Watershed Group Seeking Volunteer Monitors and Lab Assistants

No Experience Needed

- The BRC is seeking volunteers for a long-running community science program to gather information about the status of, and long-term changes in, the health of the Blackstone River Watershed.
- Over 90 volunteers work with the BRC’s member organizations to sample 75 sites throughout the watershed from Worcester to Pawtucket.
- The R.I. Team is based in Lincoln at the Friends of the Blackstone Environmental Education Center.
- Sites are sampled on the second Saturday of each month from April through November.
- Field monitors and substitute “floaters” are trained in a one-hour session to test for dissolved oxygen at the site, record physical and aesthetic parameters, and collect a water sample that they drop off to the lab between 9:00 a.m. and noon on the Saturday of testing.
- Lab volunteers, who help test these samples for nutrients, conductivity, and turbidity, at one of three water-testing labs, do not need to commit to helping each month and can be trained the first time they assist.

To volunteer as a field monitor, floater, or lab assistant, please contact Nick Wentzell, R.I. Field Coordinator, BRC Volunteer WQM Program at 401-474-0935 or nickwentzell.wqm@gmail.com.