WELCOME!

EnviroDIY and monitoring in the DRB monthly meeting

Online, Thursday, November, 16, 2023, 2:30-3:30p



Today's Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Stroud Updates
- 3. Presentation Student presentations
 - Jay Byrd (Student/Intern, Heinz NWR)
 - Elisabeth Ruschmann (Student, Princeton Univ)
 - Saranya Anantapantula (Student, Spring-Ford High School)
 - Toby Broun (Student, Saucon Creek Watershed Association)
- 4. Discussion
- 5. Conclusion



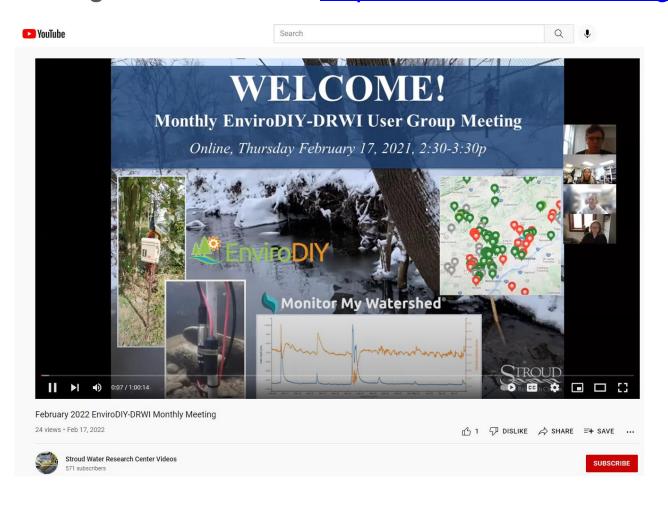
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*Please mute when not speaking to the group

These Monthly Meetings

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



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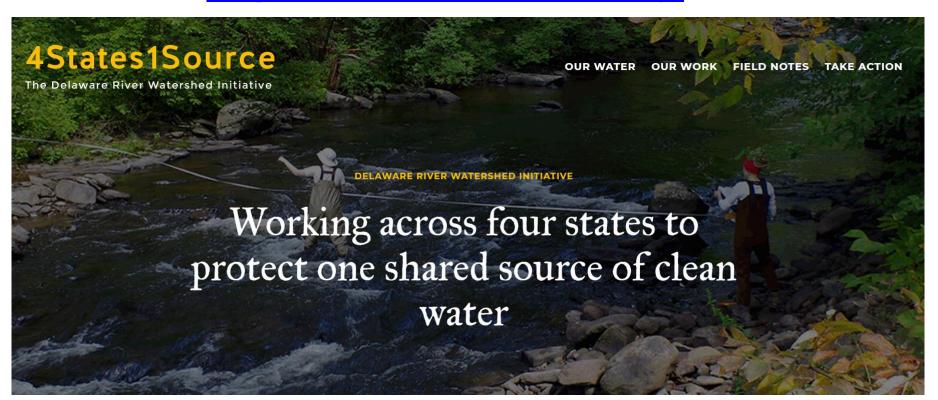
- Every third Thursday of the month
- 2:30-3:30p
- Zoom link will remain the same: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81881801310?pwd=eUFmbXZLbmRibV cxa1dtNVhzRmNvZz09
- Reminder email one week prior to each month's meeting
 - All are welcome, please share
 - And let us know if others should be added

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

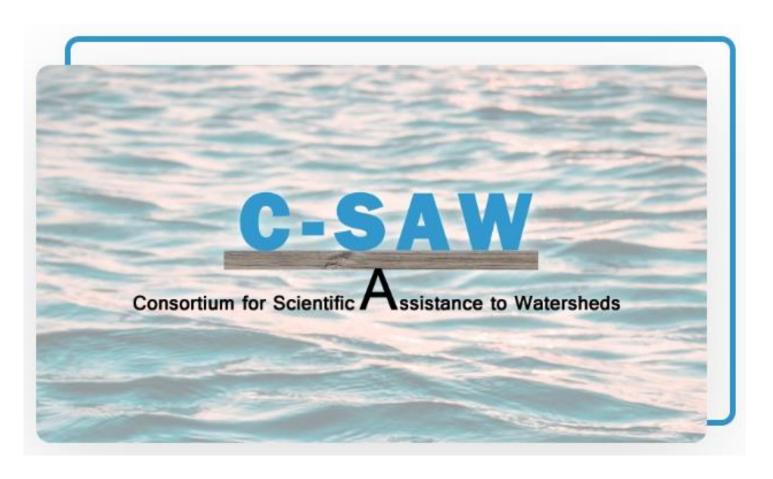
Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI)

https://4states1source.org/



C-SAW

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



Goals for these monthly meetings

- Time to check-in, ask questions, report issues, network, etc.
- Updates from the Stroud Center
- Presentations
 - Science
 - Monitoring
 - Watershed management

