



MONITORING PLAN

Waterwatch Coordinator:

Date:

Name:

Group/Organisation:

Phone:

Mobile:

Address:

1. Why are you monitoring?

- why do you want to monitor?

2. Who will use your information?

- group members, students, organisation, community members, media?

3. How will the information be used?

- education, identify trouble spots, (helps determine what data to collect).

4. What will you monitor?

- depends on questions you are asking and resources.
- list parameters to be monitored.

5. How accurate should the data be?

- depends on questions asking and how you intend to use the data.
- needs to be accurate enough to gain indication of stream health.
- education and raising awareness - quality secondary to process of collecting it.

6. What methods should be used?

- depends on objectives and resources.
- high precision measuring as compared with less precise readings.

7. Where will you monitor?

- river, lake, ground-water, creek etc.
- above and below pollution sources.
- use map to show sites.

8. When will you monitor?

- snapshot (number of sites on the same day)?
- pollution events (discharge times)?
- times of recreation use?
- after rain?
- monthly, weekly, quarterly etc.

9. Who is going to be involved and how?

- who will carry out surveys and tests?
- photographs?
- training?

10. How will monitoring data be managed and presented?

- database, graphs, reporting.
- who will look after data and how will it be managed?

11. How will you ensure that your information is credible?

- adequate training
- calibration of instruments
- what will you do to improve the credibility of your information.
