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Spring brings a sense of rebirth. It's a time when nature bursts into life and reminds us of what we were without all winter. It gives us motivation to start anew. This spring, we strive to work harder by approaching issues more effectively with a heightened sense of connection to our Watershed community. Our rebooted River-Friendly Program has been a catalyst for this renewal, allowing us to directly influence actions of the residents, golf course superintendents, business owners, and students across central New Jersey.

Pioneered in 2002, this program has engaged over a hundred participants and influenced other organizations to follow suit. As a major priority for the Association, River-Friendly has emerged again with a new face but the same interests at heart: protecting and conserving clean water, enhancing wildlife habitat, and educating area residents about these issues. The program's framework has shifted to focus on improving land stewardship to reduce polluted stormwater runoff. The goal of the program is to see measurable improvement in our local

waterways such as decreasing the abundance of Nitrogen and Phosphorus, primarily caused by scattered sources like fertilizers, animal waste, and soil erosion.

Currently, our River-Friendly Program boasts over fifty new and renewed participants with a distinct growing interest in our Resident Program. We put an emphasis on actions you can do at home because much of our impact comes from our daily routine; things you don't even think about, like letting the water run while you brush your teeth, dumping salt on your sidewalks after snowfall, or allowing your downspouts to release water onto your driveway instead of directing them toward your lawn or gardens.

Being certified as River-Friendly means that you take positive measures to manage water on your property.

You can learn how to become River-Friendly and receive an attractive lawn sign to demonstrate your commitment by visiting our website www.thewatershed.org/science/river-friendly or emailing our River-Friendly coordinator, Brittany Musolino—bmusolino@thewatershed.org.





FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Volunteers Make Our Efforts Possible

Two thousand and fifteen was an extraordinary year for the Watershed Association! We opened our LEED-Platinum certified Watershed Center, expanded the breadth and depth of our educational programming and helped rally the region against damaging energy development projects. We also launched a new multi-year project to assess the health of our water bodies and identify opportunities to “retrofit” the developed landscape with green infrastructure projects to address polluted runoff.

Our efforts were recognized with three prestigious awards: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s “Environmental Champion Award”, the New Jersey Governor’s “Environmental Excellence Award”, and the U.S. Green Building Council-New Jersey Chapter’s “Emerald Award”.

The reality, of course, is that our work to keep central New Jersey’s water clean, safe and healthy would not be possible without the extraordinary contributions of more than 300 Watershed volunteers. These generous individuals contributed a total of 6,200 hours of service in 2015. The awards we continue to receive are a testament to our hard working volunteers.

In December we celebrated some of our most committed volunteers at a brunch in the new Watershed Center, an event we will make an annual celebration. Attendees at the event included individuals who volunteer at the Center’s welcome desk, help monitor waterways for pollution, care for the Center’s live animal exhibits, and maintain the hiking trails on the Watershed Reserve. Also recognized were volunteer teacher-naturalists, nature camp counselors in training, and volunteers who help us put on special events.



(from left) Erin Stretz, Gwen Farley, Ted Chase, Steve Johnson, Rona Webster, and Jim Waltman at the presentation of 10 year volunteer awards.



(from left) Jim Gambino, Glorianne Robbi and Toni Robbi stand with their awards for 20 years of service.

Members of the Watershed’s StreamWatch volunteer water monitoring program were among the longest-serving volunteers that we recognized at the event. Ted Chase of Franklin, Gwen Farley of Skillman, Steve Johnson of Pennington, and Rona Webster of Lawrenceville were honored for 10 years of volunteering with the water monitoring program. Jim Gambino of Pennington and Glorianne and Toni Robbi of East Amwell were recognized for an incredible 20 years of service to the StreamWatch program.

