



# Got (Freshwater) Mussels?



*The answer depends on where you are! As part of our Freshwater Mussel Recovery Program, The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary is training volunteers to lead surveys throughout streams in DE to help scientists restore freshwater mussels to their native waters!*

Grab your old sneakers (or waders), a water bottle, and stream clothes! A classroom session will cover a fascinating introduction to freshwater mussels, instruction on how to safely search for them, and how to upload survey findings to an online data portal. Then we head out for a hands-on mussel search in the stream. (A limited number of waders will be available to share.)

Freshwater mussels, the most endangered animals in North America, are not easy to find in Delaware Estuary waterways. This is bad news for our streams. Healthy populations of filter-feeding mussels can remove pollutants and tons of sediment from the water while strengthening stream beds against erosion. Join us in the process of mapping mussel locations and finding streams suitable for freshwater mussel restoration! After the workshop, participants are asked to survey their own local streams and upload findings and/or stream conditions to help scientists expand this program. Learn more at: <http://www.delawareestuary.org/freshwater-mussels>

**LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP! Choose a Workshop:**  
**Wednesday August 13, 2014 - 9 AM to 1:00 PM\***

**DNREC R and R Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover DE**

After the classroom presentation, we will travel to Abbott's Mill Nature Center to conduct in-stream mussel surveys. Please bring a packed lunch and water. Car pooling is encouraged to the Abbott's Mill location from Dover.

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**Thursday September 25, 2014 - 10 AM to 12:00 PM\***

**Brandywine Creek State Park Nature Center, Wilmington DE**

After the classroom presentation, we will head down to the Brandywine River for a hands-on mussel survey training.

\*Workshop end-times are approximate. Stream surveying location may be affected by weather and other events. Registered participants will be given directions and made aware of any necessary date or location changes.

Please register via email,  
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Deadline: 7 days prior to your  
chosen workshop date.  
Program questions?  
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