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Noelle MacKay of Hopewell Township Appointed Acting Executive Director of Watershed Association

Noelle MacKay has been appointed Acting Executive Director of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, succeeding outgoing Director George Hawkins. Ms. MacKay joined Stony Brook in 1999 as senior watershed planner, became director of watershed management in 2000, and added deputy director responsibilities in 2003.

As deputy director, Ms. MacKay had direct responsibility for the Watershed Management, Education and Information Technology Departments. As director of watershed management, Ms. MacKay developed a full range of programs, including the characterization and assessment of the region's sub-watersheds to demonstrate the link between land use and water quality for local officials and citizens and the Project for Municipal Excellence that last year earned Stony Brook an Achievement in Planning Award from the New Jersey Planning Officials, the association for professional and volunteer members of local planning and zoning boards. The Project for Municipal Excellence builds partnerships between municipal officials and environmental advocates for assessing and improving local planning to protect water and related environment resources.

Before joining Stony Brook, Ms. MacKay worked as assistant studio director for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and as an associate with ENVIRON International Corporation, where she provided litigation research support on a number of environmental cases involving water resource issues.

Ms. MacKay received her undergraduate degree from Mount Allison University in New Brunswick, Canada. Ms. MacKay also received a graduate degree in environmental studies from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she participated in a group study tour of watershed management in West Sumatra, Indonesia, as part of her degree program.

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association protects water resources in the 265-square miles of central New Jersey drained by the Stony Brook and the Millstone River.



The Association's headquarters is located on an 825-acre preserve in Hopewell Township that includes a nature center, pond, and 14 miles of trails, as well as an independent organic farm. Visitors are welcome from dawn to dusk all year long. For more information, call 737-3735 or visit online at www.thewatershed.org.