*All of this to support gathering good data and using it purposefully

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



George Seeds



Master Watershed Steward Program



Stroud Center project personnel

Stroud Center DRWI Leads:

Dr. John Jackson



Senior Research Scientist

Matt Ehrhart



Director of Watershed Restoration

Dr. David Arscott



Executive Director, President Research Scientist

Stroud Center Perspective – EnviroDIY in the DRB

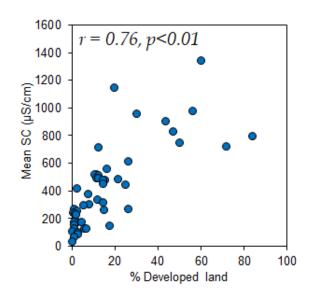
Primary Goal

- 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.

Fall EnviroDIY tech

- Battery power may be an issue for another month or so
 - Less light, still leaves on trees
 - Once leaves fall low battery should resolve in most cases
 - Can cycle batteries in the meantime
 - Talk to Stroud if you need to purchase a battery
- Turbidity sensors may start fouling when leaves fall



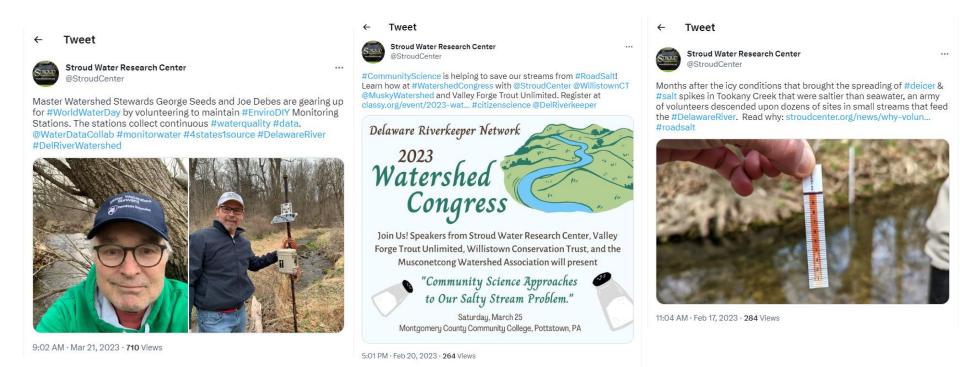


Freshwaters Illustrated

Support on Snapshots

- Stroud Center support on synoptic sampling events (aka snapshots and blitzes)
 - Salt (chloride and conductivity)
 - Water temperature
- *Please be in touch if you would like support in doing this type of monitoring

If you want, send your photos and stories



Email or Text to:

- Diane Huskinson (<u>dhuskinson@stroudcenter.org</u>; 717-383-1179)
- Dave Bressler (<u>dbressler@stroudcenter.org</u>; 410-456-1071)

EnviroDIY Service Request Form

https://wikiwatershed.org/drwi/

EnviroDIY Monitoring Station Service Requests

Use this form to report technical issues that require assistance from the Stroud Center team.



Submit a Service Request

EnviroDIY Field Visit Data Form entry

https://wikiwatershed.org/drwi/

EnviroDIY Field Visit Data



Enter Field Visit Data

- View field visit data
- View older data (7/18/2017 to 7/24/2018).

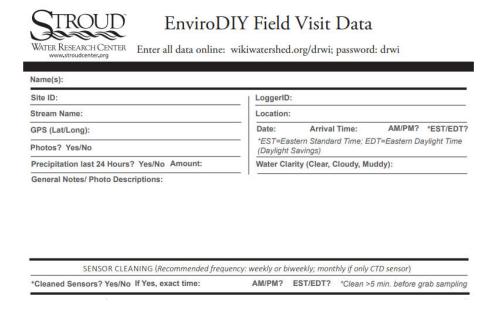
EnviroDIY Field Visit Data Sheets (Printable)

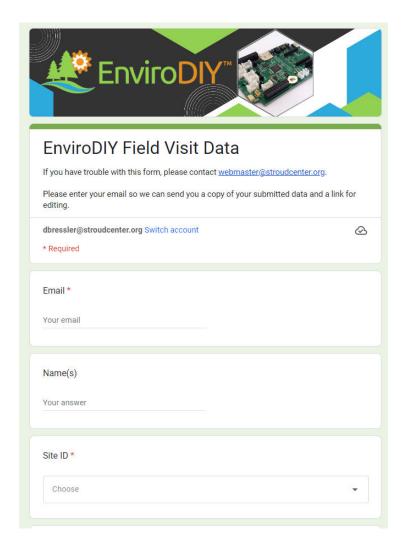
- EnviroDIY Field Visit Data sheet (blank)
- EnviroDIY Field Visit Data sheet tutorial

