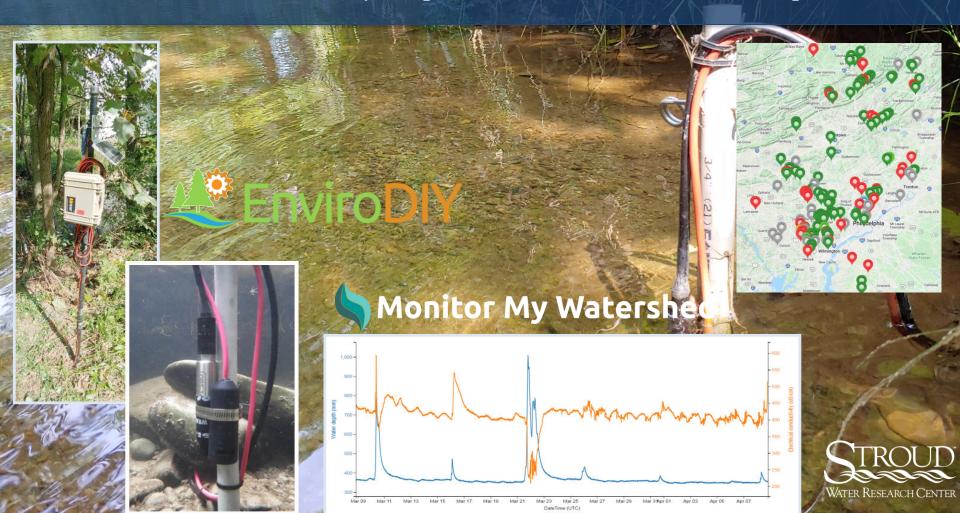
# WELCOME!

EnviroDIY and monitoring in the DRB monthly meeting

Online, Thursday, September 21, 2023, 2:30-3:30p



## Today's Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Stroud Updates
- 3. Presentation Science of salt pollution and recent advances, Dr. John Jackson
- 4. Discussion
- 5. Conclusion



