#) is now open! We are limiting total number of participants to 25, as we will have a limited number of kits available. Participants must commit to adopting segments and to monitoring four times during May-September but may choose

desserts by Bay Country Bakery, open wine bar, live music, silent auction, vineyard tours and hayrides; author Tom Horton will talk about his experiences growing up on the Marshyhope Creek

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NWA!

**MAY 14-MAY 22:
BETH OUT OF OFFICE**

**MAY 22-23:
Sampling Period 5
BLANKS/DUPES:
DENA2 OR COBR1**

MAY 28: [Lawn and Garden Homeowner Workshop in Laurel](#)**

****Reclaim Our River (ROR) Nanticoke Series events**

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Monitoring may be done via shoreline surveys (monitor at low tide at tidal sites) or by wading in streams. If you have a boat (including kayak/canoe), you will be able to reach otherwise inaccessible locations.

The Kick-off event will include in-class presentations along with a field experience. Please see the EventBrite registration page for more information.



**Document Your Sites!
(Please! :))**

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TOP: DEHE1 on Friday. Bottom: DEHE1 last year.

Just a reminder to **please photograph your site as often as possible**. On Friday, we spotted some massive vegetation/tree removal at a Creekwatchers site near Bridgeville--with absolutely NO sediment control. We've subsequently uploaded photos to Dropbox and have shared with DNREC.

Visuals (before and after) serve as stunning, demonstrative examples of best management practices (or lack thereof). While notifying the appropriate agency was our first concern, I can guarantee that I will be using photographs from this site at Homeowner Workshops, in the report card, and elsewhere, as this is a prime example of what you should NOT do.

Out of Office from May 14-22

Lastly, just a heads-up that I will be out of the office from Saturday, May 14 to Sunday, May 22; however, I will be available on May 22, since it's a Creekwatchers day, so feel free to give me a call if you have problems in the field or if anything comes up.

In addition, I will be the only staff member available for Creekwatching on Monday, May 23, although Amy will be dropping off ice in Salisbury. During that sampling period, if you are running late to ANY drop-off site, please call me. **If you need anything for the May 22-23 sampling period, please contact me asap so that we can make**

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I'll provide reminders about this sampling period in the next two sampling period reminders.



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