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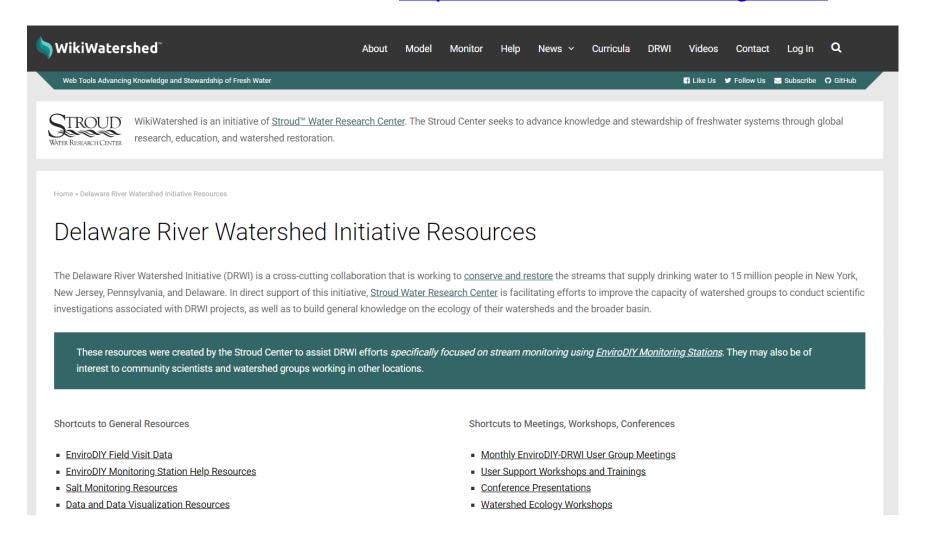
 Fill out any time a station is visited





EnviroDIY and monitoring resources

Guidance materials - https://wikiwatershed.org/drwi/



Next month's presentation (Dec 14)

- Dec 14 End of year summary and planning for 2024,
 Dave Bressler (Stroud)
 - Other things for Dec 14 ???
 - Five minute updates from groups/teams?
 - Tech year-in-review from Shannon?
 - Suggestions? what would you like to hear about or contribute?

Local Policy/Practice Workgroup

Current leadership:

- o 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, Brodhead Watershed Association (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, https://zoom.us/j/5889670619)

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

Deliverable Updates

Temperature

- Guidance Document Putting Stream Temperature
 Data To Work (Last Stages of Internal Review)
- One-pager

Municipal Interactions

 Document 5 – Municipal Engagement (Open External Review [Incorporating information from additional states])

Conductivity

Guidance Document (Outline by November)

Updates from Local Policy/Practice Workgroup

Putting Stream Temperature Data to Work *Update*

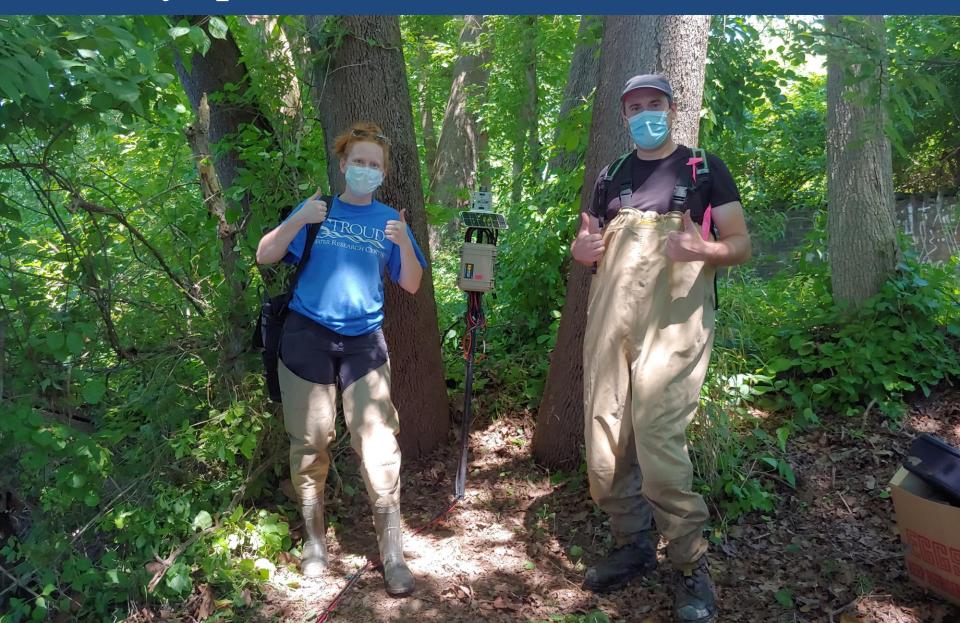
- Final Stages of Internal Review
 - Members of the LPPWG will be reading and suggesting edits
 - Reaching out to partners for external review
- Discussion of making a 1-page executive document and supporting materials
- Question for the Group Would a temperature fact sheet be helpful? If so, what use cases would you tend to use a fact sheet for?

