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## Taking the Lead on Wastewater

The Watershed Association is launching an innovative project to address a major cause of water pollution in our region and beyond: inadequately treated human wastewater.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that at least one in 10 septic systems is failing—resulting in billions of gallons of inadequately treated human waste leeching into ground and surface water across the country each year. In addition, conventional wastewater treatment—

septic systems and sewer treatment plants—primarily focus on removing bacteria and even when functioning as designed do not adequately address one of our region's biggest threats: nutrient pollution.

In our recent "State of the Watershed Report," the Watershed Association clearly illustrated how pollution from excess nutrients—from sources like leaking septic systems and sewer lines—is having a negative impact on our waterways.

"Traditional approaches to processing wastewater are allowing high levels of nutrients to move into our waterways," said Amy Soli, Ph.D., Watershed Association Science Director. "We cannot afford to continue this approach."

To lead the way for a solution to this problem, the Watershed Association is embarking on an innovative project. Recently, we received a grant from the Rita Allen Foundation to create a wetland-based wastewater treatment system at the Watershed Reserve in Hopewell, NJ. Our novel design will



Science Director Amy Soli, Ph.D., reviews plans for our innovative wastewater project.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Connie Harvey: Wilderness Hero

This April, Watershed Association Trustee Bob Harris and I had the joy of traveling to Aspen, Colorado to visit Connie Harvey. Just past her 80th birthday, Connie is the daughter of Dr. Muriel Gardiner Buttinger, the Watershed Association patron who donated her 435-acre Brookdale Farm to the organization in the mid-1960s. Dr. Buttinger later purchased and donated additional lands to allow us to create the organic farm that has been part of the Watershed Reserve since the 1980s.

Connie moved to Hopewell with her mother and stepfather when she was nine and explored the Watershed Reserve's woods, fields and streams with zeal. A lover of animals, Connie had numerous pets as a child—wild and tame—from mice to raccoons, and snakes to turtles. She converted her bedroom to a veritable zoo, sharing the space with her animal friends when she wasn't sleeping in the woods or in the great white barn that still graces the Reserve.

Transplanted to the Rocky Mountains in her 30s, Connie was inspired by the region's wide open spaces and spectacular scenery and wildlife. With her friends Joy Caudill and Dottie Fox, she founded the Aspen Wilderness Workshop and is credited with the federal designation and protection of more than 400,000 acres of spectacular wild land in the Hunter-Fryingpan Wilderness, Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness, Collegiate Peaks Wilderness and Raggeds Wilderness.

Her efforts have been recognized in the Robert Redford-narrated film "Forever Wild," by the Aspen Hall of Fame, and numerous other institutions. My former co-workers at The Wilderness Society consider her wilderness royalty.

In April 2006, Connie placed a permanent conservation easement on her more than 1,800-acre Old Snowmass ranch with the help of the Aspen Valley Land Trust, preserving outstanding wildlife habitat, a working cattle operation, and scenic views from local wilderness areas and other national forest land.



Executive Director Jim Waltman and Connie Harvey in front of her home in Colorado.

Connie Harvey is living proof that one person really can make a difference. She is also affirmation of the tremendous power that exposure to nature has on our lives. Connie has said that she "always had such clarity that some places need to be protected."

I am truly honored to lead the organization with the awesome responsibility of caring for the Watershed Reserve, this very special place where Connie Harvey's passion for nature took root.



## Celebration of Prose

This March more than 100 people gathered at the Princeton Public Library for an event that we co-hosted with the library featuring long-time Watershed Association supporter and award-winning author John McPhee. Mr. McPhee read from his latest work "Silk Parachute," a collection of his articles published in *The New Yorker*. The book covers a broad range of stories, from his experiences at summer camp to the geology of Europe's chalk cliffs. The Watershed Association extends our sincerest appreciation to Mr. McPhee, our partners at the Princeton Public Library and the volunteers who made this event possible.







## STREAMWATCHING

# Study: Dam Removal Will Improve Fish Passage

The removal of the Blackwells Mills Dam spanning between Hillsborough and Franklin Township will improve fish habitat and passage, provide better environmental conditions for aquatic life, and improve streamside wildlife habitat, according to a new feasibility study commissioned by the Watershed Association.

“This is the first step in helping restore migratory fish like American shad to the Millstone River,” said Jim Waltman, Executive Director. “We are encouraged by these positive findings and are excited to begin moving into the next phase of this project which will benefit our aquatic friends and the community at large.”

