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Watershed Association Welcomes New Science Director *Hillsborough resident to lead environmental science team*

July 12, 2010 (Hopewell, NJ) - The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, central New Jersey's first environmental group, welcomes Amy Soli, Ph.D., as the organization's new Science Director.

"Science is at the heart of the Watershed Association's mission of protecting clean water and the environment in central New Jersey," said Jim Waltman, Watershed Association Executive Director. "Amy is a great addition to our team and brings a wide range of expertise to oversee our water quality monitoring program, stream restoration efforts and other science-based initiatives."

Prior to joining the Watershed Association Dr. Soli worked for Omni Environmental LLC in Princeton, NJ as a Senior Scientist, Tetra Tech EMI in Rockaway, NJ as a Senior Ecologist, and Princeton Hydro in Ringoes, NJ as a Senior Aquatic Ecologist. She holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science from the Marine-Estuarine-Environmental-Sciences Program at the University of Maryland and is well versed in water assessment techniques and requirements, state and municipal policy and regulations, and stream restoration work. Dr. Soli is also an adjunct professor of biology and geology at Middlesex Community College.

As science director, Dr. Soli will help lead the Watershed Association's StreamWatch water quality monitoring program, stream restoration efforts and the organization's GIS Center. One of her first projects will focus on the feasibility of removing two dams along the Millstone River to restore American shad and other migratory fish to the waterway.

StreamWatch is a volunteer-based program that collects biological, chemical and bacterial water quality data at 40 sites throughout central New Jersey. This data helps the Watershed Association track the health of the region's streams. The information is shared with citizens and officials to help address pollution of the region's water supplies and waterways.

Since it's founding in 1949, the Watershed Association has helped restore thousands of feet of streambank through more than 40 restoration projects. The GIS Center, or geographic information systems center, combines scientific data with mapping systems to help local governments and citizens understand the environmental issues facing the region and help plan for a better future.

Dr. Soli lives in Hillsborough with her husband, Dr. Eric Soli, and sons Steven and Ryan. She is currently the co-chair of the CIANJ Environmental Business Council's Water and Land Use Committee, Chair of the NJ Chapter of the American Water Resources Association's Student

Chapter, active with the NJ Society of Women Environmental Professionals, and is a member of the the North American Benthological Society, and the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

Interviews with Science Director Amy Soli and Executive Director Jim Waltman are available upon request. Contact Communications Manager Gwen McNamara at (609) 737-3735 x16 or gmcnamara@thewatershed.org.