

James City County Volunteer Monitoring Program

Winter - Spring 2009 - Fact Sheet

WHO: Anyone who cares about James City County and can

- Learn to identify the different bugs
- Physically walk into and out of a small stream channel (locations will be checked for safety)
- Use a computer and has access to the internet

WHAT: Monitors will

- Collect and count small bugs and other creatures
- Enter data onto data forms
- Enter data on-line – assistance provided if needed

WHERE: Pre-selected sites throughout the County - volunteers can suggest their own sites. These sites will need to be verified for habitat and safety.

WHEN: The time commitment includes

- 1 or 2 four hour training sessions
- 1 four hour certification class
- Monitoring 3-4 times per year, up to four hours each time, including data entry

WHY:

- The data will document the overall health of a waterway and will
 - give clues about areas needing more attention
 - help target chemical monitoring activities
 - help track progress of County restoration efforts
- The VA Save Our Streams method provides customized, quality data
- County residents can make a difference while enjoying the County's natural resources

IF INTERESTED:

1. Sign up for a training session by sending your contact information to stormwater@james-city.va.us (NAME, EMAIL, PHONE, WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND SESSION)
2. Available sessions will be posted on the website.
3. Prior to the session, you will receive information about the meeting location, what to bring and type of clothing to wear

