



World Water Monitoring Day 2010



GSWA is once again planning to participate in World Water Monitoring Day. World Water Monitoring Day™ (WWMD) is an international education and outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by engaging citizens to conduct basic monitoring of their local water bodies. The event kicks off on September 18th. Please help us out by volunteering to collect basic water quality data on the streams and lakes in our watershed between September 18 and October 18, 2010. To participate, simply follow these five easy steps:

Step 1: Grab a test kit

Contact GSWA's Director of Water Quality Programs, Kelley Curran, to make arrangements to borrow an official WWMD test kit. She can be reached at kcurran@greatswamp.org or 973-538-3500 x16.

Step 2: Pick a site(s)

Choose a site(s) on any stream or lake within the Great Swamp Watershed boundaries. Kelley will provide you with a map.

Step 3: Collect your data

Pick a date and take a friend or family member out with you to collect your data following the simple instructions included in the kit. It is suggested that you read the instructions before heading out to your site. You will test the water for four parameters: turbidity, temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen. Record your results. Kelley can provide you with a data sheet.

Step 4: Report your results

When you return home, log on to www.WorldWaterMonitoringDay.org and click 'Participate'. Follow the steps to register yourself and your site(s). **Remember to enter Great Swamp Watershed Association into the space given for 'Organization/Group Name'.**

Step 5: Return the kit

Please return your kit to GSWA. Each test kit contains approximately 50 tests of each parameter so they can be reused several times.

Your data is stored in an online database containing water quality data from around the world....be sure to check it out and see how we compare! Should you have any questions about any of the above listed steps, please contact Kelley or go to the WWMD website (listed above) where you can find lots of additional information. GSWA thanks you for your interest in participating!!