Updates from Local Policy/Practice Workgroup

How to Engage with Municipal Leaders (aka Document 5) Update

- Openly available for external review
 - Should be distributed soon via Stroud
- There will be a feedback survey which will document requested changes or suggestions
- The document will "live" in one place (<u>https://wikiwatershed.org/drwi/</u>) but be distributed via partners

Any questions before we move on?



Today's Presentation

November 16 – Student presentations

- Jay Byrd (Student, Intern Heinz National Wildlife Refuge)
- Elisabeth Ruschmann (Student Princeton University)
- Saranya Anantapantula (Student Spring-Ford High School)
- Toby Broun (Student, Volunteer Saucon Creek Watershed Association)

Elisabeth Ruschmann

- Sophomore at Princeton majoring in economics with concentrations in data science and environmental science
- Interested in a sustainability startup or sustainable finance after college
- Volunteer at Princeton's garden
- Involved with a venture capital club that invests in sustainable startups

Jay Byrd

- Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River (AWE) fellow at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge
- Visitor's services intern at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge
- Student at Delaware County Community College (transferring to biology at a university soon)
- Interest in wildlife and would love to be an environmental educator
- Has led many events to help protect and spread admiration for the Delaware River watershed

Toby Broun

- Allentown Central Catholic High School, Allentown, PA
- Volunteer, monitoring support to the Saucon Creek Watershed Association and Lehigh Valley Watershed Coalition

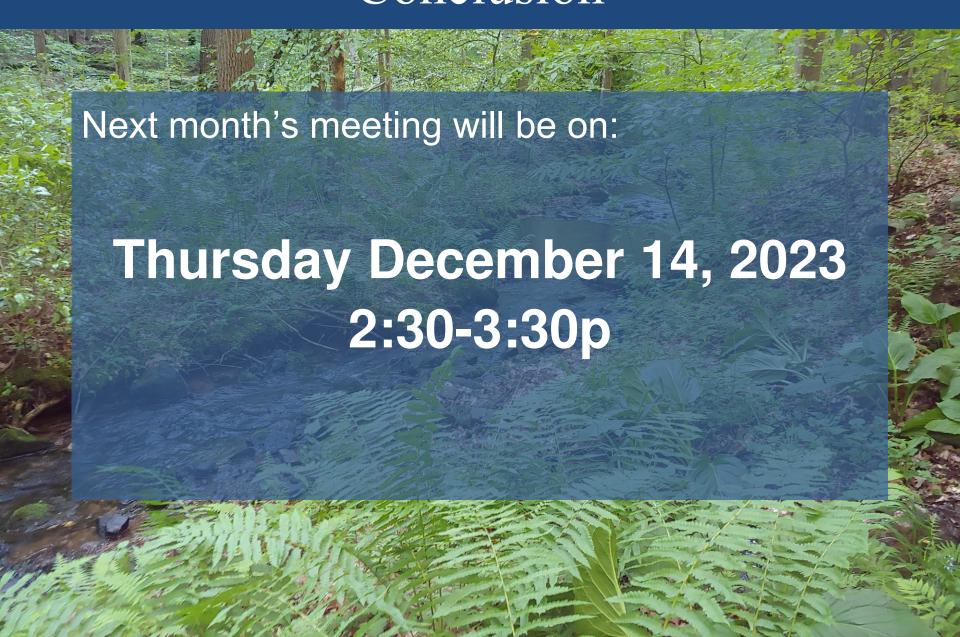
Saranya Anantapantula

- Spring-Ford Senior High School, Royersford, PA
- Writer of The Green Blog
- Founder of 4AGreenEnvironment
- Host of Women in Environmental Science
- Book: Gateway to Environmental Solutions Paperback

Mentors currently available

- Carol Armstrong (MWS), mnem.np@gmail.com, 610-659-7477
- Christa Reeves (Musconetcong Watershed Association/Stroud Center), christa@musconetcong.org, 727-520-5849

Conclusion



Onward!

