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## Join the Watershed Stewards Institute and Become a Watershed Steward in the Metro Washington Region!

**Applications Open NOW – Deadline January 20, 2012**

The Spring 2012 course of Metro Washington Watershed Stewards Institute welcomes faith leaders with an interest in local environmental stewardship and a concern for creation care in general. A 15-class course that begins in March and spans 5 months, the Institute will be held at the University of the District of Columbia at the Van Ness campus in DC right near Metro. There will also be field trips to other locations throughout the course.

Many people of faith understand environmental issues as spiritual issues, and through this lens, we will empower participants to help their neighbors change how they approach specific environmental issues. During the course, participants will explore the mandates within various faith traditions for caring for creation. With this foundation, participants will become a Watershed Steward by completing the course and taking on a Capstone Project that will begin to reduce pollution and runoff at its source, including on site at a house of worship.

Applicants will be drawn from the District, Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties. Course charge is \$225, but scholarships are available.

*If you want to expand your activism and deepen your knowledge base and resources about the environment as it pertains to watersheds and stormwater management and the quality of life of your community, we invite you to apply to the Metro Washington Watershed Stewards Institute.*

**Please visit [www.anacostiaws.org](http://www.anacostiaws.org) for questions and to apply.**



# Spring 2012 Course Schedule

**Session 1 - Introduction to the Watershed Stewards. Mandate for Creation Care. Overview of Watershed Issues.**

March 12 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Session 2 - Miracle of Water: the Water Cycle. Worship Resources for Religious Holidays. Stormwater Tour: An Overview of Problems and Solutions and Lessons Learned**

March 18 (SUNDAY) - 1pm - 6pm

**Session 3 - Water: the Sacred and Profaned. Pollution Sources and Solutions: Trash, Pet Waste, Pesticides and Fertilizers.**

March 19 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Session 4 - Sense of Place. Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Practicum**

March 26 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Session 5 - Gift/Role of Water in Creation. Improving Stormwater Infiltration: Rain Gardens and Conservation Landscaping**

April 2 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Spring Break - Passover and Easter**

**Session 6 - Perspectives and Practice on Neighborhood Site Assessments**

April 20 (FRIDAY) - 9am-4pm (with break for lunch)

**Session 7 - Putting It All into Practice: Class Project Site Assessment and Planning Part 1**

April 22 (SUNDAY) - 1pm-6pm [Earth Day]

**Session 8 - Watershed Group Project Experiences & Exploring Capstone Projects**

April 30 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Session 9 - Water as Sustenance. Introduction to Soils and Native Plants**

May 6 (SUNDAY) - 1pm-6pm

**Session 10 - Water Words: Practicing How to talk about Watershed Issues/Solutions as Spiritual Issues/Solutions to an Interfaith Audience**

May 7 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Session 11 - When Heaven Meets Earth: Community Engagement and Empowerment. Denominational Resources.**

May 14 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Session 12 - Funding and Permitting Your Project. Planning Class Project Part 2**

May 21 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Session 13 - Final Discussion of Class Project**

June 4 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Session 14 - Class Restoration Project**

June 9 OR 10 (SATURDAY OR SUNDAY) - 9am-2pm (snacks and lunch provided)

**Session 15 - Capstone Project Proposals**

June 11 (MONDAY) - 6-9pm

**Session 16 - Capstone Project Showcase**

November - Date TBD