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## Private Citizens Help Monitor the Health of Local Streams To Protect Against Shale Drilling Threats

*Hancock, NY* – Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) will be holding a citizen monitoring workshop on September 15, 2012 in Hancock, NY to train new volunteer citizens interested in testing the tributaries that feed the Delaware River in potential shale gas drilling and pipeline infrastructure zones. These citizens will join the over 70 plus trained stream testers with DRN who have been collecting water quality data for over 60 stream stations since the winter of 2010. According to **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper**, "Volunteer monitors are a critical component to DRN's scientific data collection efforts documenting the health and quality of the Delaware River Basin. Monitors were instrumental in helping to document sediment pollution to streams and wetlands from shale gas pipeline companies operating in the Basin since last year. They have also helped collect data that show the exceptional and clean water quality of these Upper Delaware streams." Catskill Citizens for Safe Energy is teaming up with Delaware Riverkeeper Network to engage local citizens to monitor in their communities. **Jill Wiener, Catskill Citizens for Safe Energy**, "The health of our community and economy depend on the good health of the Delaware River." A video about the volunteer program can be viewed here:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXVQjq\\_Isw&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXVQjq_Isw&feature=plcp).

Delaware Riverkeeper Network is seeking new volunteer monitors interested in joining the effort. If you'd like to learn more about this training or other upcoming trainings, contact Faith Zerbe, Delaware Riverkeeper Network's Director of Monitoring at 215-369-1188 ext. 110 or [faith@delawareriverkeeper.org](mailto:faith@delawareriverkeeper.org).

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