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Volunteer Monitoring - Working for New England's Watersheds

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Abstract Text:

New England Regional Monitoring Collaborative (NERMC) – A Regional Water Program Focus Area often serves as a critical first link that engages the public in watershed stewardship. These programs improve understanding of local water resources, encourage individual and community involvement in water quality protection and restoration efforts, and help communities make informed decisions that improve water quality. NERMC is uniquely equipped to promote the mission and goals the National and Regional Water Quality Programs.

Impact Statement:

Volunteer monitoring not only produces robust datasets that contribute to more effective management of New England watersheds, but also enhanced public understanding and buy-in of those efforts. CSREES support of volunteer monitoring in New England also improves access to regional produced training materials online, in hard copy and video formats; water quality data on diverse local water resources; and research results on monitoring procedures, methods and other topics.