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
Watershed Institute 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
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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
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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
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- Monitoring Grantees
  - Great Swamp Watershed Association (2008)
  - Pequannock River Coalition (2009)
  - Pompeston Creek Watershed Association (2007)
  - South Branch Watershed Association (2007 & 2008)
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Now, on to the case studies from our 2008 grantees!