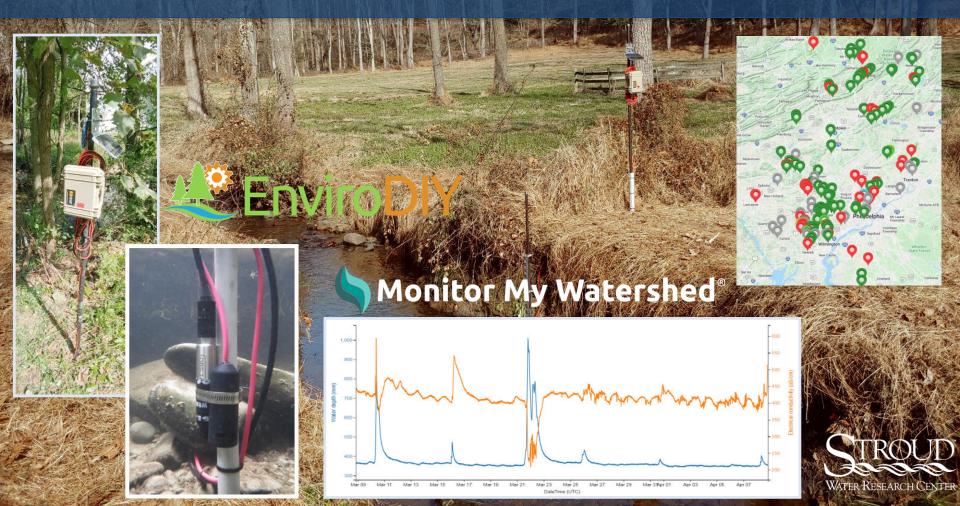
WELCOME! EnviroDIY and monitoring in the DRB monthly meeting *Online, Thursday March 21, 2024, 2:30-3:30p*



These Monthly Meetings

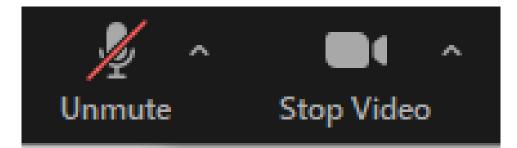
- Learning, communication, discussion, questions about:
 - EnviroDIY monitoring stations and associated data (Conductivity, Water Temperature, Water Depth, Turbidity)
 - Stream monitoring in general and specifics, e.g., synoptic sampling ("snapshots")
 - **Freshwater ecology** concepts, data, etc.
 - **Data to Action** using data to inform watershed management
 - Tools and Resources for understanding watersheds, e.g., Wikiwatershed tools
 - **Other** related watershed topics, e.g., conservation, environmental education

Today's Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Stroud Updates
- 3. Local Policy/Practice Workgroup Updates
- 4. Presentation Flowing Insights: Harnessing Habitat Assessments for River Monitoring, Christa Reeves
- 5. Discussion
- 6. Conclusion



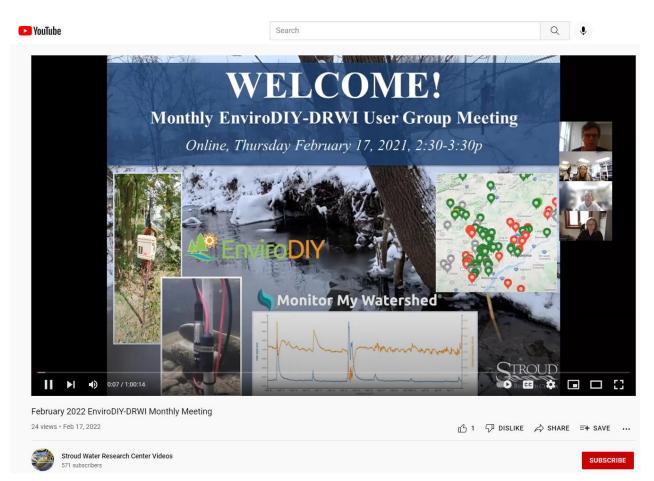
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These Monthly Meetings

