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**Master Watershed Steward Program - Chester and Delaware Counties**

The Penn State Extension **Master Watershed Steward Program** in Chester and Delaware Counties is training a new class in summer of 2018. We are looking for individuals that have an interest in the environment, a willingness to learn more, 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.

**Info Sessions:** Learn about the program with the opportunity to complete the application and/or pre-training knowledge survey.

Saturday, April 21st, 10-11:30 AM, at Londonderry Township Bldg., 103 Daleville Rd., Cochranville, PA 19330

Tuesday, April 24th, 6-7:30 PM, at East Pikeland Township Bldg., 1158 Rapps Dam Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460

Wednesday, May 2nd, 6-7:30 PM, at Chester County Gov. Services Bldg., 601 Westtown Rd, West Chester PA 19380

**Training Sessions:** The 2018 training program will take place on Tuesdays from 6-8:30 PM at the Chester County Government Services Building located at 601 Westtown Road, West Chester PA. Classes are once a week from June 5th through August 28th. Three hands-on field trips will replace that week's classroom session. The field trips will take place on Saturday from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM at sites throughout Chester County. Final assessment will take place on August 28th.

There is a \$135 material, speaker and field trip fee that is required to participate in the program. Need-based scholarships are available. For more information contact *Meagan Hopkins-Doerr* at 610-696-3500, email [mxh1135@psu.edu](mailto:mxh1135@psu.edu).

For more information on how to apply to be a Master Watershed Steward: <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/watershed-stewards/do-you-really-want-to-be-a-master-watershed-steward>

Information for the Master Watershed Steward Program visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/watershed-stewards/counties/chester-delaware>

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