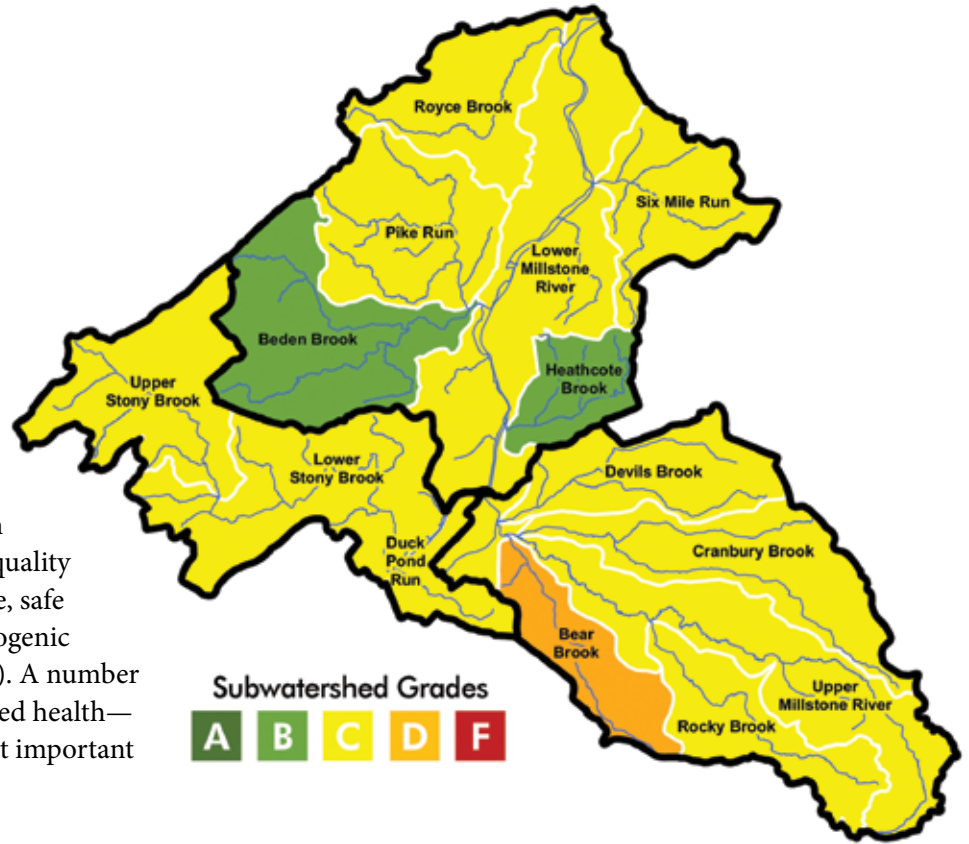
In addition, several volunteers were recognized for their outstanding dedication to the Watershed Center. We are deeply grateful to Kyra Padula, Pat Ferraro, Diane Seessel, and Mary Joan Gaynor for each contributing between 156 and 187 hours of volunteer time at the Center’s welcome desk.

The Watershed Association was founded by volunteers more than sixty-five years ago. David H. McAlpin, Kathleen Peyton and other residents who were concerned about diminishing water and environmental quality in our region, laid the groundwork for the organization we have become. Volunteers continue to be a critical part of the organization.

STREAMWATCH

Watershed Report Card

How did our waters fare in 2015? We set out to answer that question in this quarter’s watershed report. Using data collected by Watershed staff, StreamWatch volunteers, and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection monitors each of 14 subwatershed was assessed for water quality (phosphorus, dissolved oxygen), aquatic life, safe recreation (bacteria), and harmful anthropogenic impacts to water quality (impervious cover). A number of parameters can be used to grade watershed health—we chose these indicators to reflect the most important issues in our freshwater systems.



The report reviews three major subwatersheds, the Upper Millstone River, Lower Millstone River, and Stony Brook, which can be further divided into smaller subwatersheds. The Upper Millstone includes Bear Brook, Rocky Brook, Cranbury Brook, Devils Brook, and the Upper Millstone River. The Lower Millstone includes Heathcote Brook, Six Mile Run, Beden Brook, Pike Run, Royce Brook, and the Lower Millstone River. The Stony Brook includes Duck Pond Run and the Upper and Lower portions of the Stony Brook.

Minor subwatersheds are colored according to their individual grades in the map to the left, then grouped together to form an overall grade for each major subwatershed in the table below.

Concerned about the C grades? We are too. Our River-Friendly program helps local residents, businesses, golf courses, and schools become better environmental stewards and reduce their impact on water quality. We can work together to improve our grades—help our waters by becoming River-Friendly! For more on what you can do, see our cover article about being a River-Friendly resident! To learn more about what the report card means and to see more detailed maps, visit www.thewatershed.org/stream-watch.

The StreamWatch Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program is funded by Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc., RBC Blue Water Project, and the NJ Water Supply Authority.

