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Watershed Science for Educators Course

Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association (WPWA) and Narrow River Preservation Association (NRPA) are offering a 3 Credit, Graduate Level Course for teachers titled NRS 591 WATERSHED SCIENCE FOR EDUCATORS. This URI Special Programs course will provide teachers with scientific information about watersheds in general and the Wood-Pawcatuck and Narrow River watersheds in detail. Teachers will receive free of charge an Active Watershed Education (AWESome!) curriculum guide, GIS watershed maps, interactive lessons, and other resources. Materials have been designed for use by middle school grades, but educators at all levels are invited to participate and adapt materials to suit their needs. Emphasis is placed on understanding the natural processes of a watershed and the results of human interaction with these processes.

The three hour classes, to be held once per week in the evening, will begin Thursday, February 5th 2009. All costs for the course, including materials and handouts,

will be covered by WPWA and NRPA. Funding for this program is provided through a grant from the Rhode Island Rivers Council. Teachers may elect to receive three graduate level credits through the URI's Feinstein College of Continuing Education by paying a credit fee registration of \$150. *This is a great opportunity to earn credits, increase your understanding of science, and gain valuable resources for your classroom.* For more information or to register contact Denise Poyer, WPWA Program Director at 401-539-9017 or send an email to denisep@wpwa.org. Registration deadline is January 30, 2009 or until the course is full.

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