The Blackwells Mills Dam dates back to the 18th century and was originally used to power a mill. Built as a “run of the river dam,” water flows over the dam when deep enough. Removing the dam will provide significant environmental benefits, while having little effect on the river’s water level before, during or after storms. With the feasibility study complete, the Watershed Association is now beginning work on determining the best way to remove the dam, while recognizing and memorializing its historical significance.

The Watershed Association is also examining the feasibility of removing the Weston Causeway Dam, spanning between Manville and Franklin Township. We are still awaiting completion of a feasibility study for the Weston Causeway Dam.



Blackwells Mills Dam.

Removing both impediments will open 14 miles of the Millstone River for migrating fish, providing additional food resources to threatened and endangered species, such as the bald eagle, and more opportunities for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Restoration of migratory fish pathways in the Millstone River will receive a big boost this summer when the Calco Dam on the Raritan River is removed. The Calco Dam is located downstream from the Millstone River’s confluence with the Raritan River.

Stay tuned to [www.thewatershed.org](http://www.thewatershed.org) for more details and upcoming events, or sign up for our e-newsletter for updates. Questions? Contact Science Director Dr. Amy Soli at [asoli@thewatershed.org](mailto:asoli@thewatershed.org) or (609) 737-3735 x35.

*Funding provided by: American Rivers, Conservation Resources, Inc., Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and NJ Department of Environmental Protection*

## What's Bugging You?

### Why is it important to have vegetation near a stream?

Stream buffers, or planted areas along a waterway, are important protectors of our streams. The plants and microbes in the soil filter out pollution, such as nitrates, phosphates, sediment and oil, helping improve water quality before runoff enters a stream. Trees, plants and shrubs also provide food and habitat for wildlife. At home, create a “no mow” zone near a stream or pond to preserve vegetation, improve the health of you water, and support wildlife. Be sure to use native plants to provide the best habitat.

Volunteers plant a buffer along a stream in Anker Park, East Windsor



## CONSERVATION BEGINS AT HOME

# Princeton Day School is River-Friendly!

The Watershed Association congratulates Princeton Day School (PDS) for achieving River-Friendly Certification!

River-Friendly Schools is the newest addition to our suite of River-Friendly Programs. We are currently working with several schools to involve teachers, students and facilities managers to address water issues and create natural spaces at school for wildlife habitat and teaching opportunities. To attain certification, schools work cooperatively with Watershed Association staff through project planning, project implementation and project reporting. With three levels of certification—Bronze, Silver and Gold—the program is tailored specifically for each school.

To achieve the Bronze River-Friendly Certification, PDS created outdoor classroom spaces and completed projects in each of the River-Friendly categories: water quality enhancement, water conservation and wildlife habitat enhancement.

For their water quality project, PDS introduced composting into the lunchroom and a specific area was designated as an on-site composting area. To save water, the school

eliminated use of plastic bottles. Math classes calculated the environmental impact of the 40,000 bottles per year that are saved. To enhance habitat, the school introduced beehives on campus, which are used as teaching tools. In spring 2011, the area surrounding the hive will be enhanced with the development of a wildflower meadow. PDS also takes advantage of the nearby Stony Brook as an outdoor classroom. Students have put together posters and brochures describing the plights of Green Floater and the Brook Floater, two rare species of mussels.

PDS continues to make the school an even deeper shade of green. As part of their River-Friendly Silver level projects, they plan to work with their facilities and grounds crews to reduce the school's impact on the environment. To achieve Gold Certification, PDS has agreed to host a neighboring school on a site tour, to show others first-hand what it is to be River-Friendly.

When it comes to embracing sustainability and taking the next steps toward environmental improvement and education, PDS has accomplished being green and with River-Friendly Schools, being green is gold!

## Stream Cleanup Success!

Our 5th Annual Stream Cleanup held on April 2 and 3, and 9 and 10, was our most successful stream cleanup ever! A

total of 363 “trash hero” volunteers collected 10,568 pounds of trash across 10 towns in central New Jersey.

This trash haul is 2,000 pounds more than our previous largest tally! Since starting the Stream Cleanup in 2007, the Watershed Association has helped remove more than 19 tons of trash, litter and debris from polluting our streams, rivers and other drinking water sources. The most common item found in 2011: Plastic bottles. The most unusual trash: holiday decorations, car parts, a dryer, kissing-bird sculpture and a “no littering” sign.



Alexander Cocco and Jimmy Waltman, of Cub Scout Pack 71, Den 2, in Hopewell hold up some ironic litter.