	Stony Brook Watershed	Upper Millstone River Watershed	Lower Millstone River Watershed
Aquatic Life	C	D	C
Dissolved Oxygen	B	B	A
Phosphorus	D	F	D
Pathogens	D	C	C
Impervious Cover	B	A	B
2015 Grade:	C	C	C

SPEAKING OF NATURE

Braided Path

by Jeff Hoagland

I'm guilty. I like to live in the moment. There are so many things that pull and push me to look back or look forward; I just need to *be* sometimes. Spring is certainly a lovely moment to live in, with the rising tide of birdsong and the colorful eruption of blooming wildflowers. Foliage unfolds, the voice of the stream rises in volume, and the aerobatics of our insect neighbors remind us that we are not alone. Green is the color.

Alas, we can't always live in the moment. Looking back, not with nostalgia but in reflection, we gain the wisdom of a clear perspective. Looking forward, we use our accumulated wisdom, hatching and revising all manner of plans. "Next time . . ." links our backward and forward thinking.

Looking back in order to look forward is simply an effective life navigation strategy, informing all aspects of my being, as a naturalist, a parent, a manager. It explains why for years I trek into the dark chill of the Sourlands during that soaking end-of-winter rain that invites the salamanders to dance, or why I fish the hollow below the tangled braid of the singing creek as it ebbs.



Academy students will explore forest sustainability in a new course.

We are living in transformative times at the Watershed Association. Years of thought, years of collective dreaming, made this new Watershed Center rise up out of the ground like an oak bursting from a ripe acorn. Our future is informed not only by this new building, new opportunities, and new times, but also by our legacy of looking forward and implementing action that has an impact.



Students perform an infiltration test in Hopewell Borough.

Last year—in addition to a familiar, tried-and-true array of programs engaging all ages of learners in the environment, we

- Expanded our summer camp offerings and incorporated the Watershed Center with its green infrastructure and laboratory
- Implemented our first Watershed Academy, for high school students, with a more academic approach to investigating and solving issues in our environment
- Introduced an array of adult ecology courses, The Language of Nature, tapping the knowledge and passion of experts from area colleges and universities

This year we are

- Further expanding summer camp, adding a week and more opportunities for adventure with older campers
- Implementing three Academies—Forest Sustainability, Green Architecture, and Storm Water
- Expanding the Language of Nature Series, adding new sessions including Ecology of NJ Rivers, Streams, Lakes and Ponds

As we strive to educate young and old about our environment, *wonder* in nature inhabits our pathway of lifelong learning. Along this pathway, we promote stewardship, helping learners understand their role in the environment. Braided with this, is a pathway focusing on 21st century skills, engaging learners in collaboration, critical thinking and technology, with an end goal of problem solving. It is part of my dance, our dance, to take care of our environment as we celebrate the natural world around us. It is the only way in which we will succeed.

Spring 2016 Calendar

Registration is required for all programs, unless stated otherwise.

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Unless stated otherwise, all programs meet at the Watershed Center, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Reserve, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington.

Payment methods:
Cash, Check, VISA, MasterCard or Discover

Fee code: M=Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association Member, NM=Non-member

Refund Policy: A full refund will be made if notice of cancellation is received **at least** 48 hours before a program. Call 609-737-7592 to cancel.

No refunds or credits will be given after that time.

All returned checks incur a bank fee.
Watershed membership is not refundable.

Event co-sponsors are indicated by *
Arts Council of Princeton, Haiku Foundation, Sourland Conservancy, Washington Crossing Audubon Society

Spring Adult Education Series

Register online:
www.thewatershed.org/adult-education

Deepen your understanding of, and appreciation for, the natural world. Each course consists of 6 weeknight classes and 3 Saturday morning field trips. Classroom sessions at the Watershed Center focus on the science of our natural world, including evolution, classification, and ecological interactions. The field trips focus on identification and observation skills of species, habitats and behavior. No tests, no papers, no stress!

MARCH 17–APRIL 28

Language of Nature—Birds of New Jersey

Thursdays, 7:30–9:00PM, Adults, \$195M/\$245NM

Instructor: Dr. Luke Butler, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biology, TCNJ

Topics include evolution and morphology; taxonomy and classification; behavior; identification; conservation.

MAY 2–JUNE 13

Language of Nature—Ecology of New Jersey's Rivers, Streams, Lakes, and Ponds

Mondays, 7:00–8:30PM, Adults, \$195M/\$245NM

Instructor: Dr. Olaf Jensen, Associate Professor, Dept. of Marine & Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University
Topics include physical limnology and nutrient cycling; aquatic invertebrates; freshwater phytoplankton and zooplankton; taxonomy and biology of freshwater fishes; conservation and invasive species.

