

POW! Workshop Available for Frederick County Teachers

In January 2007, Frederick County Government's Watershed Management Section (WMS) was awarded a \$247,800 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) for the Urban Wetlands Program, Bennett Creek Watershed Pilot (UWP) project. The goal of the project is to develop a comprehensive wetland strategy for a pilot watershed, Bennett Creek. The grant includes amphibian, vegetation, and bird assessments; restoration projects; computer mapping of wetland areas in the watershed; and education and outreach to Frederick County teachers and students. For more information on the results of the first year of the project, see the article posted under the Study section of the website.

WMS and Environmental Concern staff are pleased to announce that they will be hosting the POW! Planning of Wetlands workshop on May 13, 2008. The workshop will be held from 9am-4pm at the Browning Building in Pinecliff Park and registration is now open. The POW! workshop provides "a guide for the design, construction and monitoring of a wetland on school grounds or within the community. The 25 exciting and challenging activities promote conservation and stimulate interests in community service, conservation, science, math and engineering careers. Correlated to National Science Standards, all activities are presented in lesson plan format with Student Activity Pages ready for copying".

Using funds from the Urban Wetlands Program, WMS is able to cover the cost of registration for Frederick County teachers. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in registering for the workshop, contact Environmental Concern at 410.745.9620.