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**Rittenhouse Builders Partners with Stroud Center
to Renovate Outdoor Isotope Lab**

AVONDALE, Pa. – Stroud Water Research Center (Stroud Center) is thrilled to announce a generous gift-in-kind partnership from Rittenhouse Builders to provide vital renovations of the outdoor isotope laboratory starting in November of 2017 to enhance the mission and research efforts of the Center.

One of the mainstays of the Stroud Center’s research program is its state-of-the-art stable isotope laboratory created about 15 years ago. At the Center, stable isotopes are used in ecological studies as biological tracers to identify sources of basic elements in the food web of a stream, to distinguish sources of elements in the diet of stream animals, and to determine the relative inputs of elements in the stream ecosystem. To keep the laboratory clean (free of contaminant isotopes) inside, only a handful of people have worked or even seen the inside of it.

“It is so exciting to hear that Rittenhouse Builders has donated their services to completely refurbish the outside of this laboratory. This much needed facelift will keep it weather tight and functional and surely help it to grace the front walkway and the entrance to Stroud Water Research Center,” stated Bern Sweeney, Ph.D., Stroud Center president and distinguished scientist.

Rittenhouse Builders owner, George Metzler commented “Rittenhouse Builders is honored to play a local supporting role in Stroud Water Research Center’s international mission to advance knowledge and stewardship of fresh water by donating time, materials, and expertise to rework and protect the exterior façade of the building.”

Metzler said, “I have grown up enjoying the streams of Lancaster and Chester County; it is a privilege to support the efforts of the scientists working to learn and develop methods to preserve

and restore these resources so that future generations will enjoy this rich diversity of life, not just locally but internationally.”

There are several capital projects that need financial support or gift-in-kind services. Please contact David Reinfeld to explore these opportunities further at 610-268-2153, ext. 314 or dreinfeld@stroudcenter.org

About Stroud Water Research Center

Stroud Water Research Center seeks to advance knowledge and stewardship of freshwater systems through global research, education, and watershed restoration. Since 1967, Stroud Water Research Center has been leading the effort to produce innovative solutions for preserving and restoring fresh water. We believe in an independent voice — and in adventure, inspiration, perseverance, and integrity. At the Stroud Center, we believe the future of fresh water starts here. Stroud Water Research Center is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations. For more information, call 610-268-2153 or visit www.stroudcenter.org

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