MAY 3–JUNE 7

Language of Nature—Plants & Wildflowers of New Jersey

Tuesdays, 7:30–9:00PM, Adults, \$195M/\$245NM

Instructor: Dr. Laura A. Hyatt, Associate Professor of Biology, Rider University

Topics include plant evolution and basic systematic, reproduction, morphology and physiology, better living through plant chemistry, ecological interactions, the ecology of invasives.

Family and Adults Programs

Register by calling 609-737-7592
or bnc@thewatershed.org

MARCH 5

Woodcock Watch*

Saturday, 6:00–7:30PM, Adults and Families (children 6yo+), Free

Join Jeff Hoagland at dusk as we watch and learn more about the spring courtship dance and fascinating life of this bird. Hike is co-sponsored by Washington Crossing Audubon Society.

MARCH 7, 21, APRIL 11, 25, MAY 9

Lunch & Learn SERIES

Mondays, 11:30AM–12:30PM, Families, 5 Class series fee: \$22/child; Individual class fee: \$5/child

Parents and children 5–10 years old—pack your lunch and join Senior Naturalist Allison Jackson for a nature-themed lunch. Drop-ins welcome. Join us for the entire 5 class series (and save) or drop in for just a few—it's your choice.

MARCH 12

Watershed Nature Camp Open House

Saturday, 2:00–4:00PM, Families, Free

Kids ages 5–16 and their families can meet Camp Director Tammy Love in the Watershed Center, learn about Watershed Nature Camp 2016 and register! Additional Open Houses on April 9 and May 14.

MARCH 17

Project WET—a Workshop for Educators

Thursday, 9:00AM–3:00PM, Adults, \$25 per person

Educational activities cover topics such as the properties of water, aquatic wildlife and ecosystems, water quality and quantity issues and water management strategies. This workshop combines classroom instruction with field activities. Participants should bring bag lunch and refillable water bottle. Appropriate for educators, scout leaders and home school parents.



Build Your Own Birdhouse!

MARCH 19

Build a Birdhouse

Saturday, 1:30–3:30PM, Families, \$25 per birdhouse

Hike the Watershed Nature Reserve, examining several bird homes and discovering some of the unique places that birds will build their nests. Then build your own bird house with us, take it home and wait for your new avian neighbors!

MARCH 19

Shibori Dyeing Workshop*

Saturday, 10:00AM–4:30PM, 15yo–Adult, \$105M/\$130NM

A full-day workshop at the Watershed Center mastering scarf dyeing, Japanese patterning (shibori), discharge, turmeric dyeing and surface design, with master fiber artist Lian Sawires. No prior experience needed. Bring lunch and refillable water bottle. \$35.00 material

fee payable directly to the instructor. Registration is exclusively through the Arts Council of Princeton, www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.



Go on an camouflage egg hunt.

MARCH 26

Nature Camouflage Egg Hunt

Saturday, 10:30–11:30AM, Families (children 3–10yo), \$10 per child, Adults free

Wander through the fields and forests of the Watershed Reserve with our Teacher-Naturalists to see how many naturally dyed eggs you can discover. Children should bring a basket or bag for egg gathering. Rain or shine, registration requested.

APRIL 2

The Puddle Garden—Family Story and Hike*

Saturday, 1:00–2:30PM, Families, Free

Jared Rosenbaum of Wild Ridge Plants, LLC will read from his children's book, *The Puddle Garden*. Learn how to invite wildlife to your home by introducing native plants into the landscape. Followed by a Q&A session and a visit of the Watershed Center's 'puddle gardens'.

APRIL 4, 11, 18, & MAY 2

Mindfulness in Nature—Trinity Counseling Service

Mondays, 6:30–8pm, \$150/person for the entire four part series

Discover the transformational power of meditating in nature. Each session will include an exploration of the principles of mindfulness and a guided, nature-based meditation outdoors. Register at www.trinitycounseling.org/nature

APRIL 9

Vernal Pools of the Sourland Mountains*

Saturday, 10:00–11:00AM, Adults and Families (5yo+), Free
Join Teacher-Naturalist Allison Jackson on an exploratory hike of vernal pools in the Sourland Mountains. Waterproof

boots/shoes are necessary. This program does not meet at the Watershed Reserve. Co-sponsored by the Sourland Conservancy—please register by email, lcleveland@sourland.org.

APRIL 9

Watershed Nature Camp Open House

Saturday, 2:00–4:00PM, Families, Free

See description from March 12.

