

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Welcome to Community Science Institute (CSI)!

CSI's mission is to inspire and empower communities to safeguard water resources by cultivating scientific literacy through volunteer water quality monitoring, certified laboratory analyses, and education.

Established in 2000, we partner with volunteers to monitor water quality to collect data about local issues that matter: harmful algal blooms, urban development, agriculture, and more. Our state-of-the-art online water quality database holds over 85,000 certified data points for free use and download by municipalities, researchers, and community members. This database is an essential tool for tracking current and historical water quality trends across space and time which is critical for protecting our streams and lakes.

Alone, the data collected by our volunteers speaks volumes, but we give it a voice. Through our outreach and education initiatives – including our Water Bulletin Newsletter, independent presentations, community forums, and our Journey of Water Youth Education Series – we help our community members understand the importance of water quality and the role they can play in protecting it.

