

# Two Case Studies: Watershed Planning and Water Quality Monitoring

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#### Session Overview

- ★Introduction to the Watershed Institute and the Watershed Institute Grant Program
- **★Great Swamp Watershed Association**Watershed Planning Case Study
- **★South Branch Watershed Association**Water Quality Monitoring Case Study



#### The Watershed Institute

- \*A program of Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
- **★Formed in 2000 to provide resources and support to other NJ watershed groups**
- ★ Workshops, tailored guidance, idea-sharing meetings, listserv, website, publications, small grant program



- \*Initiated in 2003
- \*Funded by Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation (since 2003), New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Volunteer Monitoring Program (since 2007), and William Penn Foundation (new for 2009)
- \*Has funded a total of 84 projects, totaling \$622,421.32 in funds



#### **\***Eligible Entities

- Must be a 501(c)(3) environmental group
- Must conduct work in New Jersey
- Priority given to watershed groups
- Priority given to NJ-based groups
- Priority given to smaller groups



#### **\*Current Eligible Projects**

- Organizational Health: development and implementation of specific plans
- Science: monitoring, watershed planning, etc.
- Conservation: restoration, stormwater mitigation, etc.
- Policy
- Education



#### **\*** Application Process

- Letter of Inquiry- June Deadline
- Full Proposal- September Deadline
- Funding Decisions- early to mid-October
- Site Visits- as needed
- Final Reporting- July
- Project Completion and Grant Close Out- late-September to early-October



#### **\*** Monitoring Grantees

- Great Swamp Watershed Association (2008)
- Musconetcong Watershed Association (2007 & 2009)
- Pequannock River Coalition (2009)
- Pompeston Creek Watershed Association (2007)
- South Branch Watershed Association (2007 & 2008)



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#### Case Studies

## Now, on to the case studies from our 2008 grantees!

