

## NEW JERSEY WATERSHED AMBASSADORS PROGRAM AN AMERICORPS PROGRAM

HOSTED BY THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER MONITORING and STANDARDS

The New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program is a community-oriented AmeriCorps program designed to raise awareness about water issues in New Jersey. The NJDEP began hosting this AmeriCorps program in 2000. AmeriCorps is a national service initiative. Through this program, AmeriCorps members are placed at local host sites in twenty (20) Watershed Management Areas (WMAs) from Sussex to Cape May counties to serve their local communities. The program works with all sectors of society to improve the quality of New Jersey's waterways, nurturing community-based environmental activities and empowering residents to make responsible and informed decisions regarding their watershed.



Watershed Ambassadors are available to make FREE environmental education presentations to community organizations and schools. These interactive presentations provide information about water issues in New Jersey. Watershed Ambassadors educate students and citizens about watersheds and encourage them to get involved in local stewardship actions such as picking up after pets, conserving water, installing rain gardens, or volunteering

for a stream cleanup. Watershed Ambassadors also assess the local rivers and streams using both visual and biological assessment protocols. Through an online database, this assessment data is provided to the NJDEP and is also available to the public.

For people interested in learning about their local streams, members are available to train local volunteers and students in these volunteer monitoring techniques. To schedule a presentation or to learn about volunteer monitoring, please contact the New Jersey Watershed Ambassador listed for your area on the back.



For more information about the program, please contact Amanda Lotto, Program Manager at **amanda.lotto@dep.nj.gov** or (609) 777-1406

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## AMERICORPS NEW JERSEY WATERSHED AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

2019-2020 MEMBER INFORMATION

WMA 1: Upper Delaware Musconetcong Watershed Association 908-537-7060

WMA 2: Wallkill Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority 973-579-6998 x 110

WMA 3: Pompton, Wanaque, Ramapo and Pequannock Hands In 4 Youth 973-838-0942

WMA 4: Lower Passaic and Saddle Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission 973-817-5784

WMA 5: Hackensack and Pascack Hackensack Riverkeeper 201-968-0808 x101 or x102

WMA 6: Upper Passaic, Whippany and Rockaway Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center 973-635-6629

WMA 7: Arthur Kill Union County Department of Parks and Recreation 908-789-3209

WMA 8: North and South Raritan Raritan Headwaters Association 908-234-1852 x 323

## WMA 9: Lower Raritan, South and Lawrence Rivers

NJ Water Supply Authority and Duke Farms 908-730-0270 x224

WMA 10: Millstone

The Watershed Institute (formerly known as the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association) 609-737-7592 x32 WMA 11: Central Delaware

NJDEP Division of Water Monitoring and Standards Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards 609-633-1441

WMA 12: *Monmouth* Monmouth County Planning Board 732-431-7460 x7466

WMA 13: Barnegat Bay Barnegat Bay Partnership / Ocean County College 732-255-0472

WMA 14: *Mullica* Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve 609-812-0649 x214

> WMA 15: Great Egg Harbor Atlantic County Utilities Authority 609-272-6901 x6901

WMA 16: *Cape Map* Atlantic County Utilities Authority 609-272-6901 x6901

WMA 17: *Maurice, Salem and Cohansey* Cumberland County Improvement Authority 856-825-3700 x 1270

WMA 18: Lower Delaware Gloucester Soil Conservation District 856-589-5250 x16

WMA 19: *Rancocas* Pinelands Preservation Alliance 609-859-8860 x56

WMA 20: Assiscunk, Crosswicks and Doctors Tulpehaking Nature Center

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