

How polluted runoff affects you.

Due to the impact of polluted runoff from construction sites, more than 60% of streams in the Tar-Pamlico River basin show signs of distress. This type of pollution degrades:

- **Drinking Water.** Sediment carries harmful pollutants which lowers the quality of drinking water, increases the cost of treatment, and reduces available water supplies resulting in increased costs for you and your family.
- **Swimming areas.** Polluted runoff carries harmful bacteria that can close your favorite swimming holes and harm your family's health.
- **Fishing Industry.** Sediment harms fish populations. This will shrink our billion dollar industry and increase the cost of fish at your local grocery store.

Communities across North Carolina are witnessing dramatic changes in their surroundings. From 1982-2002, the population of North Carolina has increased by 42% and developed land is up 82%! This means an increase in construction site runoff, North Carolina's #1 water pollution problem.

You Can Help!

Become a Muddy Water Watch volunteer and help protect your drinking water, favorite swimming holes and fishing spots today and for your children and grandchildren.

Take Action!

What is Muddy Water Watch?

Muddy Water Watch (MWW) is a state-wide volunteer initiative to reduce stormwater runoff from construction sites. You will learn about Best Management Practices and how they need to be maintained. As a trained volunteer, you will learn to properly identify and report sedimentation and erosion control violations from active construction sites.

Your Volunteer efforts will:

- help build the base of information that will improve our state's sediment laws and enforcement.
- Reduce sediment pollution in your area's rivers and streams.
- Improve construction site maintenance and accountability.
- Be apart of a proactive community that protects your rivers and streams for future generations.
- Protect our affordable access to clean drinking water and safe recreation.



Join Muddy Water Watch!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check all that apply:

____ I wish to attend MWW trainings (**free of charge**)

____ I am a member of PTRF

If you are not a PTRF member, you may wish to join. Enclose a check for your tax deductible dues made out to "PTRF" or join online at www.ptrf.org.

\$30 kingfisher \$250 Benefactor

\$60 Pelican \$500 Conservator

\$75 Pelican \$1000 Life Member

\$125 Eagle Other \$_____

Additional Donation: _____

*Complimentary Student membership is provided with this form and a copy of valid student ID.

Send to: PTRF, P.O. Box 1854,
Washington, NC 27889

Join online at: www.ptrf.org



Pamlico-Tar River Foundation

The Pamlico-Tar River Foundation was founded in 1981. As a private, non-profit 501 (c)3 organization, PTRF protects, preserves, and promotes the environmental quality of the Tar-Pamlico River. PTRF is a grassroots organization, supported by nearly 2,500 citizen members.

The Pamlico-Tar River is the lifeblood of the people and communities who live within our watershed. PTRF continues a 27-year tradition of monitoring and protecting the river through:

- education of individuals and groups,
- advocacy for enforcement of existing laws,
- the development of new legislation and conducting research that monitors and evaluates the health of the river.

A full-time PTRF Riverkeeper® monitors and protects the river and serves as a scientific and educational resource to all the people living on or near the Tar-Pamlico River.

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Training dates are scheduled throughout the year. Workshops and materials are free to interested citizens.

If you are interested in protecting our waterways or have any questions regarding the Muddy Water Watch program, contact the Pamlico-Tar Riverkeeper at 252-946-7211 or riverkeeper@ptrf.org.



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A Voice for the River since 1981

MUDDY WATER WATCH™
CITIZEN PATROL

A Pamlico-Tar River Foundation citizen volunteer program in coordination with the North Carolina Riverkeepers and the Waterkeeper Alliance



The commitment to become a volunteer for the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation is an essential first step in helping to preserve, restore and protect your Tar-Pamlico River.