The ten *DWRC* Summer Interns have been busily working on their research projects. When asked how she felt about her internship a few weeks into the project, one student exclaimed, “It’s awesome!!!! I love it!”

The *DWRC* plans a Fall offering of Undergraduate Internships, where students would work from Oct. 2008 through Feb. 2009. Details will be forthcoming later this summer.

**II. JOBS IN WATER RESOURCES**

*Delaware State University* offers water-related undergraduate and graduate assistantships, and undergraduate scholarships. Contact Dr. Dennis McIntosh, phone 302-857-6456, fax 302-857-6402, e-mail dmcintosh@desu.edu, or visit [http://cars.desu.edu/aqua-sci/opportunities.htm](http://cars.desu.edu/aqua-sci/opportunities.htm).

For news about fellowships through the *University of Delaware College of Marine & Earth Studies*, visit [http://www.ocean.udel.edu/prospective/scholarships/index.shtml](http://www.ocean.udel.edu/prospective/scholarships/index.shtml).


Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008: UD and Delaware Department of Agriculture conference on carbon sequestration science policies for the Chesapeake Bay watershed, Newark, DE. Look for details at [http://aq.udel.edu](http://aq.udel.edu).

Nov. 17-19, 2008: Mid-Atlantic Regional Water Resources Research Conference

Delaware Nature Society Habitat Steward Training
July 19 AND August 16, 2008
Middletown, DE
Members: $55; Non-members: $75

Led by John Harrod with guest instructors
Are you interested in learning more about natural landscaping and local wildlife, protecting our environment, and helping others do the same?
Join the Delaware Nature Society Habitat Steward Team! Through the trainings' field trips and lectures, stewards:
- Learn a wealth of information on natural landscaping, habitat creation, and local plants and wildlife;
- Visit local habitats and natural areas;
- Develop all the tools needed to help interested individuals create and certify wildlife habitats on their own properties.
No experience or expertise required. This introductory training provides 16 of the 24 hours required for habitat stewards. The additional eight hours are supplied through supplemental programs held throughout the year. Registration fee covers the cost of a resource notebook and transportation to and from destinations, plus four supplemental training programs. For registration information call 302-239-2334.

**USGS Water for America Initiative: Opportunity for Comments**

Excerpted from Matthew Larsen, USGS Acting Director for Water, Reston, VA

The USGS's 2007-2010 Strategic Plan and a recent National Science and Technology Council Strategic Plan call for conducting a national water census to assess water availability and use. The USGS is currently scoping the effort to carry out this water census and would like to hear from representatives of the many stakeholder organizations with water resources interests on their recommendations for the design and implementation of a water census. The USGS has developed a website for the Water for America Initiative at [http://water.usgs.gov/wsi/](http://water.usgs.gov/wsi/). This website provides a detailed description of our current plans.

The USGS is requesting input from you and a number of other groups and individual experts on several questions.
1. What criteria should be used to decide where to start our first regional studies?
2. What criteria should be used to identify candidate areas for focused area studies?
3. What are the appropriate spatial and temporal scales for work within the study units (both Regional and focus area studies)?
4. What considerations should be taken in making the greatest use of existing water availability and use studies and information...to further the Water for America objectives?
5. States and regional organizations collect and maintain significant amounts of hydrologic data...How should this information be incorporated into the regional and focused area assessments?
6. What specific variables or indicators would be most useful to inform national and regional water availability and use decisions?
7. At what scale of watershed does your organization assess the cumulative effects of various water supply stresses?
8. What products and information will be most useful to you from these assessments?

To complete our task on time we **need your input by the end of July 2008**...Options for this include: providing your input via our website at: [http://water.usgs.gov/wsi/](http://water.usgs.gov/wsi/), mail, e-mail, or a telephone or face-to-face meeting with one or more of the USGS staff who are working on this initiative. We are very willing to attend the meetings of our stakeholders that may want to devote time to this topic...To respond to this request or indicate an interest in having USGS participate in your meeting, please send an e-mail to eevenson@usgs.gov or call Eric Evenson of the USGS at 609-771-3904.
We hope that this discussion will continue beyond July 2008. After July, we will utilize the input that you have provided to draft a procedure for selection of Regional Study Area Starts and Focus Area Starts and a collaboration model for our Regional and Focus Area Study Teams to utilize during the efforts on the Initiative. Once finalized, the selection procedure will be turned over to our USGS Regional leadership to propose study starts for their Region. Our intent is to define a highly collaborative water assessment process involving the USGS along with Federal and State agencies, academics, and non-governmental interests in the process and the final products.

We look forward to your help in shaping this initiative and establishing a process that will help inform the difficult decisions that our Nation must make regarding its water resources.

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