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## Fast Facts

### Who we are

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is central New Jersey's first environmental group. Since 1949, we've been making the "CASE" for protecting clean water and the environment through Conservation, Advocacy, Science and Education. We are a member-supported, nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping your water clean and your habitats healthy.

### Did you know the Watershed Association ...

- Works with private landowners to adopt "River-Friendly" conservation measures - more than 3,200 acres in central New Jersey are River-Friendly certified
- Manages the 860-acre Watershed Reserve in Hopewell with more than 10 miles of hiking trails, the Buttinger Nature Center and Kate Gorrie Butterfly House
- Hosts the Honey Brook Organic Farm, the largest community-supported organic farm in the country
- Helped establish open space funds in 20 towns in our region
- Leads the way to enact strong environmental protections at the state and local level, including important regulations like NJ Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act
- Helped launch other environmental groups, including the D&R Greenway and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey
- Partners with community leaders to clean our streams - more than 12 tons of trash have been removed through our Annual Stream Cleanups to date
- Tests for water pollution at 40 monitoring stations throughout central New Jersey
- Has the largest volunteer water quality monitoring program in the state, providing key data on the health of our water to state and local authorities
- Completed more than 40 stream restoration projects in central New Jersey
- Educates and inspires more than 10,000 children and adults each year

### What is a watershed?

A watershed is the area of land that catches rain and snow, which then drains or seeps into a marsh, stream, river, lake or groundwater. The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed is the 265-square-mile region drained by the Stony Brook and Millstone River. The Stony Brook flows eastward for 21 miles through Hopewell and Princeton Townships to Carnegie Lake in Princeton. The Millstone River is 38 miles long and flows westward from New Jersey's Coastal Plain through Millstone, Cranbury, Plainsboro, and East and West Windsor until it reaches Carnegie Lake. There it meets up with the Stony Brook and continues north through Princeton, Franklin, Montgomery, and Hillsborough to its confluence with the Raritan River in Manville.

