

Title: Creek Watcher

Purpose: Monitor local creeks and notify proper authorities when suspicious or illegal activity, nutrient growth, fish kills, etc. occur. Creek Watchers will also be educated twice a year by environmental professionals for better monitoring.

Description of Duties: Volunteers will monitor their creeks and report any suspicious, illegal or harmful activity to the Riverkeeper and/or local authorities and will also take part in two educational sessions per year.

Qualifications: There are no qualifications for a Creek Watcher. It is recommended that Creek Watchers attend the two educational meetings each year.

Time Requirements:

- Creek Watchers will monitor their specific creek periodically; there is no specific time requirement.
- Meetings will occur on Friday nights twice a year and last about two hours.

Orientation/Training: There is no orientation for Creek Watchers but volunteers will be trained at scheduled Creek Watcher meetings.

Benefits: If you want to take an active role in the health of your local creek, help improve water quality, and make sure that polluters are held accountable for their actions being a Creek Watcher is the perfect position for you! There are no scheduled hours; all it takes is simple observation of your creek once in awhile, especially after heavy rainfall. Creek Watchers will also learn about algae, bacteria, fish kills, and much more about our local watershed from local environmental professionals at our bi-annual meetings. The meetings will also give an opportunity for community members to discuss their monitoring with each other and the Riverkeeper in an informal educational setting.

Reporting Procedures: Creek Watchers should immediately report suspicious, harmful and illegal activity to the Riverkeeper and/or local authorities. Volunteers will report their hours and data sheets to the Volunteer Coordinator after each period of service. Included in the data sheet will be any suspicious, illegal or harmful activity on the river and the date and time seen.

Location: Volunteers will operate at their homes and attend the bi-annual Creek Watcher meetings at Discovery Village.

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