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## Celebrating Our Streams and Volunteers in the Yahara River Watershed

On Saturday, March 5th, the Rock River Coalition (RRC) will host a meeting for volunteer stream monitors working in the Yahara River watershed. Participants will discuss water quality results from our successful volunteer stream monitoring program funded by Yahara WINs (Watershed Improvement Network) since 2013.

Presenters will include:

- Kathy Lake, Environmental Specialist with the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District;
- Todd Stuntebeck, Physical Scientist with the U. S. Geological Survey;
- Herb Garn, retired hydrologist with the U. S. Geological Survey and current board member with Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy and volunteer stream monitor with the RRC;
- Mike Sorge, Water Resources Management Specialist with the WDNR; and
- Nancy Sheehan, Coordinator, Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program with the RRC.

Topics will include:

- An update on the Yahara WINs Adaptive Management project;
- USGS Monitoring in the Yahara River Watershed for the 2015 water year;
- Determining how the biotic community of streams responds to changes in nutrient concentrations;
- Water quality along Pheasant Branch
- 2015 Volunteer Collected Water Quality Results
- Volunteer Stream Monitoring Plans for 2016

Volunteers working in the Yahara River watershed will also be able to pick up all equipment for the 2016 monitoring season at this event.

This meeting will be held at the Fitchburg Community Center, Fitchburg. Morning sessions (9:00am to 11:45am) are open to the general public. Pre-registration is required. If interested in attending, please contact: Nancy Sheehan, [nancy@rockrivercoalition.org](mailto:nancy@rockrivercoalition.org).