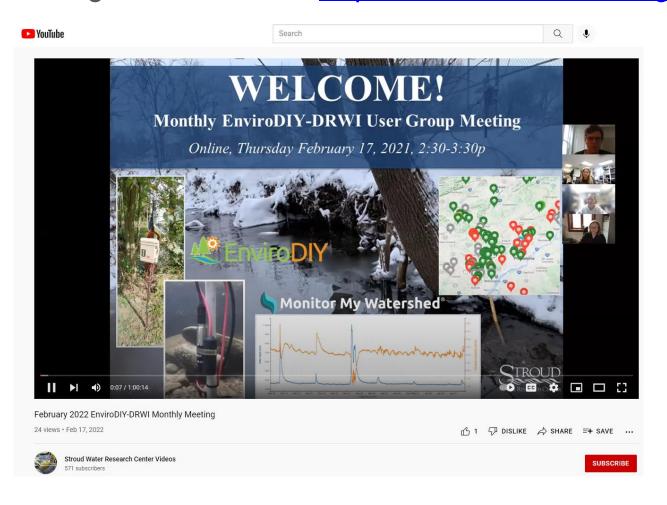
# \*Meeting is being recorded



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# These Monthly Meetings

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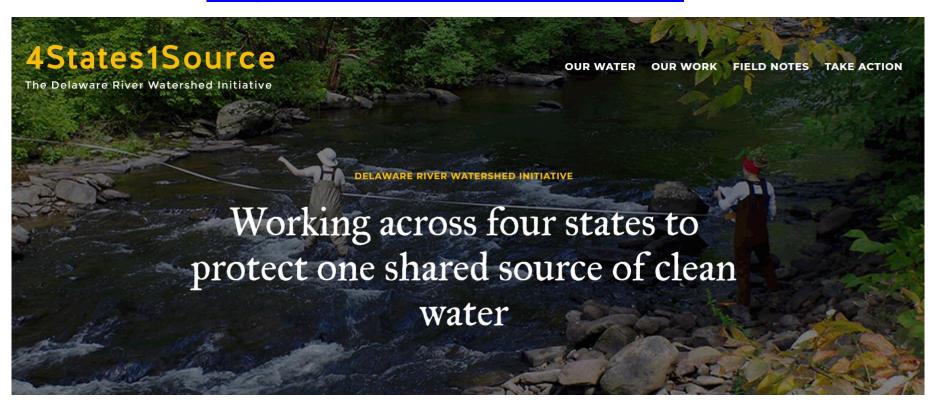
- Every third Thursday of the month
- 2:30-3:30p
- Zoom link will remain the same: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81881801310?pwd=eUFmbXZLbmRibV">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81881801310?pwd=eUFmbXZLbmRibV</a> cxa1dtNVhzRmNvZz09
- Reminder email one week prior to each month's meeting
  - All are welcome, 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

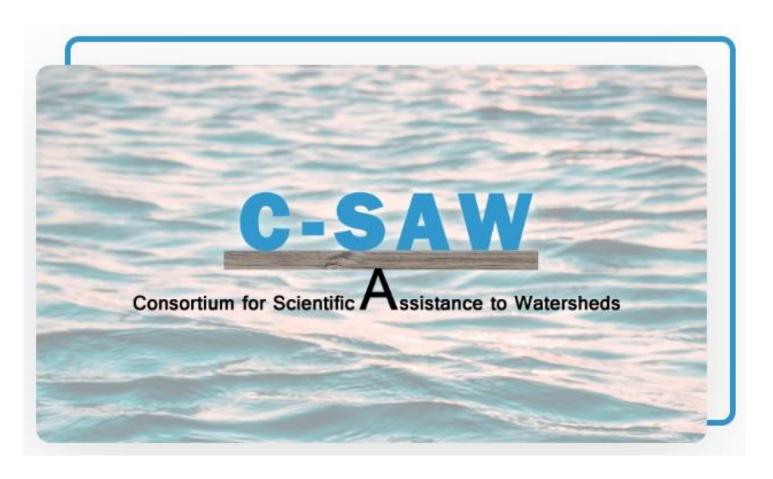
# Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI)

### 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



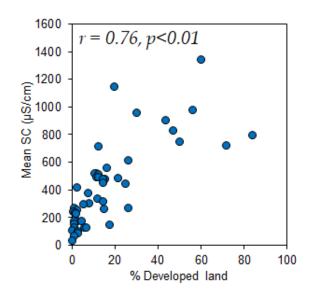
Executive Director, President Research Scientist

### 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).

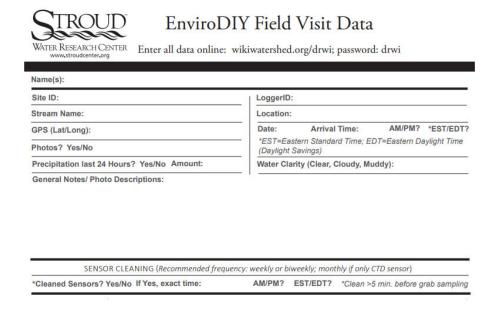
#### EnviroDIY Field Visit Data Sheets (Printable)

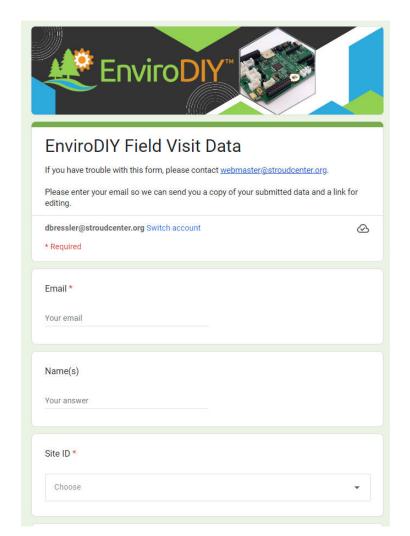
- EnviroDIY Field Visit Data sheet (blank)
- EnviroDIY Field Visit Data sheet tutorial

