



Join the Vernal Pool Plunge!



A Free, in-depth Vernal Pool training with naturalist Charley Eiseman

Offered by: Hilltown Land Trust and the Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee



When: Friday evening April 26th 5 - 9pm (Lecture & Slide Show)
Saturday April 27th 9 - 3pm Field day #1
Saturday May 4th 9 - 3pm. Field Day #2 and certification

The training is aimed at residents of the 16 towns served by Hilltown Land Trust and/or part of the Westfield River Wild & Scenic designation.

Towns: Ashfield, Becket, Chester, Chesterfield, Conway, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Savoy, Washington, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Windsor, Worthington

We are looking for representatives from as many towns as possible. Training is limited to 20 participants (with one spot reserved for each town and four open to duplicates).

Call Meredyth Babcock at 413 623-2070 to register or volunteer@wildscenicwestfieldriver.org

Community members have told us that they want skills that help them make real environmental improvements in their communities. This training is fashioned after the Keystone Project.

Take the Vernal Pool Plunge to become your town's Vernal Pool resource!!

1. Participate in the entire 3-day "Vernal Pool Plunge" Training
2. Publicize to your community that you are available to answer questions about and /or assist with identifying and certifying vernal pools. We will help with this!!
3. Make a one-year commitment to act as your community's vernal pool resource person, promoting the identification and certification of vernal pools within your town.
4. Provide the Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee and Hilltown Land Trust information on the time you have spent volunteering and the individuals (or properties) that you worked with to explore and certify vernal pools.

Qualifications: A belief in the importance of vernal pools and the significant role they play in a healthy watershed. Good communication skills and an interest in helping people with the certification process. A desire to make an impact and protect your water resources.

Benefits: Three days of Vernal Pool identification and certification training. Free set of reference materials and maps. Introduction to other community members interested in protecting and preserving water resources.