APRIL 16

Build a Rain Barrel Workshop*

Saturday, 10:00–12:00PM, Adults and Families, \$50 per barrel

Watershed Ambassador Samantha Bernstein will teach you how to capture and reuse rain water in your home garden with a rain barrel. Fee includes ALL materials to construct one rain barrel—registration and prepayment are required. This event is co-sponsored by the Sourland Conservancy.

APRIL 16 & 23

10th Annual Stream Clean Ups

See description on page 13.

APRIL 17

International Haiku Poetry Day Ginko*

Sunday, 1:30–4:00PM, 15yo–Adult, FREE

Join Education Director and haiku poet Jeff Hoagland on a ginko, a haiku walk, in celebration of this traditional Japanese form of poetry, with its luminous focus on nature. Light refreshments, no prior writing experience required. Bring journal and favorite book for sharing. This event is co-sponsored by the Haiku Foundation.

APRIL 25

Annual Meeting

Monday, 5:30–7:30PM, Adult Members, Free

Join Watershed Staff and Trustees as we thank our outgoing Trustees, celebrate the prior year's accomplishments, honor contributions in the fields of conservation and education and elect new Trustees of the organization. RSVP requested, lbackicki@thewatershed.org

Watershed Nature Camp

JULY 5–AUGUST 19

Watershed Nature Camp has been a longtime favorite! 2016 brings you newly expanded program offerings with 31 different sessions, for children entering kindergarten through grade 11. Learn more and register at www.thewatershed.org/summer-camp. Early Bird registration discount by April 1.

Watershed Academy

JUNE 27–JULY 1

Forest Sustainability

JULY 11–15

Green Architecture

JULY 25–29

Storm Water

The Academy offers environmental investigations with a more focused, academic approach. It is designed for high school students entering grades 10, 11 and 12. Learn more and register at www.thewatershed.org/academy. Early Bird registration discount by April 1.

APRIL 29

Frog Slog Night Hike

Friday, 8:00–10:00PM, Adults and Families (children 6yo+), \$10M/\$15NM

Discover the secret life of frogs on a special late night hike with Education Director Jeff Hoagland at the soggy and sonic Wargo pond on the Watershed Nature Reserve. Boots and a flashlight are necessary. Does not meet at the Watershed Center.

MAY 7

Sun Power—Green Plants, Solar Balloons and the Watershed Center*

Saturday, 10:00AM–12:00PM; Families (children 6yo+), Families, Free

Learn how the Watershed Center and the plants on our Reserve are powered by the same energy source—the sun. We'll explore practical and creative uses of the sun's energy including our solar balloon launch and solar bug race. This event is co-sponsored by Washington Crossing Audubon Society.



Ready for a night hike on the reserve?

MAY 14

Watershed Nature Camp Open House

Saturday, 2:00–4:00PM, Families, Free

See description from March 12.

Children's Programs

Register by calling 609-737-7592 or bnc@thewatershed.org

MARCH 10, 24, APRIL 14, 28, MAY 12

Tiny Tot Walks with Miss Allison

Thursdays, 10:30–11:30AM, children 18–36 months (with an adult), Series Fee: \$35M/\$50NM

Hello spring—let's get outdoors! You and your toddler will experience nature as we share walks on the Reserve, art activities and story time. We always go outside so dress for unpredictable spring weather. Registration for the 5-class series is required. All children must be walking and accompanied by an adult.

Spring Preschool Nature Classes

Tuesdays, 10:00–11:30AM AND Wednesdays, 1:00–2:30PM

Class fee per child: \$10M/\$15NM. Register and pay for 4 classes, receive a 5th class free.

Children 3–5 years old learn about nature while exploring the out-of-doors with one of the Teacher-Naturalists. Each class includes outdoor exploration, stories and simple crafts. A parent must stay with any child younger than 4.

MARCH 8, 9—Mammal Animals

MARCH 15, 16—Mighty Trees

MARCH 22, 23—Squirrels

APRIL 12, 13—Spring of Life

APRIL 19, 20—Down and Dirty

APRIL 26, 27—Nature's Symphony

MAY 10, 11—Exploring a Pond

MAY 17, 18—Busy Bees

MAY 22

Watershed 10K/5K Trail Run and Festival

Sunday, 1:00–4:00PM, Families, Fees listed online

See back cover for more details.

MARCH 12

Winter Fairy Land

Saturday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM, Families, \$7 per person OR \$20 per family

Come celebrate winter with the magical creatures of the Watershed Reserve. We will build cozy winter fairy homes in Honeysuckle Hedgerow, listen to winter tales, practice writing in Elfish, and make some festive arts and crafts. Dress for wintry and wizard-ly weather—boots are necessary.

