

Information

# FLOW



Photo courtesy of George C. Anderson.



Volunteers Nancy Raush and Marilyn Hay conduct a stream assessment. Photo by Laura Fay.

## Volunteers Graduate from Watershed 101

A group of dedicated volunteers has completed the 40+ hour Watershed 101 course to participate in FLOW's MONITOR program. MONITOR stands for Monitoring, Observing and Naming Impacted Tributaries of the Oolentangy River.

The volunteers were trained to assess the habitat of the small streams that feed into the Oolentangy. They also studied the fish and "bugs" of the Oolentangy, learned about vernal pools, visited the drinking water and wastewater treatment plants, and received an introduction to monitoring stormwater issues on construction sites.

Volunteers who have completed the training have agreed to give back an equal number of hours to conducting habitat assessments on previously unstudied streams. The volunteers will also work on FLOW's stream-naming project, to get the waterways of Delaware County on the map.

Contact [info@oolentangywatershed.org](mailto:info@oolentangywatershed.org) or 614-267-3386 to receive information about trainings in Spring 2010. This program is made possible by a grant from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF).

### MONITOR Volunteers

Shawn Blohm  
David Burke  
Ann Croft  
Terry Croft  
Stephen Devoe  
David Fullard  
Marilyn Hay  
Charles Klaus

Noelle Logan  
Adelaide Negrete  
Nancy Rausch  
Ann Mano Shilder  
Elizabeth Stout  
Holly Church Wendell  
Megan Zale

And a special thanks to FLOW Board Member Laura Fay for the many hours that she has dedicated to this program.

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## Update on Clintonville Rain Garden Project

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from MillerCoors and RiverNetwork, FLOW is constructing a demonstration raingarden and water catchment at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Clintonville. This installation is step one in FLOW's goal of 10 similar projects at local schools, churches, small businesses and other institutions by 2012.

Rain gardens are specially designed and planted gardens which collect rainwater and allow it to percolate slowly into the soil, reducing storm water run-off and preventing pesticides, petroleum products and other pollutants from being swept into our streams. Rain gardens also keep storm water from overloading the local sewer system.

FLOW board members Amy Dutt and Joe Tribble worked with the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church to create a design for the rain garden on the church's property at 93 W. Weisheimer Road.

Construction was originally slated for September, but has been temporarily delayed, due to the location of a gas line. Fortunately, Columbia Gas has stepped in as a project partner and agreed to donate its services for relocating the gas line. When construction resumes, volunteers will be needed to help with planting. For more information about volunteering, contact Amy Mallat, FLOW Soaking It In project coordinator, at 614-302-6715 or [amymallat@juno.com](mailto:amymallat@juno.com)

## Water Trail Kiosks

With a grant from the Kodak American Greenways Fund, FLOW has coordinated with the City of Columbus to create informational kiosks at access points for the Columbus Water Trail on the Olentangy.

The kiosks are located at Tuttle Park, Northmoor Park, and the Broadmeadows pedestrian bridge. They will contain an informational map about the water trail, including warnings about safety hazards such as low-head dams. The City of Columbus is also working to place warning signs at each of the dams, and we expect that project to be completed by the end of the year.

FLOW has lined up a team of volunteers to help keep the kiosks clean and graffiti-free. Please contact [info@olentangywatershed.org](mailto:info@olentangywatershed.org) to report graffiti problems.

*Kayaker Mark Richards  
Photo courtesy of George C. Anderson.*



*Kiosk at Northmoor Park.  
Photo courtesy of George C. Anderson.*



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By registering your Kroger Plus card, you can help FLOW receive a percentage of your purchases. You can register at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com). Follow the directions for creating a Kroger Rewards Account, and enter FLOW's NPO number, which is 84562. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see FLOW's name on the right side of your information page. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for FLOW until after you register your card(s). You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count. If you are interested in the alternate SCANBAR method of member registration, please call 800-837-4483 and a SCANBAR letter will be mailed to you.





# FLOW Calendar of Events, Meetings, and Volunteer Opportunities: Fall 2009

All times and dates are subject to change. Please confirm time, date, and location by calling our office at 614-267-3386 or on our website at [www.olentangywatershed.org](http://www.olentangywatershed.org)

## Watershed Photography Workshop with George C. Anderson (Part 1) – October 4

**What:** Join professional photographer George C. Anderson in a workshop to learn the basics of capturing images of our watershed. Participants in the workshop will have the opportunity to share their photos for inclusion on the FLOW website and in our print publications. The fee for this workshop is \$25, which includes a one year membership in FLOW. Current members may attend free of charge.

**When:** October 4, 1-5 PM

**Where:** Location to be announced.

Please call 614-267-3386 or email [info@olentangywatershed.org](mailto:info@olentangywatershed.org) to register and for more details, including location.

## Sameness and Change: A Short Journey along the Olentangy – October 14

**What:** Photographer George C. Anderson will narrate a slide show of seldom-seen images from the Olentangy captured over the years. Light refreshments provided. This event is free and open to the public, though donations to support FLOW's work are gladly accepted.

**When:** October 14, 7-8:30 PM

**Where:** Location to be announced.

Please call 614-267-3386 or email [info@olentangywatershed.org](mailto:info@olentangywatershed.org) to register and for more details, including location.

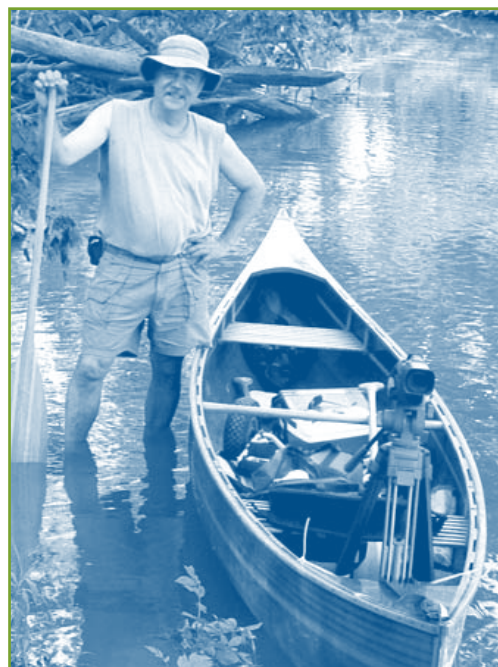
## Watershed Photography Workshop with George C. Anderson (Part 2) – October 25

**What:** Join professional photographer George C. Anderson in a workshop to learn the basics of capturing images of our watershed. Participants in the workshop will have the opportunity to share their photos for inclusion on the FLOW website and in our print publications. The fee for this workshop is \$25, which includes a one year membership in FLOW. Current members may attend free of charge.

**When:** October 25, 1-5 PM

**Where:** Location to be announced.

Please call 614-267-3386 or email [info@olentangywatershed.org](mailto:info@olentangywatershed.org) to register and for more details, including location.



*George prepares to shoot his favorite subject.  
Photo courtesy of George C. Anderson.*

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**Because FLOW is a small organization, we rely heavily on volunteer participation to create positive change in our watershed.** Please contact us for more information about how you can volunteer. We have a wide variety of opportunities to fit your schedule that will match your skills and interests.

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