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Volunteer Service Award – 2009 Annual Meeting

Anna Drago – Watershed Volunteer Service Award honoree

Thank you so much! I am very grateful and happy for this recognition. Since this year we are celebrating the 60th anniversary, I would like to tell you how I first became involved with the Watershed.

About 20 summers ago, I came as a spectator to attend my first coffee house. When I arrived, to my dismay, Jeff (Hoagland) told me the event was sold out and invited me to return another time. Having driven from Cranbury, I was not about to turn back so I asked if they could use some help. The could, I stayed ... and here I am.

Now it would be hard for me to imagine life without the Watershed. This Preserve is a treasure and its always a joy for me to come here. I am grateful for the enthusiasm and dedication of the wonderful staff, both present and past, who have inspired me and countless others to observe the natural world with different eyes, to become involved in its protection, preservation and enhancement and to try to make a difference.

I am also very grateful for the generosity and foresight of the good neighbors who made this treasure available to all of us and to those who continue to help it grow and flourish. Thanks you again and have a great evening.

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