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Call for Presenters for 2013 Watershed Congress released

Bristol, PA – **The Delaware Riverkeeper Network is pleased to announce the Call for Presenters for the 2013 Watershed Congress along the Schuylkill.** The 2013 Watershed Congress will be held Saturday, March 9th, at the Montgomery County Community College-West Campus in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

The Watershed Congress has evolved over 15 years to advance the best available information and techniques for protecting and restoring watersheds. The focus on networking across disciplines means that Watershed Congress melds science, policy and practical applications into one program. As a result, the annual Watershed Congress is a highly anticipated event for people interested in understanding, protecting and restoring their local streams. Every year, a growing and changing group of individuals attends the Watershed Congress to gain new knowledge, acquire tools, and practice techniques that will allow them to take active roles in the stewardship of their natural resources.

The Watershed Congress Organizing Committee, chaired by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, is now accepting session proposals. Past participants requested the following topics, but **the Organizing Committee will consider all suggestions submitted:**

Stormwater Best Management Practices • Pollution Impact Studies • Green Infrastructure • Stream Restoration • Maintenance and Evaluation of Best Management Practices • Fish Passage and Dam Removal • Sewage Treatment Plants and Their Impacts • Aquatic Ecology • Invasive Control • Long-Term Trend Monitoring • Floodplain Management and Buyouts • Marcellus Shale Impacts • Macroinvertebrate Identification • Working With Volunteers • Water Quality Trends in the Schuylkill River • Project Fundraising Process • Restoration of Abandoned Mine Lands • Urban

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For more information about the Watershed Congress audience and guidance to complete the Call for Presenters, go to: http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/Pdf/WatershedCongress2013_Call-for-Presenters.pdf. Sessions must include a question and answer component. Hands-on, interactive presentations are encouraged. The deadline for submissions is October 31, 2012.

All applications must be submitted electronically at: <http://tinyurl.com/WC-2013PresentersCall>.

More information about the Watershed Congress is can be found at:
<http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/about/event.aspx?Id=63>

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