

Partnering to Support Monitoring Programs

2010 National Monitoring Conference

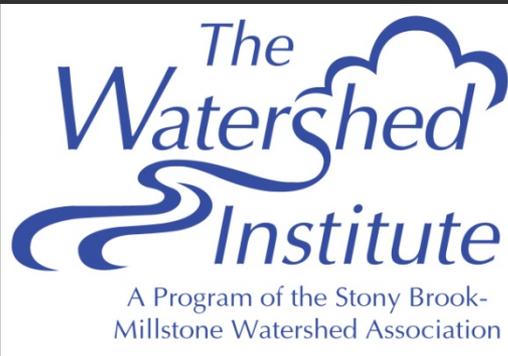
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The Watershed Institute

Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association



The Watershed Institute

- Program of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
 - The purpose of the Watershed Institute is to provide New Jersey's watershed groups with the knowledge, skills and resources they need to be strong and sustainable organizations protecting their local environments.
 - Workshops, one-on-one assistance, idea-sharing meetings, listserv, website, publications, small grant program, and more.
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NJDEP Volunteer Monitoring Program

- Within the DEP Water Monitoring and Standards, Bureau of Water Quality Standards and Assessment
 - Provides services to NJ monitoring groups: trainings, quality assurance project plan review, annual monitoring conference, technical assistance, and more.
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Partnering with NJDEP

- Watershed Watch Network
 - World Water Monitoring Day (2008 – present)
 - WI Grant Program (2007 – present)
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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 (since 2009)
 - Has funded a total of 84 projects, totaling \$622,421.32 in funds.
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Watershed Institute Grant Program

- Provides funds to NJ watershed groups
- External Grant Review Committee
- Project types:
 - Organizational health
 - Education
 - Policy
 - Conservation
 - Science



Roles in Grant Program

- WI: develop funding guidelines, coordinate application and review process, manage grants, providing assistance to grantees
 - NJDEP-VMP: provide funding for monitoring projects, participate on grant review committee, provide technical assistance to grantees as needed
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Monitoring Projects Funded

- Since 2007, NJDEP funds have been used for all or part of 7 projects, thereby providing support to 5 watershed groups
 - Great Swamp Watershed Association
 - Musconetcong Watershed Association
 - Pequannock River Coalition
 - Pompeston Creek Watershed Association
 - South Branch Watershed Association
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Example Projects

- Great Swamp Watershed Association's Silver Brook Subwatershed Management Plan: monitoring and plan development.
 - Musconetcong Watershed Association's Dam Removal Monitoring Project: research into dam monitoring options, development of protocol and QAPP, implementation of monitoring.
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Benefits to Nonprofit

- Additional funds for the grant program- benefits both WI and monitoring groups
 - Tap into NJDEP expertise
 - Grant review
 - Technical assistance
 - Enhanced relationship with NJDEP
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Benefits to Government

- Ability to further support monitoring with little addition to workload
 - Increased visibility in nonprofit community
 - Enhanced relationship with SBMWA & WI
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Questions?

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