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# Creekwatchers Currents: Year Six!

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Good afternoon, Creekwatchers! I hope you've all been enjoying your winter breaks. (I imagine those of you who spent time in the southern states may have enjoyed the winter more than the rest of us.)

Since the last Creekwatcher Currents, I've been busy going through the data and beginning the process of refining the data analysis, including site-by-site analysis. This work takes a lot of time but will be well-worth it for the five year report card and for displaying data online. During January, I also submitted two additional grants in support of new equipment purchases, the five year report card, and YOU (volunteer recognition)!



Dredging on the Delaware Nanticoke should be wrapping up soon. A few weeks ago, Lisa and I took a drive to Woodland to check things out. We discovered very large pipes and an intricate buoy system on the river, and we've shared photos of our adventure to [our Facebook page](#) (FB account not required to view). There were many workers at the old Woodland Golf Club, where the sediment is deposited and the water "cleaned" and returned to the river. (For more about the dredging project and what's involved exactly, [take a look at the News Journal's article about the project.](#))



I'd like to thank our on-going program partners, in particular Envirocorp Labs Inc., the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Dorchester Citizens

for Planned Growth, the Nanticoke Watershed Preservation Group, and Rommel's ACE Hardware of Seaford.

Just a quick note that we will be starting a week early this year so that we can avoid the Easter, Memorial Day, and Labor Day holidays in 2013. This means that we will also finish the season a week early, with the last sampling period occurring during the first week of November.

We have a lot going on in the spring, and we need your help with a few things. Please read on for more information about Creekwatchers training and other initiatives.



## Upcoming Events:

\*[Sussex County's Woodland Park Final Plan Meeting](#):  
February 21

\*[National Outdoor Show](#) in Golden Hill: February 22-23

\*[Make a Difference Leadership Academy Interest Meeting](#):  
February 27

\*Thirteenth Annual Eagle Fest at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge: March 9

\*Tubman Centennial: Harriet Tubman Annual Banquet: March 9

\*Tubman Centennial: Musical Tribute with Marcus Shelby: March 10

\*Nanticoke Creekwatchers Sixth Annual Training and Season Kick-off: March 16

\*Sampling Period 1: March 24-25

\*Toast to the Nanticoke: May 10

Best,



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## Sixth Annual Training and Season Kick-off



We'll be hosting our annual Training and Season Kick-off on Saturday, March 16. Instead of trying to cram everyone in our office, we'll be offering training at the Vienna United Methodist Church Hall (same location as the End of Season Potluck) at 206 Church Street in Vienna. Training

will begin at 10:00 AM. The doors will open at 9:30 AM, and we encourage you to arrive on the earlier side to get signed in and to have some social time.

As in the past, we will provide some light snacks and beverages but ask that you bring a bagged lunch. Please dress for the weather if you plan to stay for the hands-on water testing in the afternoon (required for new Creekwatchers). We hope that some of the veterans will hang out to assist new Creekwatchers.

Please let me know if you'll be attending (or not) by March 23. If you and your partner (if applicable) cannot make the training, we'll need to schedule an alternative training date.

This is one of the few times all season that most of us are together in one room, so I hope to see you there!

## Save the Date--Toast to the Nanticoke on May 10

The NWA will be hosting a "Toast to the Nanticoke" on May 10 at Layton's Chance Winery. This celebration of twenty years of the NWA will start at 6:30 PM and will include an open bar, appetizers, dessert, silent auction items, and live music. Tickets will cost \$40.

We'll be sending out more information about this event as we approach the date.

## Stream Waders Volunteer Opportunities with Tyler

Looking to get out of the house and into the nontidal water? Chesapeake Conservation Corps Volunteer Tyler Walston will be leading Stream Wading excursions in March and April. [Stream Waders](#) is a Maryland DNR-based program that gauges stream health through

the measurement of benthic macroinvertebrates (tiny critters such as caddisflies, dragonflies, and mayflies).

We will be sampling in nontidal waters in the Maryland portion of the Nanticoke watershed only. Volunteers need to bring a pair of waders, hip boots, or knee-high Wellies/rubber boots. We'll provide all other materials.

Tyler will be Stream Wading on the following dates:

**Friday March 8: 1-4 PM**

**Friday, March 22: 1-4 PM**

**Saturday, March 23: 10 AM-4 PM**

**Tuesday, March 26: 10 AM-4 PM**

**Tuesday, April 9: 10 AM-4 PM**

**Monday, April 15: 10 AM-4 PM**

If you'd like to join Tyler on one of these dates or for more information about the activity, please contact him at [tylerwalston@nanticokeriver.org](mailto:tylerwalston@nanticokeriver.org) or by calling 410.873.3045.

## **We're Looking for Trash!**

One person's trash, another person's treasure. We're in search of treasure--in this case, a motherlode of trash for Project Cleanstream on April 6. Know of a dump site in Dorchester, Wicomico, or Caroline County? Let us know about it so that we can clean it up!

Please contact Tyler if you know of a super-trashy site that could use several helping hands.

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