Visit <http://www.thewatershed.org/advocacy/stream-clean-ups/> for a complete town-by-town tally of results.





## ANNUAL MEETING

# Celebrating Environmental Leadership

The Watershed Association honored environmental leaders and welcomed three new Trustees at our 62nd Annual Meeting on Monday, April 25.

Princeton Day School teacher Liz Cutler, of Princeton Township, received the Richard Rotter Award for Excellence in Environmental Education for her wide-ranging environmental efforts at PDS. Her accomplishments include incorporating environmental education into the school's curriculum, fostering student involvement through EnAct Club (Environmental Action), and guiding the school to achieve the Watershed Association's River-Friendly School certification.

We also honored two groups with Environmental Leadership Awards. Millstone Township was honored for adopting strong environmental protection ordinances and for its aggressive open space preservation efforts. The Hightstown Parks & Recreation Commission, Hightstown Triathlon and Jersey Area Multisport were honored for their combined efforts to inform and connect the community with Hightstown's centerpiece waterway, Peddie Lake.

Our three new Trustees are Dan Dart, of Princeton Township; Sophie Glover, of Princeton Township; and Gregory



From left, Holly Jones, Daniel Mitrano, and Theo Evans from Timberlane Middle School kicked off the Annual Meeting by reading their poetry. Pictured here with Education Director Jeff Hoagland.

Vafis, of Hopewell Borough. The Annual Meeting concluded with some outdoor exploration with Education Director Jeff Hoagland as he lead an informative evening hike on the Watershed Reserve.

## Welcome to our 2011 J. Seward Johnson Sr. Environmental Education Interns!



Welcome aboard J. Seward Johnson Sr. Environmental Education Interns Shannon Brockway and Emma McLaughlin.

Shannon Brockway comes from Portage, MI with a bachelor's degree in biology, a minor in art and design, and experience with the International Crane Foundation and Fairview Lake YMCA. Emma McLaughlin comes from Seaside Heights, NJ with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies, a minor in creative writing, studies abroad in Southern India, and experience with Clean Water Action.

Shannon and Emma are vital to our environmental education program, including the Nature & Environmental Summer Day Camp. Meet them and the rest of our amazing Summer Camp staff on May 21 from 1-4 p.m. at the Buttinger Nature Center during our Summer Camp Open House. Call (609) 737-7592 for details!

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

# Simcha Rudolf & Chris Berry



Volunteers Chris Berry and Simcha Rudolf

Is it true that the couple who volunteers together stays together? It seems to work for Watershed Association volunteers Simcha Rudolf and Chris Berry, recipients of our 2011 Volunteer Service Award.

Ms. Rudolf, a volunteer GIS (Geographic Information Systems) technician and Mr. Berry, a volunteer teacher-naturalist have become critical members of the Watershed Association's team.

"I've lived in the area for 22 years," said Mr. Berry. "It's my backyard, my neighborhood. The Watershed Association was the first place I thought to volunteer." He started volunteering with the Watershed Association in 1991 as a StreamWatch volunteer and after taking a break from volunteer work to focus on his career in environmental health and safety and raise a family, returned in 2007 as a teacher-naturalist.

"I love working with students," he said. "Every time I walk out into the woods, I don't just have one set of eyes, I have 15 sets of eyes. I learn so much every time I go out there. I really think teaching is the most important volunteer work I do—if we can't get children to see the beauty and magic

in nature, then everything we've worked so hard for will be for naught in 20 years."

For Ms. Rudolf, she was drawn to the Watershed Association after discovering the wonderful world of GIS. "When I went back to school to study horticulture at Temple and found out about GIS," she said. "It captured my love of computer programs and maps—I was hooked. GIS is all about taking databases and creating a simple way for people to understand."

She's helped the organization create a wide array of maps and graphics, including many of the informative maps in our recent "State of the Watershed Report." (Available online: [thewatershed.org/resource-center/reports-and-materials](http://thewatershed.org/resource-center/reports-and-materials))

What's next for this dynamic duo? More volunteering of course!

To learn more about volunteering with the Watershed Association, visit <http://www.thewatershed.org/contact-us/volunteer>.

