

Massachusetts Watershed Initiative
Deerfield Watershed Team c/o EOE
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Boston MA 02114



Ever wonder how clean the river is at your favorite swimming hole or just what kind of creatures may be living in the rivers and wetlands in our backyards? Come and learn about the results of the many recent environmental studies in the Deerfield River watershed and find out how you can help protect the natural resources of this beautiful region.

State of the Deerfield River Watershed Conference



Saturday, March 17, 2001
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Greenfield Community College
Main Campus, Greenfield
Massachusetts

About the Conference

The State of the Deerfield Watershed Conference will provide an opportunity for residents, teachers, students, business and community leaders interested in the environmental health of the Deerfield watershed to learn the results of the water, sediment, habitat and biological quality studies that were recently conducted throughout the region. Many sites in and along the Deerfield River mainstem as well as tributary systems and wetlands were investigated. Participants include State Environmental agencies, the Deerfield River Watershed Association and private consultants. Along with presentations, numerous displays of other studies, student projects and environmental information relative to the watershed will be at the conference. In addition, environmental professionals from state agencies, and private and non-profit groups will be on hand to discuss watershed issues such as brown-fields, Yankee Rowe, invasive plants and volunteer opportunities.

Conference Partners

Massachusetts Watershed Initiative

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA), the Deerfield Watershed Team, is made up of representatives from federal, state, regional, municipal and local groups, agencies and businesses that have an interest in the Deerfield River watershed. Through the Massachusetts Watershed Initiative of EOEA, the team comes together to coordinate the management, protection and restoration of natural resources at the watershed level.

Deerfield River Watershed Association

The Deerfield River Watershed Association (DRWA) was established in 1988 as a nonprofit volunteer membership organization dedicated to preserve, protect and enhance the natural resources of the Deerfield River watershed. DRWA continues to educate, advocate and organize for the protection of the watershed's natural resources and is the only organization whose sole focus is to protect the Deerfield River watershed.

Pioneer Valley Institute at GCC

The Pioneer Valley Institute was created at Greenfield Community College in 1989 to provide non credit-bearing programs for the public in conjunction with its Pioneer Valley Studies program. Since then PVI has addressed Connecticut Valley issues from art and architecture, geology, ecology, agriculture and literature to genealogy, history, and the diverse cultures of its residents through workshops, field trips, lectures and exhibits presented at GCC and throughout Franklin County.

Conference Agenda

Saturday March 17, 2001 8:30 – 3:00

Registration	8:30
Welcome and Opening Remarks	9:00
Rol Hesselbart, DRWA and Christine Duerring, EOEА Deerfield Watershed Team Leader	
Water Quality Monitoring and Biological Assessment	
Brian Friedmann, DEP/DWM	9:10
Fisheries and Habitat Surveys	
Andrew Madden and David Basler, DFW	9:45
Sediment and Water Quality Assessment of the Deerfield River Watershed	
Carl Nielsen, Environmental Science Services, Inc.	10:10
Break	10:55
Volunteers Monitor River Chemistry and Bacteria	
Marie-Françoise Walk, DRWA	11:15
Surveying Birds and Frogs in the Watershed: A Summary of a Volunteer Monitoring Project	
Pat Serrentino and Jennifer Strules , DRWA	11:40
Lunch and Exhibits	12:00
Lakes Monitoring	
Jim Straub, DEM	1:00
Salmon Restoration Program in the Deerfield Watershed	
Caleb Slater, DFW and Tim Brush, Normandeau Assoc.	1:25
Volunteer Riparian Buffer Inventory	
Judy Tumosa, CT River Coalition of Conservation Districts	2:00
Student Paper	2:25
Wrap-up	2:50

Registration is free *

*A deli-style lunch will be available for \$5

Teachers wishing to earn **five** Professional Development Points toward credit will receive a certificate if they have pre-registered for this conference. Call the Pioneer Valley Institute at 413-775-1254 for details on how to register for PDPs.

Questions? Call 413-773-7899

Please cut and mail the form
by March 6, 2001 to:

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EOEA/MWI
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Greenfield MA 01301

or fax to 413-774-4949

Directions: Greenfield Community College Main Campus is located near the intersection of Interstate 91 and Route 2. Take exit 26 off I-91 in Greenfield and follow the traffic rotary to Route 2 west. Once on Route 2, take an immediate right at the first traffic light onto Colrain Road. GCC is located on College Drive six-tenths of a mile on the left. Follow signs to parking lot F. Use the Sloan Theater entrance at the left side of main building. Conference will be held in the Sloan Theater.

Registration Form

(Please print)

Name

Address

Phone/Email

So we can plan for enough food, please indicate if you will be buying lunch

Yes, I will buy lunch _____

No, I'll skip the lunch _____