### EnviroDIY Field Visit Data Form entry

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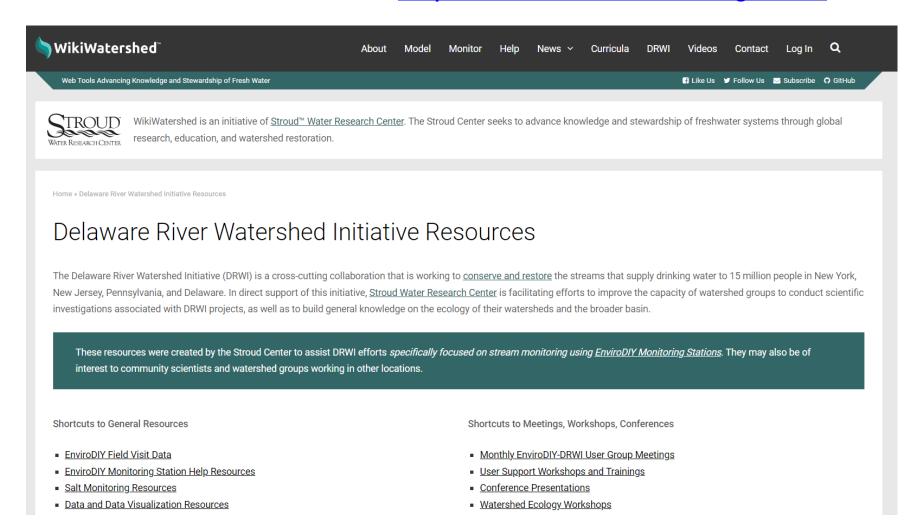
 Fill out any time a station is visited





### EnviroDIY and monitoring resources

Guidance materials - <a href="https://wikiwatershed.org/drwi/">https://wikiwatershed.org/drwi/</a>



# Next month's presentation (Oct 19)

# October 19 – Monitoring of salt pollution and data usage



David Bressler, Stroud Water Research Center

## Coming months

- Oct 19 Dave Bressler (Stroud), monitoring of salt pollution and what to do with the data (tie in guidance from local policy/practice workgroup)
- Nov 16 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)
- Dec 14 Dave Bressler (Stroud), Others??? End of year summary and planning for 2024

### 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 11:00a 12:30p (Zoom, <a href="https://zoom.us/j/5889670619">https://zoom.us/j/5889670619</a>)

### 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 [need
   more case studies])
- One-pager

### Municipal Interactions

 Document 5 – Municipal Engagement (External Review)

### Conductivity

Guidance Document (Outline by October)

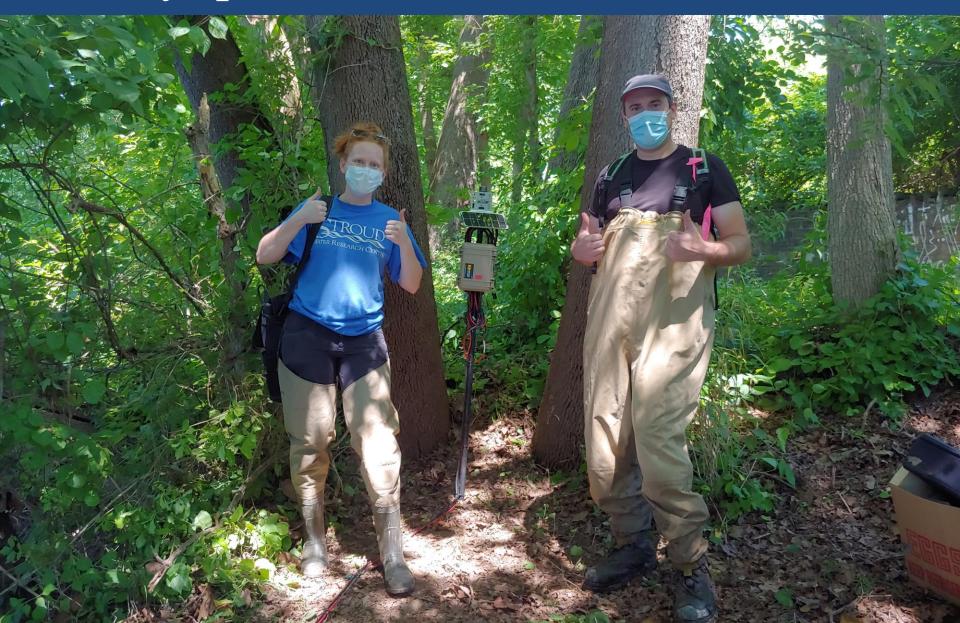
### Updates from Local Policy/Practice Workgroup

