

Get Your Feet Wet!

Help monitor local streams in Albany County this summer!

**Citizen science volunteers needed for 2017! August 7, 10, 15
Krumkill, Shaker, and Patroon Watersheds**

Sponsored by the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany is an inter-municipal partnership of public institutions responsible for implementing Clean Water Act requirements. One requirement is to teach others about how to protect water quality; another is to help the public get involved doing things to protect our streams.

Stream monitoring is both educational and 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 sites in Albany County. The method used to collect the data is called "WAVE" (Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators). It is a method developed and supported by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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.

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.). The bugs, or macroinvertebrates, are the "canaries in a coal mine" which tell us if a stream is affected by pollution or not.

WAVE data is valued and the experience is unforgettable.

Sign up today!

When & Where

(weather permitting, dates re-scheduled as needed)

Monday, August 7, afternoon/early evening, see below Normanskill (Krumkill sub-watershed)

Thursday, August 10, afternoon/early evening, see below Shaker (Ann Lee sub-watershed)

Tuesday, August 15, afternoon/early evening, see below Patroon (Sand Creek sub-watershed)

How to Sign Up

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

The Coalition coordinator will explain where to meet, at what time, and what to bring. The meet up time will depend on weather and volunteer availability in the afternoon (1pm to 5pm) or early evening (4pm to 8pm).



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WAVE

Water Assessments by
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www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/92229.html



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