

Get Your Feet Wet!

Help monitor local streams in Albany County this August!

Citizen science volunteers needed for 2019!
August 20 and 27

Onesquethaw-Coeymans and Patroon Creek watersheds

Sponsored by the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County is an inter-municipal partnership of public institutions responsible for implementing Clean Water Act requirements. One requirement is to help the public get involved doing things to protect our streams.

Stream monitoring is fun. Plus the data collected helps us better understand which streams are healthy and which streams need help.

This year the Stormwater Coalition has selected three streams to monitor in Albany County. The data is collected using a method developed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. It is called "WAVE" (Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators).

As a volunteer you'll collect "stream bugs" using nets, assess habitat, and fill out forms describing how you might want to use the stream (fishing, swimming, etc.). Your data is then sent to NYSDEC scientists. The bugs, or macroinvertebrates, are the "canaries in a coal mine" which tell us if a stream is affected by pollution or not.

Local WAVE coordinators from the Coalition lead these monitoring events. They locate sites, provide equipment, train volunteers, and share results once the monitoring is completed.

WAVE data is valued and the experience unforgettable.

Sign up today!

When & Where

(weather permitting, dates re-scheduled as needed)

Tuesday, August 20, Onesquethaw Creek
4:45pm to ~6:15pm (This creek drains to the Hudson River. The monitoring site is located in the Town of Bethlehem.)

Tuesday, August 27, Sand Creek 10:00am to ~Noon
(This creek drains to Patroon Creek, which drains to the Hudson River. The monitoring site is located in the Town of Colonie.)

How to Sign Up

Contact swcoalition@albanycounty.com or 518-447-5645.

The Coalition coordinator will explain where to meet and what to bring. The meet up date and time may change depending on weather.



WAVE

Water Assessments by
Volunteer Evaluators

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/92229.html



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