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Creekwatchers Currents: June 2013

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Good morning, Creekwatchers! It was great to see those of you who were able to attend the BBQ two Saturdays ago. As hard as it is to believe, we're almost at the season's mid-way point, and the month of July promises to be a great month for Creekwatchers.

As I always do this time of the year, here's a reminder to PLEASE take photographs of your sites and/or your Creekwatcher partners when you go out to monitor. I haven't seen a lot of photos this year, and I'd like to.

The staff will mostly be off next week, and the office will be closed from Wednesday to Friday. I hope all of you have a safe, wonderful Independence Day filled with delicious food, good company, and cold beverages!



And happy Creekwatching!

Best,

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Five Year Report Card Release

Great news! The Five Year Report Card has been finalized and sent to the printer. If you'd like a sneak peek, you can [check out a digital PDF](#). This link is not public at this time, and we ask that you keep it SuperSecretSquirrel until after the report card launch.

Speaking of which, we'll be launching it at two different events--one in Delaware and one in Maryland. The first launch will take place on July 13 at the Seaford Riverfest. We'll be in DNREC's tent, along with some of DNREC's other partners.

The second event is the Nanticoke River Wade-In, which will take place at Cherry Beach this year. This is the first Wade-In



Upcoming Events:

- *Sampling Period 8: June 30-July 1
- *Riverfest and Five Year Report Card Launch DE: July 13
- *Sampling Period 9: July 14-15
- *Nanticoke Wade-In and Report Card Launch MD: July 18
- *Sampling Period 10: July 28-29

we've held in Sharptown in a couple of years, and we're looking forward to checking out the "sneaker index" at one of the most popular recreational spots on the river. The Wade-In will begin at 11:30 AM and will include the report card launch, free lunch, youth activities, and the wade-in itself.

Obviously, at both events, we'll have stacks of printed report cards. If you're available, please drop by and take multiple copies to share with friends and neighbors. For those of you who can't make either event, I'll also be stocking the drop-off sites with new report cards so that you can take them along with you as you Creekwatch and hand them out to any curious passers-by.

I'll be sending out more details about both events as we approach. We hope to see you at Riverfest and/or the Wade-In!

Tom Tyler Nature Trail

Congrats to our Chesapeake Conservation Corps Volunteer Tyler Walston for his successful "All Hands on Deck" Tom Tyler Trail project. On Friday, June 14, a large group of CCC Volunteers, Chesapeake Bay Foundation volunteers, staff, and others helped cut back growth on existing



trails, removed debris, built new bridges, installed new signage, and helped cut new paths. Following

the conclusion of the service project, the trail was rededicated in Tom Tyler's honor. (Tom Tyler was an NWA board member and employee of Chesapeake Forest Products. He originally designed the trail as a demonstration forest to showcase Atlantic White Cedar and forestry Best Management Practices.)

This trail is just off of Route 50. Heading west on Route 50, take the last right before the Nanticoke Memorial Bridge onto Old Bradley Rd. A few miles on the left, you'll find the Tyler Trail parking area.

As with many ambitious projects, we weren't able to finish everything that needs to be done on June 14. We'll likely be setting some additional service project dates and will let you know about them. If you'd like to read more



about the dedication, please see the [Daily Times' coverage](#) and check out our [Facebook photo album](#) of the event!



That's it for this month.
Thanks for reading and see you in July!

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