### **Review Process Update**

#### Consulting Local Leaders:

- Beth Uhler (PA Director, Center for Watershed Protection)\*
- Ross Snook, (Township Supervisor New Hanover Twp, PA)\*
- Betsy Kerlin (London Britain Township conservation and recreation boards) \*\*
- Aileen Parrish (Township Supervisor, London Britain Township)\*\*
- Susan Bristol (Municipal Policy Specialist at The Watershed Institute)\*\*
- \* Those marked with an asterisk have been consulted with
- \*\* Those marked with two asterisks were consulted with in the last month

# Any questions before we move on?



# Today's Presentation

# Science of salt pollution and recent advances

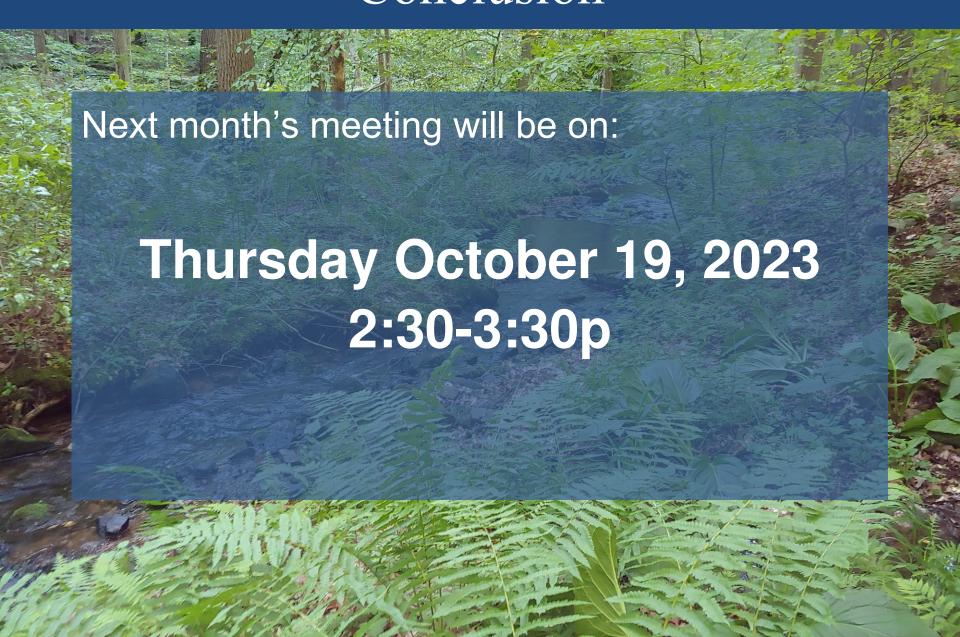


John Jackson, PhD Stroud Water Research Center

# Mentors currently available

- Carol Armstrong (MWS), mnem.np@gmail.com, 610-659-7477
- Christa Reeves (Musconetcong Watershed Association/Stroud Center), <a href="mailto:christa@musconetcong.org">christa@musconetcong.org</a>, 727-520-5849

### Conclusion



### Onward!

