



BUCKEYE BROOK COALITION ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED THE MEETING IS BEING RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 2018

Dear Members and Friends:

The Buckeye Brook Coalition's Annual Meeting that was scheduled to be held at the Warwick Public Library on Thursday, March 8th, **has been postponed**, and is to be rescheduled to April 2018.

Here is a brief summary of events - The BBC recently submitted comments to RIDEM Office of Water Resources (OWR) regarding their current Draft TMDL (Total Daily Maximum [Pollutant] Load) for Macroinvertebrate and metal pollutants in our watershed. Our official comments were extensive, and RIDEM's 30 day comment period, which originally ended on February 9th, was extended 90 days, until May 2018.

With all of this, we have invited both US EPA Region 1 and RIDEM OWR, to be the Buckeye Brook Coalition's guest speakers at our 2018 Annual Meeting, and we requested that they speak on the topic of Watershed Restoration Plans beyond TMDL requirements, and that they speak from the perspective that EPA is the lead policy setting regulatory agency, and RIDEM is the implementing agency at the state level. We are pleased to let you know that both EPA and RIDEM have given us a positive response to jointly participate and to be co-speakers. They need a month to prepare, and we've yet to select an alternative meeting date. We will advise you of the rescheduled date once it is established.

Our annual meeting typically includes announcements of watershed related events and volunteer opportunities. Some of the events and training opportunities will take place prior to our rescheduled annual meeting with guest speakers, and with that, we are providing a Summary of Announcements of Watershed Related Events and Volunteer Opportunities with this document. Please see the attached Summary of Announcements of Watershed Related Events and Volunteer Opportunities, along with their dates, times, and locations for those events.

Thank you for supporting the Buckeye Brook Coalition and Buckeye Brook Watershed.

Best Regards,

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Attachment: Summary of Watershed Related Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Attachment1: Summary of Watershed Related Events and Volunteer Opportunities

SUMMARY OF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF WATERSHED RELATED EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Summary of Announcements of Watershed Related Events and Volunteer Opportunities				
Day	Date	Time	Place	Event
Sat	Mar 10, 2018	8 am to 4 pm	URI Memorial Union	RI Land and Water Conservation Summit For More Info Call 401-932-4667 or 401-714-2313
Thu	Mar 22, 2018	5 to 6 pm	K of C Lot. Walk to Brook.	16th Annual Training for Direct Fish Count (choose either day)
Sat	Mar 24, 2018	10 to 11 am	K of C Lot. Walk to Brook.	16th Annual Training for Direct Fish Count (choose either day)
Wed	Apr 04, 2018	2 to 3 pm	RI State House	RI Watershed Councils - Displays in State House Rotunda
Wed	Apr 04, 2018	3 to 5 pm	RI State House	RI Rivers Council Annual Meeting
Thu	Apr 05, 2018	6 to 9 pm	URI Coastal Institute	URI Watershed Watch - New Volunteer Training (choose either day)
Sun	Apr 08, 2018	1 to 4 pm	URI Coastal Institute	URI Watershed Watch - New Volunteer Training (choose either day) For More Info Call 401-874-4552 or 401-874-2905.
	TBD	6 to 8 pm	TBD	Buckeye Brook Coalition Annual Meeting and Speaker Program