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Local Preservation Group Joins Global Effort to Raise Water Quality Awareness

Around the world, from Peru to Uzbekistan, in Canada and the United States, thousands of volunteers join together for World Water Monitoring Day™. Each year since 2002, school children, local citizens, university students and seniors have participated in the hands-on water testing of their local streams, rivers, lakes, ponds and other water resources during the four week period beginning September 18 and ending October 18. The results are then reported and become part of an international database of water quality throughout the world.

In 2006, Virginia ranked second in the nation with 269 water sites tested, led only by Kansas with 487 sites reporting. This year, the Cowpasture River Preservation Association has joined the effort and will be contributing water monitoring data from the organization's on-going water testing program.

For more information on the global program, visit the World Water Monitoring Day™ web site at www.worldwatermonitoringday.org.

(The mission of the CRPA is to preserve the natural condition and beauty of the Cowpasture River and its tributaries for present and future generations. Watershed education and river monitoring are the primary focus of the organization. Membership is open to all who share the CRPA mission. For more information visit our website at www.cowpastureriver.org.)

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