## Rain, rain come again soon!



AmeriCorps Ambassador Virginia Jaquish

AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador Virginia Jaquish recently held a "Build Your Own Rain Barrel" workshop at the Buttinger Nature Center. Rain barrels are a great way to keep our water clean and environment healthy. For example, just one inch of rainfall can

generate more than 600 gallons of runoff from a 1,000-square-foot roof. A rain barrel will capture some of this runoff before it picks up pollution from our yards and streets, keeping our waterways clean and healthy. Captured rainwater can be used to water your yard, indoor and outdoor plants and wash your car. To learn more about rain barrels, contact Amy Weaver, Stewardship Program Coordinator at (609) 737-3735 or [aweaver@thewatershed.org](mailto:aweaver@thewatershed.org). Virginia will be working with the Watershed Association and our Nature Center staff to educate the community through a variety of programs and efforts through July.



## SPEAKING OF NATURE

# Loving the Lake

by Jeff Hoagland

I recently removed a bird nest from my kayak. No need to worry; it was vacant, a hut-like home of leaves and grasses that produced an inquisitive brood of Carolina wrens last year. Given my estrangement from my kayak, it was the perfect use of this vessel that was once my home away from home. I have returned to that home once again.

On the water in my kayak, I am oft times in the center of the universe, everything else fading away like ripples. I have returned to the center of our watershed to paddle this season, out on Lake Carnegie. It is here that I christened my aqua blue Dagger Delta kayak and where my oldest son Max christened his gray Loon kayak when in second grade.

It is easy to get lost on Lake Carnegie though not in the geographic sense. As you leave the verdant shoreline and start to head out into the sunlit waters, thoughts and concerns start to drift. The mind empties of daily crises and chores and slowly fills with the calmness of still water. After some time, bubbles of deeper thought rise up from the depths, perhaps existential contemplation or a profound sense of appreciation of the beauty of this world. Still waters run deep.

These waters also run long. A three-and-a-half mile long mirror of water, the lake was created by the construction of a dam in Kingston. Funded by Andrew Carnegie, the lake was completed in 1906, a gift to the University, and a proper home for its rowing program. The lake also offers the pleasures of canoeing, fishing, sailing, skating and picnicking to the greater Princeton community. Thankfully, motorboats are prohibited.

The lake replaced what was once a large sprawling marsh at the confluence of the Millstone River and the Stony Brook. It is hard to imagine just what wonders that marsh may have harbored but the lake itself now provides habitat for a wealth of creatures. With just a little attentiveness, the casual paddler can easily observe some of the daily business of the lake.

Along the shoreline, in the cool shade of overhanging maples and birches, you will discover a range of creatures. Skating atop the icy-smooth surface of the water are water striders, spidery insects that exploit the surface tension



Paddlers enjoy Lake Carnegie in Princeton.

of the water to hunt for smaller insect prey. This includes terrestrial insects who have fallen into the water and get caught in that same surface tension. You will also find rafts of shiny, black spiraling whirligig beetles. The eyes of these beetles are divided in half, looking both below the water for food and above to avoid potential predators.

Also along the edges, the green-backed heron hunts stealthily, its sharp bill poised to make a quick meal of aquatic insects or small fish. When alarmed, the green feathers atop the heron's head stand up making it look like a punk-era club hopper. Wearing green and brown plumage, these birds blend in at the waters edge. This is where the muskrat can be seen as well, foraging for the foliage or roots of lakeside plants. A true omnivore, the muskrat also feeds on tadpoles, frogs and shellfish. Look carefully and you may find a midden of small greenish-brown striated Asiatic clam shells.

There are many other creatures who call the lake home or visit with regularity. Painted turtles line up on sunlit logs to bask in the sun. Double-crested cormorants, looking like primeval geese, swim together to feed on fish. Overhead, the rubber-winged osprey hovers, seeking the same fish.

*ripples . . .  
water dripping  
from kingfisher's bill*

By Jeff Hoagland

And yes, the lake hosts a family of bald eagles. Simply put, the longer you stay on the lake, the more you will discover. With an attentive heart, you will feel your kinship with all the other creatures of the earth. You will also be reminded of your vital connection to the world of water. *Experience the lake with us! See the calendar for details.*

