

Become a Certified

Master Watershed Steward

If you are willing to assume an active role with a **strong commitment to improving the environment and the quality of life of your community**, we invite you to apply to the Watershed Stewards Academy and become a Master Watershed Steward!
Visit aawsa.org for more details!



Please join us at any of the following informational sessions:

Tuesday, July 26th 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 8th 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 22nd 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6th 6:30 p.m.

Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center
975 Indian Landing Road
Millersville, MD 21108

Applications are due by September 12th. For more information, contact Suzanne Etgen at setgen@aacps.org or 443-871-0700 or visit aawsa.org.

Master Watershed Stewards work with their communities to:

Assess Watersheds— identify their pollutant sources and create strategies for reducing these pollutants.

Educate Communities— help neighbors understand the most pressing environmental problems in their area.

Reduce Pollutants— work with communities to target pollution sources such as pet waste, fertilizer or pesticides.

Coordinate Action— help communities reduce the polluted runoff by coordinating the installation of rain gardens, rain barrels and other Rainscaping techniques.

Anne Arundel County
Watershed Stewards Academy

www.aawsa.org



To apply for the Master Watershed Steward Certification Course, please attend an initial informational session on any of the following dates: July 26, August 8, 22, September 6th. All informational sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center. For more information, please contact Suzanne Etgen @ setgen@aacps.org or visit aawsa.org

WSA **Draft** Certification Training Schedule *** Dates subject to change. They will be confirmed by late July.

Saturday, Oct 29th 8 a.m.-2 pm

Thursday November 3rd 4:45 p.m. – Saturday, November 5th noon

Monday, November 14th 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6th 6-9 p.m.

Monday, January 9th 6-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 17rd 6-9 p.m.

Monday, January 23th 6-9 p.m.

Monday, January 30th 6-9 p.m.

Monday, February 6th 6-9 p.m.

Monday, February 13th 6-9 p.m.

Snow Date February 16th

Monday, Feb. 27th 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, March 24th 8-noon

Rain Date April 14

Qualified applicants will:

- Live within the community they represent and be actively engaged in community activities.
- Be a resident of Anne Arundel County (some slots may be reserved for persons from other jurisdictions who would like to duplicate WSA in their County)
- Complete application process including one informational meeting (July 26th, August 8th, August 22nd, or September 6th at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center 6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- Be proficient in basic computer skills such as Microsoft Office, internet browsing and mapping programs and be willing to learn new programs.
- Have experience with public speaking and meeting facilitation
- Be willing to serve as a community resource for environmental and watershed information.
- Complete the Master Watershed Steward certification course (attendance at all sessions is mandatory)
 - Attend class sessions listed above.
 - Completion of a Capstone Project, including community engagement, pollution source reduction and Rainscaping restoration project.
- Certification maintenance is expected. To maintain certification, a Master Watershed Steward must:
 - Attend at least 2 weekend or 4 weeknight professional development seminars
 - Complete at least 40 hours of community service on restoration efforts within his/her sub-watershed.
 - Attend at least 80% of the bi-monthly networking meetings.

Applications are due no later than September 12, 2011. Applications may be downloaded from aawsa.org.

Cost: Tuition is \$250 per Anne Arundel County Steward. **Scholarships are available.** Each Master Watershed Steward will also be responsible for recruiting funding for ½ of one Rainscaping Capstone Project. Projects typically range from \$500-2,000. Funds may recruited from grants, Community Associations, Corporate Donations, or fundraising events. Scholarships are also available for this portion.



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APPLICATION

Name:

I prefer all correspondence sent to: Home Business

Home Address:

Employer/Organization(if applicable):

Position/Title and Business Address (if applicable):

Business Phone: Home Phone: Cell Phone:

E Mail:

Tuition and Project Costs

____ I request a scholarship for the \$250 Tuition.

____ I will be sponsored by _____ Community Association for the Certification Tuition.

____ I understand that I am responsible for recruiting funding for ½ of the cost of my Capstone Project.

Please respond to the following questions. You may use the back of the page, additional paper or fill out an electronic copy.

Interest:

Why are you interested in becoming a Master Watershed Steward?

Current Community Involvement:

Please list any community organizations in which you participate, positions held and relevant accomplishments.

Please list your public speaking and meeting facilitation skills and experience.

Skills:

Please indicate your proficiency (L = low, A = adequate, P = Proficient) in the following:

_____ Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PPT); _____ ARC GIS or mapping program such as Google Earth;
_____ Internet resources and browsing; _____ E-mail

Please list other relevant computer or non computer skills or interests.

Expectations:

What do you hope to gain from your participation in the Watershed Stewards Academy?

Vision:

What change are you hoping to affect in your community?

Do you have any conflicts with class dates as published?

Referred by (if applicable):

Letters of Recommendation attached (optional):

I understand and agree to the program requirements as stated on the Applicant Information Sheet and have attended an informational meeting at Arlington Echo. I also understand that as a Master Watershed Steward, I will serve as a resource to my community, and as such, my name and e-mail address will be made public.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail, e mail, or fax your completed application form and any letters of recommendation to Suzanne Etgen in the Watershed Stewards Academy at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, 975 Indian Landing Road, Millersville, Maryland 21108. Email address setgen@aacps.org. Fax 410.222.3