



Become a Master Watershed Steward in the National Capital Region!

Applications Open NOW – Deadline January 20, 2012

The Spring 2012 course of National Capital Region-Watershed Stewards Academy welcomes faith leaders with an interest in local environmental stewardship and a concern for creation care in general. A 15-class course that begins in March and spans 5 months, the Academy will tentatively be held at the University of the District of Columbia at the Van Ness campus in DC right near Metro. There will also be field trips to other locations throughout the course.

Many people of faith understand environmental issues as spiritual issues, and through this lens, we will empower participants to help their neighbors change how they approach specific environmental issues. During the course, participants will explore the mandates within various faith traditions for caring for creation. With this foundation, participants will become Master Watershed Stewards by completing the course and taking on a Capstone Project that will begin to reduce pollution and runoff at its source, neighborhood by neighborhood.

Applicants will be drawn from the District, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Course charge is \$225, but scholarships are available. The Academy is being run by a coalition of local and regional watershed nonprofit organizations.

If you want to expand your activism and deepen your knowledge base and resources about the environment as it pertains to watersheds and stormwater management and the quality of life of your community, we invite you to apply to the Watershed Stewards Academy.

Please visit www.anacostiaaws.org for questions and to apply.



Spring 2012 Course Schedule

Session 1 - Introduction to the WSA. Mandate for Creation Care. Overview of Watershed Issues.

March 12 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Session 2 - Miracle of Water: the Water Cycle. Worship Resources for Religious Holidays. Stormwater Tour: An Overview of Problems and Solutions and Lessons Learned

March 18 (SUNDAY) - 1pm - 6pm

Session 3 - Water: the Sacred and Profaned. Pollution Sources and Solutions: Trash, Pet Waste, Pesticides and Fertilizers.

March 19 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Session 4 - Sense of Place. Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Practicum

March 26 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Session 5 - Gift/Role of Water in Creation. Improving Stormwater Infiltration: Rain Gardens and Conservation Landscaping

April 2 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Spring Break - Passover and Easter

Session 6 - Perspectives and Practice on Neighborhood Site Assessments

April 20 (FRIDAY) - 9am-4pm (with break for lunch)

Session 7 - Putting It All into Practice: Class Project Site Assessment and Planning Part 1

April 22 (SUNDAY) - 1pm-6pm [Earth Day]

Session 8 - Watershed Group Project Experiences & Exploring Capstone Projects

April 30 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Session 9 - Water as Sustenance. Introduction to Soils and Native Plants

May 6 (SUNDAY) - 1pm-6pm

Session 10 - Water Words: Practicing How to talk about Watershed Issues/Solutions as Spiritual Issues/Solutions to an Interfaith Audience

May 7 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Session 11 - When Heaven Meets Earth: Community Engagement and Empowerment. Denominational Resources.

May 14 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Session 12 - Funding and Permitting Your Project. Planning Class Project Part 2

May 21 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Session 13 - Final Discussion of Class Project

June 4 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Session 14 - Class Restoration Project

June 9 OR 10 (SATURDAY OR SUNDAY) - 9am-2pm (snacks and lunch provided)

Session 15 - Capstone Project Proposals

June 11 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

Session 16 - Capstone Project Showcase

November