# Summer Snapshot 2011!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
june			Spiders, Preschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.  Hopewell Valley After School, 3:30–5 p.m.	Water, Water Everywhere, School-age Program, 4–5:30 p.m.		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Hopewell Valley After School, 3:30–5 p.m.	Birds and Nesting, Preschool Program, 10–11:30 a.m.  Hopewell Valley After School, 3:30–5 p.m.	Birds and Nesting, Preschool Program, 1–2:30 p.m.  Hopewell Valley After School, 3:30–5 p.m.	Life at the Pond, School-age Program, 4–5:30 p.m.	Tiny Tot Walk, 10–11 a.m.  <b>Member and Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, 5:30–7:30 p.m.</b>	Fairy Festival, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Hopewell Valley After School, 3:30–5 p.m.	Hopewell Valley After School, 3:30–5 p.m.	Hopewell Valley After School, 3:30–5 p.m.		<b>Butterfly House Opening Day, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.</b>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Butterfly House Tour and Hike,* 10–11 a.m.  Hopewell Valley After School, 3:30–5 p.m.	Hopewell Valley After School, 3:30–5 p.m.				<b>NEW</b> Introduction to Fly Fishing,* 10 a.m.–1 p.m.  Whatever Floats Your Boat: Geocache Event, 1–3 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30		
	Butterfly House Tour and Hike,* 10–11 a.m.	<b>Summer Camps Begin!</b>  Explorers Specialty Camp (Details: thewatershed.org/education/summer-camp)	Explorers Specialty Camp Exploring the Night: The Secret Life of Fireflies, 8 p.m.	Explorers Specialty Camp		
Visit <a href="http://www.watershed.org/news-and-events/">www.watershed.org/news-and-events/</a> or call (609) 737-7592 for details!						



## Registration is required for all programs.

- Space is limited.
- Visit [thewatershed.org](http://thewatershed.org) for details & call (609) 737-7592 to sign up!

- All programs meet at the Buttinger Nature Center unless stated otherwise at registration.
- Payment methods: Cash, Check, VISA, MasterCard or Discover.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 1	SATURDAY 2
july						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Office & Nature Center Closed	<b>Welcome Nature &amp; Environmental Summer Day Campers!</b>	In the Tall, Tall Grass, Preschool Program, 10–11:30 a.m. A Sense of Wonder: A Family Exploration on the Stony Brook at Greenway Meadows, 6:30 p.m.	Tiny Tot Walk, 10–11 a.m. Butterfly Tea Party, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.		Forts and Fairies, 10–11:30 a.m. <b>NEW</b> Carnegie Lake: Paddle with a Naturalist, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Butterfly House Tour and Hike, * 10–11 a.m.	Exploring the Night: Bats at Dusk, 8 p.m.	Lovely Shades of Leaves, Preschool Program, 10–11:30 a.m.	Going Batty, School-age Program, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.		Great Watershed Stream Exploration @ Bessie Grover Park, * 10–11:30 a.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Butterfly House Tour and Hike, * 10–11 a.m.		On Stained Glass Wings, Preschool Program, 10–11:30 a.m.	From Lowland to Ridge, School-age Program, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.		Butterfly Tea Party, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. <b>NEW</b> Carnegie Lake: Paddle with a Naturalist, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Butterfly House Tour and Hike, * 10–11 a.m.	<b>NEW</b> Environmental Science: BSA Badge Workshop, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Shapes in Nature, Preschool Program, 10–11:30 a.m.	Butterflies and Moths, School-age Program, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.		Great Watershed Stream Exploration: Laurie Chauncey Trail, 10–11:30 a.m. The Great Nocturnal Insect Safari, 8 p.m.
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Call 609-737-7592 to cancel. No refunds or credits will be given after that time.  
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All returned checks will incur a bank service fee.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
august	Butterfly House Tour and Hike,* 10–11 a.m.  Tiny Tot Walk, 10–11 a.m.	Tiny Tot Walk, 10–11 a.m.	Where Do Animals Sleep?, Preschool Program, 10–11:30 a.m.  <b>NEW</b> Carnegie Lake: Paddle with a Naturalist, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  Forts and Fairies, 12–1:30 p.m.	Where Do Animals Sleep?, Preschool Program, 10–11:30 a.m.  <b>NEW</b> Carnegie Lake: Paddle with a Naturalist, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  Forts and Fairies, 12–1:30 p.m.		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Butterfly House Tour and Hike,* 10–11 a.m.  <b>NEW</b> Star Party with S'mores, 8–9:30 p.m.		Sunsational Sunflowers, Preschool Program, 10–11:30 a.m.	Butterfly Tea Party, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.	Thank You Nature & Environmental Summer Day Campers!	<b>Butterfly Festival &amp; Green Fair,</b> 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Butterfly House Tour and Hike,* 10 a.m.–11 a.m.	Nature's Partners Specialty Camp (Details: <a href="http://thewatershed.org/education/summer-camp">thewatershed.org/education/summer-camp</a> )	Nature's Partners Specialty Camp  Three For the Road Specialty Camp (Details: <a href="http://thewatershed.org/education/summer-camp">thewatershed.org/education/summer-camp</a> )	Nature's Partners Specialty Camp  Three For the Road Specialty Camp	Nature's Partners Specialty Camp  Three For the Road Specialty Camp  <b>Summer Camps End!</b>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
28	29	30	31			
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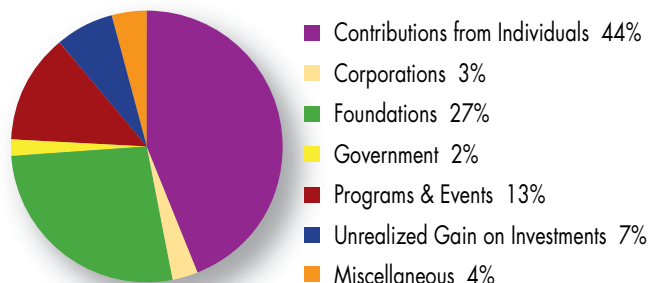
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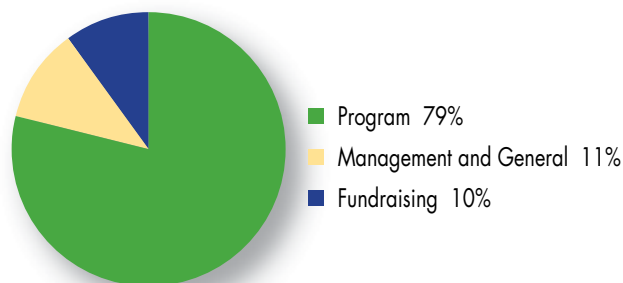


