



River Watch Monitor

Thank you for volunteering for the Citizen Water Quality Monitoring program! River Watch Monitors are extremely important to ensure our watershed stays healthy.

Your responsibilities as a volunteer **River Watch Monitor** are:

- Help identify negative impacts to our waterways through visual assessment near a waterway or boating down a river.
- Conduct a visual assessment or “stream walk” to evaluate a waterway’s health by assessing the physical habitat and potential impacts.
- Report any unusual river conditions such as foamy or unusual colored waste, unusual or bad smells, dead fish or aquatic life, litter or illegal dumps, discharges from pipes or drains that are not normal, and etc.
- Volunteers are expected to complete their visual assessments on a regular basis, preferably monthly.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A THREAT:

If you observe a problem or potential issue along one of our streams or rivers, you can report the location and what you observed directly to the Dan River Basin Association at drba.va@danriver.org or by calling a DRBA office near you.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOUR ASSESSMENT:

Email your findings to drba.va@danriver.org

You will need to provide certain basic information including:

- Your name and phone number/email.
- Location (street address, GPS if known, nearest landmarks, river access points etc). The more information you provide about the location, the faster we are able to address the potential threat or problem.
- Provide detailed description of what you observed. Report what you see, the date, time river conditions (was it muddy and flooding, or was it clear and normal levels).
- Provide photographic evidence if possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at <mailto:drba.nc@danriver.org>.

Again, thank you for your willingness to donate your time and energy.

We really appreciate it!