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Creekwatchers Currents 2012: End of Season Extravaganza!

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Happy Monday, Creekwatchers! I hope you all weathered Sandy last week with no issues.

The year is winding down, but we do still have one final sampling period on November 11-12.



What does this mean? It's time to get ready for End of Season procedures and festivities! Find the nitty-grittiest of details below.

As always--thanks, and happy Creekwatching!

Best,

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Woohoo! End of Season Potluck

We've almost made it! Come celebrate another successful season of Creekwatching.

Where: Vienna United Methodist Church Hall

When: Friday, November 16

Social hour and kit return from 5-6 PM

Official festivities from 6-8 PM

What: End of Season Celebration of YOU and YOUR AWESOME SERVICE in 2012!



Upcoming Events:

*[Vienna Greenbelt Reforestation Project](#):
November 8-9

*Sampling Period 17:
November 11-12

*Kit Returns: November 12-13,
15-16

*NWA Partner Meeting and
Nanticoke Watershed Atlas
Launch: November 14

*End of Season Potluck
Celebration: November 16

*NWA Annual Holiday Dinner:
December 12

What to do: Contact me and let me know if you'll be attending, what you'll be bringing (let's continue to avoid the ten mac and cheeses!), and if you're bringing a guest. (Please tell me your guest's name, too.)

If you're attending the potluck, please bring your kit with you. Your kit should contain all equipment and non-disposable materials given to you at the beginning of the season. Please do not include used membranes or Kim Wipes or remaining distilled water.

Can't make the potluck? See details on returning your kit below.

Alternative Kit Return

Sadly, I know some of you can't make the Potluck. Thankfully, we have plenty of alternative kit return opportunities.

You can return your kit on the following dates to our office in Vienna:

Monday, November 12 from 9AM-4PM

Tuesday, November 13 from 9AM-4PM

Thursday, November 15 from 9AM-4PM

Friday, November 16 from 9AM-4PM (or at the potluck at the Vienna United Methodist Church)

If these dates are not convenient or the drive to Vienna is too far, please let me know, and I'll arrange to meet you. I would definitely like to have kits in-hand by November 16 so that we can begin the long process of testing, cleaning, repairing, and storing for the winter.

2012 Creekwatchers Evaluation Online

For your convenience, I've embedded the [2012 Creekwatchers Evaluation](#) into our website. As with last year's, it is password-protected. You'll need to type in "H3r035" (without quotes) in order to access the form. As always, your comments and feedback are appreciated, as we can't improve the program without them!

I know a few of you need Dead Tree versions of the evaluations. These would be the folks who do not have email and/or internet access. If you would prefer a paper evaluation for whatever reason and are a regular email reader of the Creekwatcher Currents, please contact me as soon as possible so that I can mail you a copy.

Meet the Monitor: Frayser Williamson

Frayser Williamson is a second-year Creekwatcher. She was recruited by Stan Shedaker, who had long been monitoring at Rewastico Pond and Rewastico Creek's headwaters. Once a curious Frayser spoke with her (now) Creekwatcher partner Stan, she was hooked. (See

question 2.)

What's your favorite thing about being a Creekwatcher?

The other Creekwatchers. I've really met some fun people by simply "testing the waters".



How did you find out about Creekwatching?

After watching a strange man hauling water out of the creek in a plastic cutout milk jug tied to a string, my curiosity got the best of me. Stan was very enthusiastic about his job. The next thing I know I've entered into a Creekwatcher partnership!

What's an interesting/unique/cool thing about your Creekwatcher sites?

We have a great variety of wildlife on the Pond & Creek side where we live. Eagles, herons, ducks, geese, otters, snakes, very large turtles, & even an occasional beaver. All things that like to fish.

What's your favorite place in the Nanticoke watershed, and why?

Wow, that's a tough question for me. I spent many summers as a Park Ranger in the north woods of Maine. The Nanticoke watershed keeps many of those memories alive.

Where do you recommend out-of-towners visit when in the watershed, and what should they do?

Well, I think they should hook up with my partner ["Adrenaline Stan"](#) for the ride of their life! No better way to see the watershed than from a Kayak.



Is there anything else you'd like to share with your fellow Creekwatchers?

I think the management of our watershed is extremely important in saving this beautiful life we so freely enjoy. The excitement I feel when an Eagle catches a fish, a

Great Blue Heron takes flight, an otter "snacks" on his back in the creek, or a small child catches a fish all by themselves is priceless. And it's happening right in our own back yards. I'd like to save these experiences for others & all we have to do is pass on what was freely given to us as Creekwatchers.

Thanks to Frayser for her service!

This will be the last Meet the Monitor of the season. We'll pick up the feature again next season once we're underway. Thanks so much to all of you for Creekwatching in 2012!

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