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**Delaware Riverkeeper Network to Hold Volunteer Workshop on Stream and Stormwater Photo Monitoring in Radnor**

**Radnor, PA:** On Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9:00am-12:30pm, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network will hold a stream and stormwater photo monitoring workshop at the Radnor High School. The workshop is designed to educate and engage residents in the health of the township's streams and stormwater management. Overwhelmingly, Radnor's streams fail to meet state water quality standards. Radnor communities are being harmed by ongoing flood damages. Private properties and public parks are being washed away by erosion. There are many, many sources to these problems and, while some occurred years ago, new sources continue to happen today. Some will cost tens, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars to fix. Some will likely be far less costly and relatively simple to resolve. Public participation in this project can get residents out in the neighborhood, identify the problems and help Radnor make smart choices.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network invites the public to learn more about stormwater management and help collect photo documentation of stormwater problems and successes. Community photos can help Radnor make better decisions about how to remedy flooding, pollution and erosion problems while at the same time protecting private property and public parks. Photos can also demonstrate why the Board of Commissioners needs to upgrade the Township's stormwater ordinance today, and to stop dragging their feet on this important issue.

Participants will become part of a spring time monitoring initiative. Each participant will receive training at our upcoming workshop. The workshop will arm residents with the tools and knowledge needed to recognize the unhealthy streams around them and to collect data which can be used to protect Radnor communities, streams and environment. DRN experts will share information on basic watershed issues, what to look for in the field, and how to document and share data using a smartphone. Participants will then be assigned regions in the township to go out and take stream photos as part of the initiative. There will be ongoing communication between volunteers and DRN

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staff, a wrap up session regarding findings, and guidance on how residents can help ensure their photos are used to support better decisions in Radnor. Volunteers in Radnor can make a difference not only in their own community, but also all the communities downstream that are experiencing similar, if not worse flooding.

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Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is a nonprofit membership organization working throughout the 4 states of the Delaware River Watershed including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. DRN provides effective environmental advocacy, volunteer monitoring programs, stream restoration projects, public education, and legal enforcement of environmental protection laws.