

## What do KRWW Volunteers Do?

1. You can register for a workshop at [www.krww.org](http://www.krww.org) or by calling (800)928-0045.
2. Attend a training workshop where materials and sampling techniques will be presented.
3. Conduct the field surveys on your chosen stream or lake site—looking at aquatic biology, stream habitat and water chemistry.
4. Work with other volunteers in your watershed on sample collection for lab analysis.
5. Participants will be invited to attend a year end conference to discuss the data collected for the year and how to help resolve the problems that are discovered in the various waterways.



KRWW supports the goals of the  
1972 Clean Water Act.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? YOU QUALIFY IF.....

You live or work near a stream, lake or river that you want to study, OR you have a deep love for the waterways of your community and are willing to pitch in and work for their protection.

### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

There is no charge for participating. However, to prevent contamination of the water samples and provide accurate results, we do request that each volunteer own a cooler in order to transport their samples to the lab. Volunteers commit to making approximately 4 trips to the water's edge for samples between May and September.



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**Join Citizen Volunteers in  
the Kentucky River Basin  
to Learn More about Your  
Favorite Stream or River!**

*Supporting citizen water quality monitoring, and  
raising awareness of water protection needs in  
the Kentucky River Basin.*

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# What is Kentucky River Watershed Watch?

**Kentucky River Watershed Watch (KRWW)** is a non-profit (501c3) organization that was formed in 1997 to **support a citizen monitoring effort, improve and protect water quality by raising community awareness, and promote the goals of the federal Clean Water Act** and other water quality programs. It is part of a statewide organization, **Watershed Watch in Kentucky**, which supports similar programs in other river basins of Kentucky.

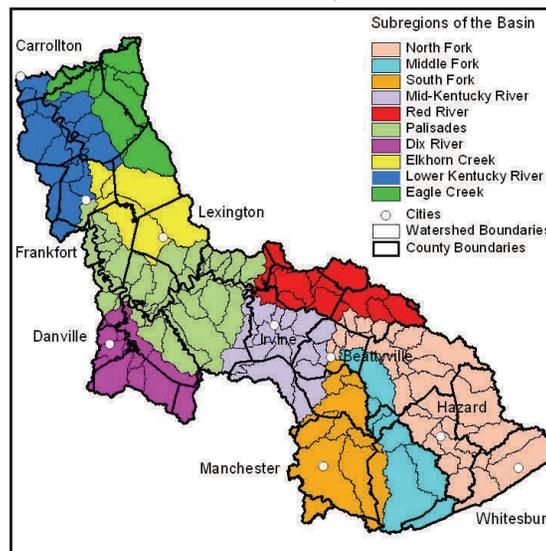
Since 1997, KRWW has grown to include approximately 250 volunteers living throughout the Kentucky River Basin. The Basin extends over much of the central and eastern portions of the state and is home to approximately 710,000 Kentuckians, many of whom rely on the river or its tributaries for drinking water. It includes all or parts of 42 counties and drains over 7,000 square miles, with a tributary network of more than 15,000 miles. The Kentucky River Basin is a large and varied landscape, from the Appalachian mountain region of its headwaters in southeastern Kentucky, through the knobs and palisades of central Kentucky, to the floodplains of the Ohio River.

KRWW is run by a Board of volunteers and supported through Kentucky River Authority funding and other grants and donations. In addition to **facilitating volunteer monitoring**, KRWW annually:

- **trains new volunteers,**
- **offers an annual Watershed Protection Conference,** and
- **provides assistance to volunteers** who are interested in interpreting and using their data for education and water quality improvement.

KRWW organizers train citizens on the proper techniques for collecting water samples, assess-

The Kentucky River Basin



ing aquatic habitat and macroinvertebrate presence, and identifying potential causes and sources of water pollution. Some KRWW volunteers have applied sampling results toward their development of **Citizen Action Plans**, which interpret localized water quality findings and make

subsequent recommendations for improving and/or protecting water quality. Other volunteers have simply used their sampling experience and findings to help **educate others in their communities.**



Watershed Watch compliments other sampling programs, such as those conducted by the Kentucky Division of Water and municipalities. The data is maintained by the Kentucky Geological Survey and is accessible through an on-line database with an interactive map. Watershed Watch data is available at [www.KRWW.org](http://www.KRWW.org).

## By participating in KRWW, you will:

- Learn about water quality indicators
- Become a valuable environmental steward
- Increase familiarity with your chosen stream, river or lake
- Gain knowledge to pass on to others
- Meet others who are interested in protecting water quality and the natural environment