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Master Watershed Steward Program Lehigh & Northampton Counties

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Penn State Extension **Master Watershed Program** in Lehigh and Northampton Counties will be training a new class in spring of 2015. We are looking for individuals that have an interest in the environment, a willingness to learn more and most importantly, a strong desire to make a difference in the community. So whether you are a teacher, an accountant, a construction worker, a homemaker, a student, or have another background, **YOU** can become a Master Watershed Steward.

To become a certified Master Watershed Steward, you must complete 40 hours of training and fulfill 50 hours of volunteer service. After becoming certified, you can maintain your status by giving at least 20 volunteer hours and attending at least 10 hours of continuing education annually.

Master Watershed Stewards volunteer in the community to improve the health of our streams, rivers and other natural resources by:

- organizing educational events
- designing demonstration rain gardens
- working with municipal officials to plant native meadows
- organizing stream clean ups
- monitoring streams for bacteria
- teaching adults and children about the environment
- and in many other ways

The new training program will begin on Tuesday, March 10th and continue on subsequent Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. through mid-June held at partnering environmental organizations throughout the Lehigh Valley. The curriculum also features 3 hands-on Saturday field trips. **An information session will be held Wednesday, January 21st from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Lehigh County Agricultural Center. For more information contact Erin Frederick at 610-391-9840 or elf145@psu.edu**

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