

What is it that people in parts of Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New York, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the entire District of Columbia have in common? They all live in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, the area of land in which all the water eventually drains into the Chesapeake Bay. The watershed is the ecological home of all these people, and their lives and activities directly affect environmental quality in the watershed including the Chesapeake Bay.

Watershed Radio, created by the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) and the Sierra Club, brings attention to this watershed and educates students and the general audience about environmental issues and the connection between natural processes and human activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Daily radio programs & www.watershedradio.org

Every day a new one-minute radio spot is broadcast and a new page is added to the Watershed Radio website at www.watershedradio.org.

Watershed Radio spots and website focus on five general categories:

- ▶ Science,
- ▶ Animals and plants in the watershed,
- ▶ Special places and people,
- ▶ Natural history, and
- ▶ Watershed organizations, opportunities, and events.

The website www.watershedradio.org provides the text, audio file, and background information to each radio spot and refers listeners and readers to other resources on the Internet. Over time, the website will only grow as a resource related to environmental issues in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, so you can visit the site frequently to find the latest watershed-related events and information.

Participating radio stations

Watershed Radio is broadcast several times a day on an increasing number of radio stations in the watershed. For an up-to-date list of all participating stations and their frequencies, please visit www.watershedradio.org.

Watershed Radio in the classroom

Watershed Radio is particularly suited to be used in the classroom as a recurring environmental education moment. Student activities can vary from a short listening exercise to a more comprehensive writing assignment. Students can also contribute ideas or suggest scripts for Watershed Radio spots. For more suggestions on how to use Watershed Radio in the classroom, visit www.watershedradio.org.



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Watershed Radio uses broadcast radio and the Internet to promote awareness of environmental issues in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

For more information:

Visit www.watershedradio.org to learn more about Watershed Radio or contact the Watershed Radio coordinator at SERC at: watershedradio@serc.si.edu or (301)-261-3368 **Telephone** (301)-261-3415 **Fax**
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Radio stations interested in broadcasting Watershed Radio for free, please contact Andrew Roberts at Rockville Music Service at (301)-762-4335.



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