MARCH 19

BSA 'Nature' Merit Badge Workshop

Saturday, 9:00AM–12:00PM, Boy Scouts 11–17yo, \$20 per scout

This outdoor workshop is designed to cover a wide range of topics to help Boy Scouts earn the 'Nature' merit badge. To complete badge requirements, boys may register for 'Build a Birdhouse' workshop that follows in the afternoon. A parent must stay with each boy who registers for 'Build a Birdhouse' workshop.

APRIL 4-8

STEAM into Spring Mini-Camp

Monday–Friday, 9:30AM–4:00PM, children 6–12 years old

Fee per day per child: \$80M/\$95NM; sibling/multi-day discounts and extended care available

Sign up for one day or all week! Spend spring school break with your friends and the Teacher-Naturalists. The Watershed Center will be 'home base' but children spend the entire day exploring outdoors. Registration and pre-payment is required.

JUNE 3

BSA 'Reptiles & Amphibians' Merit Badge Workshop

Friday, 7:00–9:30PM, Boy Scouts 11–17yo, \$30 per scout

Join Merit Badge Counselor Jeff Hoagland on a night-time workshop to earn the Reptiles & Amphibians merit badge. We will begin at the Watershed Center and hike to Wargo Pond (approximately one mile). Pick up will be at the Pond House (directions sent with confirmation). Bring a flashlight and wear boots for muddy walking conditions—guaranteed!



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The Watershed Association extends our gratitude to all our donors and friends who supported us throughout the year in so many ways. We thank you for your financial support, volunteerism, and in-kind donations. Without you, our work protecting clean water and the environment would not be possible. Thank you to all who contributed in 2015!

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ADVOCACY UPDATE

Action for Clean Water

Water is vital to people, wildlife and New Jersey's economy. Given the essential nature of water, it is alarming that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has taken two actions that would weaken protections for our waters and risk exposing more people, homes and businesses to flooding. As our Fall 2015 Wellspring noted, last year NJDEP proposed changes to the current Flood Hazard Area Control Act regulations that would reduce protections for vegetated buffers along streams and other waterways, and make it easier to develop these currently protected areas. Vegetated buffers along streams are important for clean water because they trap sediment and other contaminants in stormwater runoff before it reaches the stream.

Fortunately, the New Jersey Legislature initiated a two-step process of blocking NJDEP's proposal by passing a resolution determining that the Department's action is contrary to the intent of the law that the rule is supposed to be implementing. NJDEP now has 30 days to either amend or withdraw its proposal. If the Department ignores the Legislature by not addressing the inconsistencies between its proposed rule and the law, the Legislature can invalidate NJDEP's proposal by passing a second resolution. Such action could not be vetoed by the Governor.

The second NJDEP proposal would weaken the state's Water Quality Management Planning Rules (WQMP), another important tool that New Jersey uses to protect water quality. The WQMP rules, which were adopted in 2008 after being announced by former NJDEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson at a press conference at the Watershed Reserve, require planning and management of wastewater that is mandated by the Federal Clean Water Act. Under the current rules, sewer service, which typically fosters dense growth and development, is prohibited from undeveloped areas determined to have special environmental features. Also under these rules, the density of development allowed in areas without sewers (areas on septic systems) is managed so as to not exceed the capacity of local soils and watersheds to address the pollution in human wastewater or the availability of drinking water.

Unfortunately, the NJDEP's proposed changes are very light on critical planning processes and would lessen protection



Volunteers remove trash during the 2015 stream cleanup in West Windsor.

for our waterways and groundwater. In our opinion, the proposal does not meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act. For example, under the old rules, a particular block of land can only be located in a sewer service area (an area that is planned for sewers) if the local treatment plant has demonstrated adequate capacity to treat the sewage projected to be generated from the area or is planning for the necessary upgrade to its capacity. Under the new rules, the demand for sewers no longer has to be met by the ability to treat that sewage. The Watershed submitted comments to the Department and we are awaiting the Department's review and response.

Stream Cleanup Dates

On another water front, the Watershed is gearing up for the Tenth Annual Stream Cleanup. Over the last nine years, the Watershed has worked with the municipalities in central New Jersey to remove litter and debris from along our waterways. In those nine years we have had 2 volunteers remove 70,793 pounds of trash and recyclables. This year we are planning to hold our event on April 16 and 23. For more on our Stream Cleanup efforts, visit www.thewatershed.org/stream-cleanups.

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