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# Taking the Lead on Wastewater

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route wastewater through several different stages of created wetland habitats, treating for both harmful bacteria as well as excess nutrients. The treated water will then be safely released into the environment.

"This will be the first system of its kind in New Jersey," said Jim Waltman, Watershed Association Executive Director. "Our hope is that this system, once proven successful, will become a model that can be replicated broadly by others."

The Rita Allen Foundation's \$100,000 gift is the first step in fulfilling this groundbreaking, multi-year \$500,000 project. "The CEO Foundation invests in innovative ideas to promote breakthrough scientific and social solutions that benefit our communities," says Elizabeth Christopherson, President and CEO of the Rita Allen Foundation. "A cleaner environment and water are priorities for the benefit of all of us, and we are proud to partner with the Watershed Association to promote this concept with great potential to address a significant problem."

The Watershed Association's system will be a more effective, more energy efficient and less resource-intensive alternative to the traditional wastewater treatment system. While the system will be most applicable to residential clusters and smaller office facilities, the value of this model and the associated research it will provide has the potential to dramatically change the choice millions make in how they treat their wastewater.

The environmental consulting firm Princeton Hydro, of Ringoes, NJ, is designing the treatment system for the Watershed Association. In addition, the Association is consulting with a number of distinguished academic scientists and professional engineers, including former Watershed Trustee and environmental engineer Ed Clerico. After the current design and permitting phase, construction and plant growth will take place, followed by a year-long effort concentrated on evaluation, education and outreach. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Rita Allen Foundation as this project progresses.

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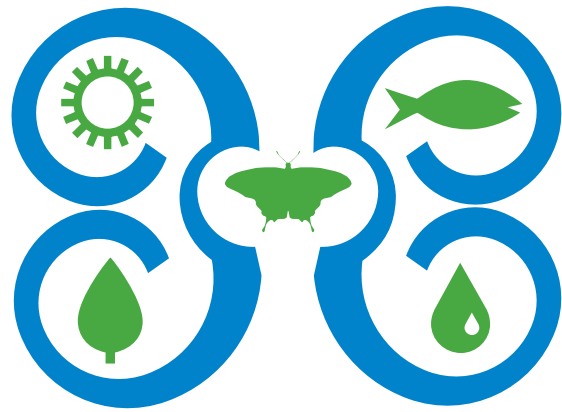
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Visit them and explore this year's theme:  
"Take a Closer Look at Your Watershed!"

Butterfly House Tours  
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Butterfly Hat & Costume Parade  
Giant fun slide  
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Local Food

Parking at Bristol-Myers Squibb via the  
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Free shuttle bus to the Butterfly Festival  
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Entrance Fee: \$5 per person or \$15 per  
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Butterfly Festival  
& Green Fair

—2011—

**DON'T MISS** special guest, Rick Mikula,  
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expert, owner of Hole-in-Hand Butterfly Farm,  
author, lecturer, butterfly habitat consultant,  
and photographer, he will be conducting his  
unforgettable butterfly presentations.