Recordings available at: https://wikiwatershed.org/drwi/



These Monthly Meetings

- Every third Thursday of the month
- 2:30-3:30p
- Zoom link will remain the same: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81881801310?pwd=eUFmbXZLbmRibV</u> <u>cxa1dtNVhzRmNvZz09</u>
- Reminder email one week prior to each month's meeting
 - All are welcome, please share
 - And let us know if others should be added

REMINDER

- Attendees include:
 - Groups working in Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI)
 - Groups working in Delaware River Basin (DRB) but not DRWI
 - Folks from outside the DRB
- Stroud Center support via DRWI and C-SAW

Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI)

https://4states1source.org/

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The Delaware River Watershed Initiative

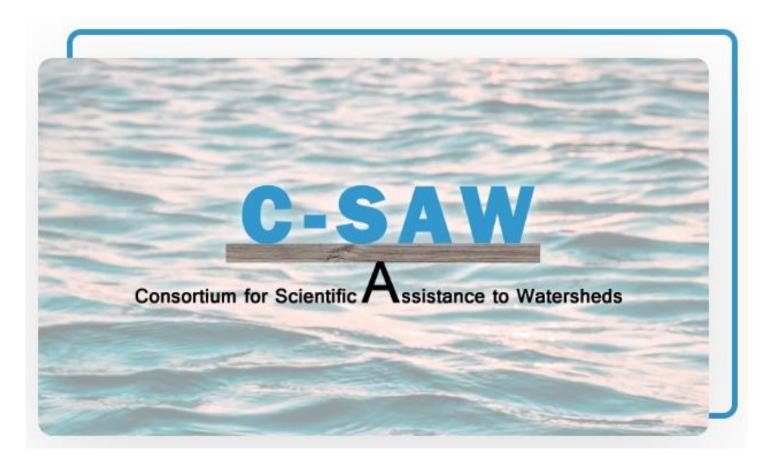
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DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE

Working across four states to protect one shared source of clean water



https://www.c-saw.info/



Stroud Center project personnel

Stroud Center team:

David Bressler



Community science facilitator

Christa Reeves



Northern DRB technician and collaborator

Shannon Hicks



Research Engineer, Mayfly and EnviroDIY Inventor/Designer

Stroud Center project personnel

Master Watershed Steward Facilitators:

Carol Armstrong



Joe Debes, George Seeds



Master Watershed Steward Program



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Matt Ehrhart



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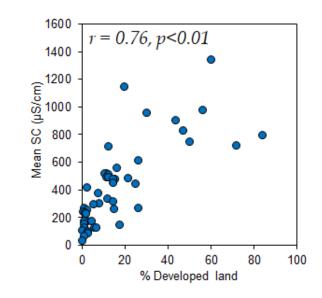


Executive Director, President Research Scientist

Stroud Center Perspective – EnviroDIY in the DRB

- Primary Goal
 - Support Station owners, managers, and volunteers
 - Use stations for local purposes
- Secondary Goal
 - Analyze basin-wide data set
 - Develop tools to characterize and contextualize watersheds





Updates

 Updates from the Stroud Center on EnviroDIY, science and monitoring, communications, etc.

Stroud Center support

- Stroud Center community science support
 - Salt (chloride and conductivity) and temperature synoptic sampling ("snapshots")
 - Monitoring project design, methods, etc.
 - Data interpretation, evaluation
 - Watershed education
 - Other lots of other freshwater ecology topics
- *Please feel free to be in touch

If you want, send your photos and stories



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Master Watershed Stewards George Seeds and Joe Debes are gearing up for #WorldWaterDay by volunteering to maintain #EnviroDIY Monitoring Stations. The stations collect continuous #waterquality #data. @WaterDataCollab #monitorwater #4states1source #DelawareRiver #DelRiverWatershed



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#CommunityScience is helping to save our streams from #RoadSalt! Learn how at #WatershedCongress with @StroudCenter @WillistownCT @MuskyWatershed and Valley Forge Trout Unlimited. Register at classy.org/event/2023-wat... #citizenscience @DelRiverkeeper



Musconetcong Watershed Association will present

"Community Science Approaches to Our Salty Stream Problem."

