

# **Volunteer Monitoring Summit**

**An update on  
Watershed Monitoring  
in New Jersey**



New Jersey  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Watershed Management  
In cooperation with the  
Watershed Watch Network Advisory Committee

## **The Volunteer Monitoring Summit is the first of its kind in New Jersey!**

The purpose of the summit is to allow volunteer water monitors from across the State to meet other monitoring groups in order to share ideas and techniques. Planned by the Watershed Watch Network Advisory Committee and the NJDEP, this summit is an excellent opportunity to find out how to set up or maintain a local monitoring program, what other organizations are doing and to learn about new directions from the NJDEP Division of Watershed Management. There will be a variety of topics covered including sampling techniques, data management, data interpretation, Quality Assurance Project Plan Development, protocol comparisons, and many more. In addition to the sessions, volunteer monitoring organizations will have exhibits on their water monitoring programs. This will be the first of many more to come...

### **Members of the Watershed Watch Network Advisory Committee**

Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River  
Delaware Riverkeeper Network  
Delaware River Basin Commission  
Federation of Gloucester County Watershed Association  
Great Swamp Watershed Association  
Hackensack Riverkeeper  
Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute  
NJ Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)  
NJ Water Resources Research Institute  
Pequannock River Coalition  
Pompeston Creek Watershed Association  
Richard Stockton College of NJ  
South Branch Watershed Association  
Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association  
Upper Raritan Watershed Association  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
US Department of Agriculture-  
Natural Resource Conservation Service

# Volunteer Monitoring Summit

## Friday, November 7, 2003

- 8:30 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Welcome and Introduction of Watershed Watch Network Advisory Committee
- 9:45 AM Overview of NJDEP Monitoring Program and the Role of Volunteer Monitoring
- 10:45 AM Break and Exhibits
- 11:00 AM Status of Volunteer Monitoring in New Jersey
- 11:30 AM The New Four Tiered Approach to Volunteer Monitoring
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Concurrent Sessions #1

<b>11/03-VM-A</b> Data Management	<b>11/03-VM-B</b> Importance of Study Design & Quality Assurance Project Plans	<b>11/03-VM-C</b> Choosing the Right Protocol Case Studies #1
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- 2:15 PM Break
- 2:45 PM Concurrent Sessions #2

<b>11/03-VM-D</b> Data Interpretation	<b>11/03-VM-E</b> Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plans	<b>11/03-VM-F</b> Choosing the Right Protocol Case Studies #2
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- 4:00 PM Adjourn



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## Saturday, November 8, 2003

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Welcome

8:45 AM Concurrent Sessions #3

<b>11/03-VM-G</b> Overview of DEP Monitoring, Watershed Watch Network and Role of Volun- teer Monitors	<b>11/03-VM-H</b> Starting A New Program: Funding and Monitoring Options	<b>11/03-VM-I</b> Volunteer Monitoring as an Educational Tool
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10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Concurrent Sessions #4

<b>11/03-VM-J</b> The New Four Tiered Approach to Volunteer Monitoring	<b>11/03-VM-K</b> Choosing the Right Protocol Case Studies #3	<b>11/03-VM-L</b> Starting A New Program: Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers
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12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Concurrent Sessions #5

<b>11/03-VM-M</b> Choosing the Right Protocol Case Studies #4	<b>11/03-VM-N</b> Ask the Experts Question and Answer Session
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2:30 PM Conclusion

2:45 PM Adjourn

# Registration Information

Course fees, \$25 for one day and \$35 for both days, include continental breakfast, lunch and all materials. Payment may be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or American Express), check, money order or purchase order. Please make checks payable to: **RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY**. **Payment must be made prior to the course to guarantee your seat.** Substitutions are permitted.

**Phone:** (732) 932-9271 Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

**Fax:** (732) 932-8726, 24 hours. Please include credit card information or a copy of your check, money order or purchase order with fax registrations.

**By Mail:** Registration Desk, Cook College OCPE; Rutgers University; 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

**Internet:** Visit our website at [www.cookce.rutgers.edu](http://www.cookce.rutgers.edu) for registration information and course schedules.

## Directions to the Edison Clarion Hotel

### Traveling From New Jersey State Turnpike

Take Exit #10 (Edison) to Interstate 287 North Take Exit #2B to Route 27 South (New Brunswick). The Clarion Hotel is Located 1 Mile on Right

### Traveling From Garden State Parkway South

From Union Toll, Take Exit 130 to Route 1 South Take Interstate 287 North (Morristown/Mahwah) to Exit #2B for Route 27 South (New Brunswick) The Clarion Hotel is Located 1 Mile on Right.

### Traveling From Garden State Parkway North

From Raritan Toll, Cross the Raritan Bridge Take Exit #127 to Interstate 287 North Take Exit #2B for Route 27 South (New Brunswick) The Clarion Hotel is Located 1 Mile on Right.

### Traveling From Route 1 North/Route 1 South

**North:** From the Princeton Area, Take Route 1 North to Route 18 North Exit for Route 27 North (Highland Park) Travel Approximately 5 Miles Make a Left onto Municipal Boulevard Make First Right Into Hotel Complex.  
**South:** From Woodbridge Area, Take Route 1 South to Interstate 287 North (Morristown/Mahwah). Take Exit #2B for Route 27 South (New Brunswick) The Clarion Hotel is Located 1 Mile on Right.

