

WMA 14 Priority Stream Segment

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Plans for Initial Work: To characterize the existing condition of the lake by looking, specifically, at the following parameters: general chemical characteristics, nutrient content, trace metal content, and preliminary vegetation transects.

Partners: Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, the town of Hammonton, the Pinelands Commission, Atlantic County, and a number of landowners along Hammonton Lake.

Listed Impairments: Nutrients/Sedimentation (Eutrophication), fecal coliform

Background: Hammonton Lake is a major recreational resource in the town of Hammonton. For the past ten years, the town has been working to improve the quality of the water to increase the lake's recreational value. However, despite these efforts, the lake continues to be impaired. It was also one of the lakes for which a TMDL was done this past round. The TMDL document stated that a lake characterization was necessary, and it specifically included the parameters Stockton is intending to investigate.