Saturdau, March 25 Montgomery County Community College, Pottstown, PA

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Months after the icy conditions that brought the spreading of #deicer & #salt spikes in Tookany Creek that were saltier than seawater, an army of volunteers descended upon dozens of sites in small streams that feed the #DelawareRiver. Read why: stroudcenter.org/news/why-volun... #roadsalt



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Local Policy/Practice Workgroup

<u>Current leadership:</u>

- Ian Brastow, Lopatcong Creek Initiative/New Jersey Highlands Coalition (NJ)
- Dave Manning, PA Master Watershed Steward and Schuylkill Water Steward with Green Valleys Watershed Association (PA)
- Steve Tricarico, Tulpehocken Creek Watershed Association, member Bern Township planning committee (PA)
- Christa Reeves, Musconetcong Watershed Association (NJ)
- Alex Jackson, Township Supervisor (PA)
- Joe Debes, PA Master Watershed Steward and Stroud Center volunteer (PA)
- Carol Armstrong, PA Master Watershed Steward (PA)
- Tali MacArthur, PA Environmental Council (PEC)/PA Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR)(PA)

• Support:

- David Bressler, Stroud Water Research Center (PA)
- *Meetings:* 1st Thursdays, 11:00a 12:30p (Zoom, <u>https://zoom.us/j/5889670619</u>)

Local Policy/Practice Work Group

Short Term Charge:

To develop the most effective way of employing stream monitor data – conductivity, temperature, depth, and sometimes turbidity – and related measures to advise and otherwise influence municipal entities. The charge includes an emphasis on stream quality in relation to land use and development.

Updates from Local Policy/Practice Workgroup

Guidance Document Updates

- How to engage with municipal leaders (Ready for use)
- Putting Stream Temperature Data To Work (Ready for use)
 - One-pagers (some available but not posted yet, some in development)
- Putting Conductivity Data To Work (In development)
 - One-pagers (some available but not posted yet, some in development)

Updates from Local Policy/Practice Workgroup

Two guidance documents are now available: <u>https://managemywatershed.org/</u>

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Tools for Engaging With Municipalities and the Public on Freshwater Issues		Home » Tools » Tools for Engagi

The Delaware River Basin Policy and Practice Workgroup has developed a number of documents to provide foundational science references for environmental advocates who are collecting stream data and who wish to communicate results to local government officials.

The target readership for these documents is the stream monitoring community in the Delaware River Basin, but the workgroup hopes others may benefit as well.

The workgroup strongly believes that environmental advocates must have a clear understanding of the science and the issues under discussion. Therefore, the documents are written with sufficient detail and rigor to enable advocates to engage in confident and informed dialogue.

Guidance Documents

- How to Engage With Municipal Leaders
- Putting Stream Temperature Data to Work

Feedback

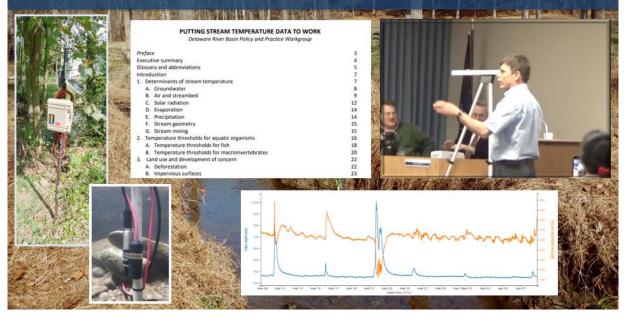
If you have questions or comments about the documents, please leave a reply on this post.

Updates from Local Policy/Practice Workgroup

Presentation at the Watershed Congress, Saturday March 23, 2024:

Community scientist development of technical and advocacy resources for watershed health

Watershed Congress, Saturday, March 23, 2024



Presenters

- Carol Armstrong
- Dave Manning
- Joe Debes
- Tali MacArthur
- Christa Reeves
- David Bressler

Any questions before we move on?

Today's Presentation

Flowing Insights: Harnessing Habitat Assessments for River Monitoring



Christa Reeves Water Quality Program Manager Musconetcong Watershed Association

Mentors currently available

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- Christa Reeves (Musconetcong Watershed Association/Stroud Center), <u>christa@musconetcong.org</u>, 727-520-5849

Conclusion

Next month's meeting will be on:

Thursday April 18, 2024 2:30-3:30p

Onward!

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