

Volunteer stream monitoring in west and southwest Michigan:
A special conference to explore organizational capacity and sustainability for the future

Tuesday January 17 and Wednesday January 18, 2006

Who should attend?

- Representatives from current west and southwest Michigan volunteer stream monitoring programs
- Organizations, schools and local governments interested in partnering and developing sustainable volunteer monitoring programs

National experts serving as speakers/facilitators:

- Linda Green from University of Rhode Island Extension and the CSREES National Water Quality Monitoring Facilitation Project
- Geoff Dates is River Network's River Watch Program Director.

Long Term Goal:

Develop a sustainable volunteer stream monitoring strategy for west and southwest Michigan.

Long Term Outcomes:

- Local capacity to support community-based monitoring programs at various levels of involvement
- Equip local groups to join the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps), if so desired
- Build community sustainability by connecting people to their water resources
- Credible, sustainable and effective volunteer stream monitoring programs
- Improved and valued water resources

January 17 & 18 Conference Goals (First Steps in Strategy Development)

- Develop a shared vision for sustainable watershed volunteer stream monitoring program
- Learn more about the role of volunteer stream monitoring in sustainable watershed organizations around the country
- Learn more about the challenges and successes both locally and nationally in developing a sustainable model
- Define our challenges related to sustainable volunteer monitoring programs
- Determine next steps to achieve sustainable volunteer stream monitoring programs in this part of Michigan and a time line to implement those steps
- Identify other possible partners who should be involved.

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Location

Oshtemo Township Hall
7275 West Main
Kalamazoo (on M-43, just west of 131)

Schedule

January 17th: 8:30AM to 5 PM *
January 18th: 8:30 AM to Noon

Cost

\$15 (Includes Wednesday’s lunch, refreshments both days and materials)

For more information please call:

- Jane Herbert, MSU Extension Land & Water Program 269-671-2412 x 222
- Janice Tompkins, DEQ Grand Rapids District Office, 616-356-0268

Sponsors: Coldwater River Watershed, John Frey, City of Grand Rapids, MSU Extension Land & Water Program, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Districts DEQ

* For those who would like to continue the dialogue related to volunteer monitoring you are invited to join our out of town guests, Geoff and Linda for dinner. Cost of the dinner is not included the registration fee.

SEATING IS LIMITED!

To register for this important conference, complete this form and mail with payment by January 11 to the following address:

Volunteer Monitoring Conference
MSU Extension Land & Water Program
W.K. Kellogg Biological Station
3700 E. Gull Lake Drive
Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____ **Zip** _____

Daytime phone _____ **Email** _____

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