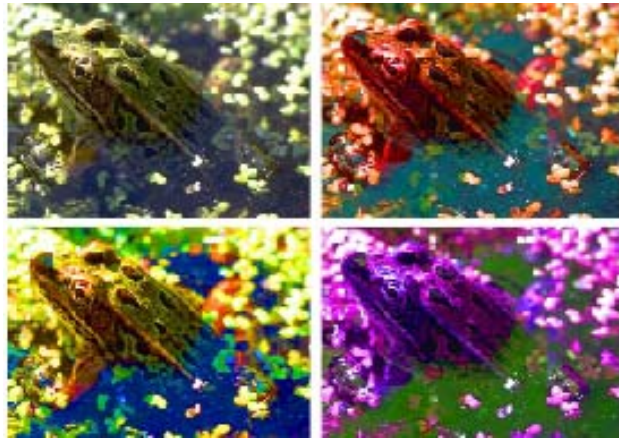


Frogwatch!

Do you have an interest in helping amphibians such as frogs and toads? Would you like to learn more about amphibians and wetland conservation? This spring LGA will be hosting a Frogwatch training session for anyone with an interest in helping to monitor these cool creatures. Anyone can volunteer no matter what your background or expertise.



Frogwatch USA is a long-term frog and toad monitoring program managed by the National Wildlife Federation in partnership with the US Geological Survey. Volunteers with Frogwatch help collect desperately needed data on amphibians and also learn about the different species in our area.

Amphibians such as frogs and toads are very sensitive to changes in their environment. They are often the first to suffer the consequences of environmental threats such as pollution, destruction of wetlands and other habitats, non-native species introduction, and increased ultraviolet radiation. Amphibians from around the world have experienced recent population declines. By volunteering for Frogwatch you can help scientists learn more about amphibian populations and gain a deeper understanding of the scientific, conservation and political issues affecting frogs and toads.

Volunteers conduct monitoring visits to a local wetland twice per week during the amphibian breeding season (spring through summer) and report their data to Frogwatch USA. This takes about 10-15 minutes each time. LGA will hold a training session for interested volunteers in the spring and help volunteers with the data collecting process including learning some of the native frog calls for our area. If you would like more information or to register for the training session (one will be scheduled based on volunteer availability) please contact Karin Badey at 518-668-3558 or kbadey@lakegeorgeassociation.org. Scout, school and other groups may set up their own training date as well.