

Dutchess Watershed Awareness Month

July 2010



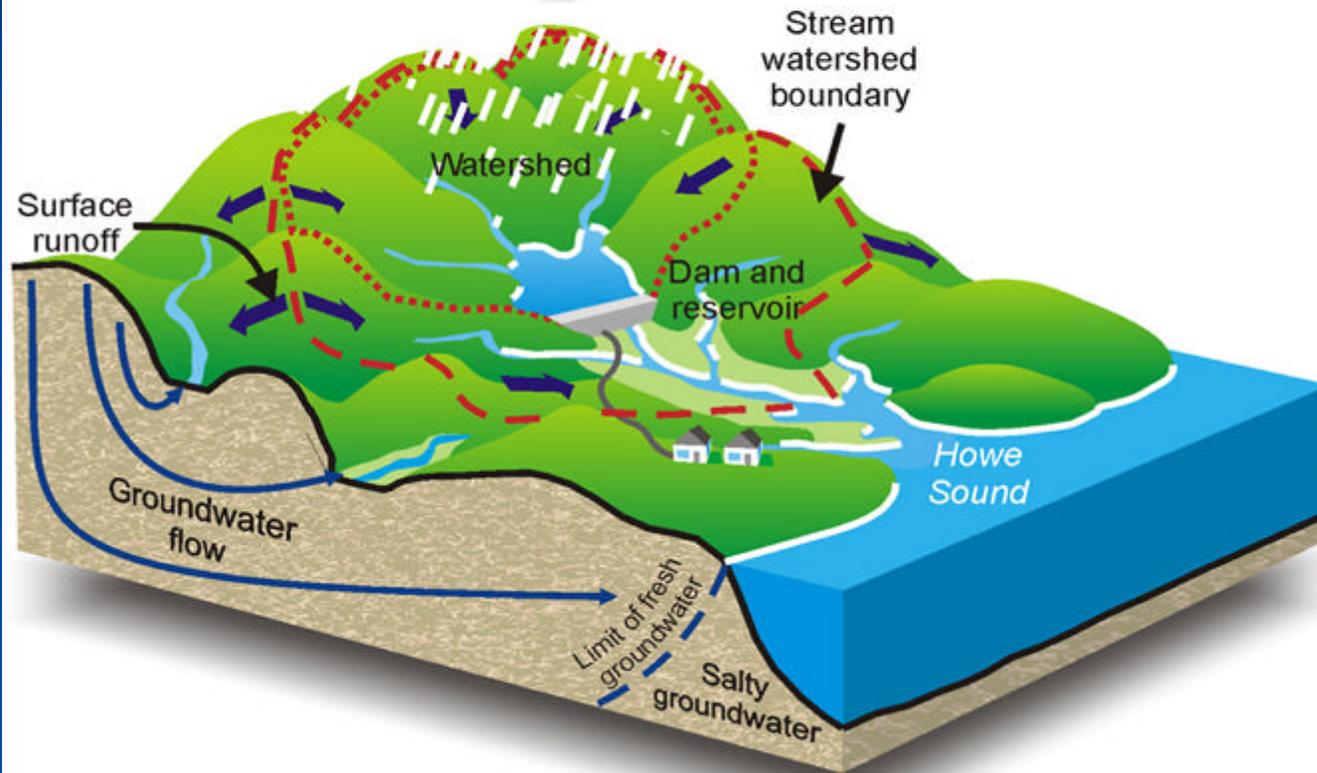
Windows on Your Watershed

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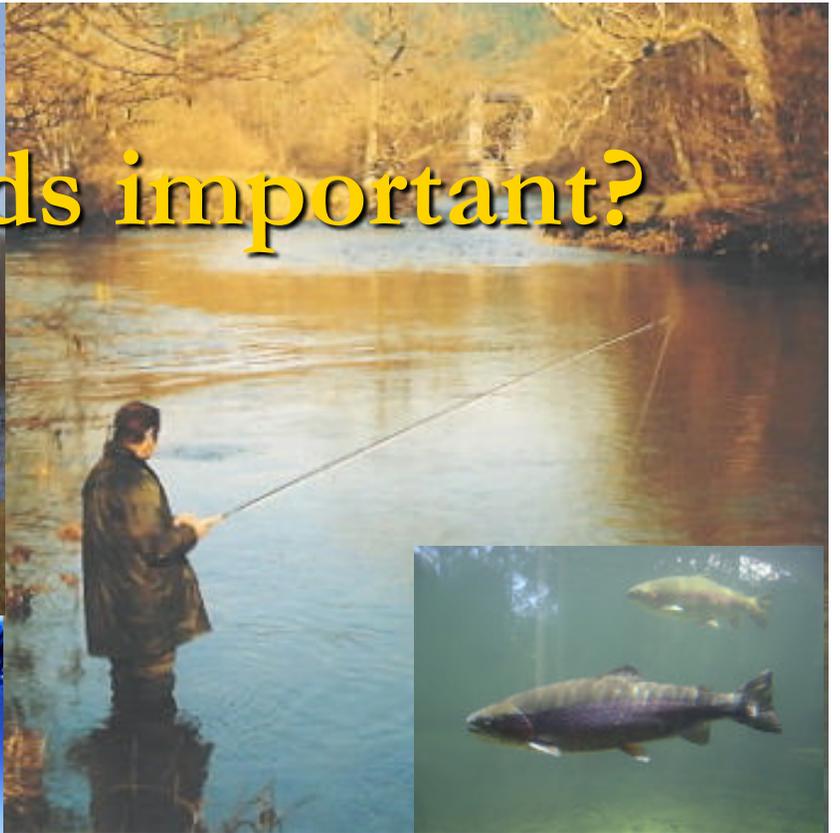
What is a watershed?

Everyone lives in a watershed!



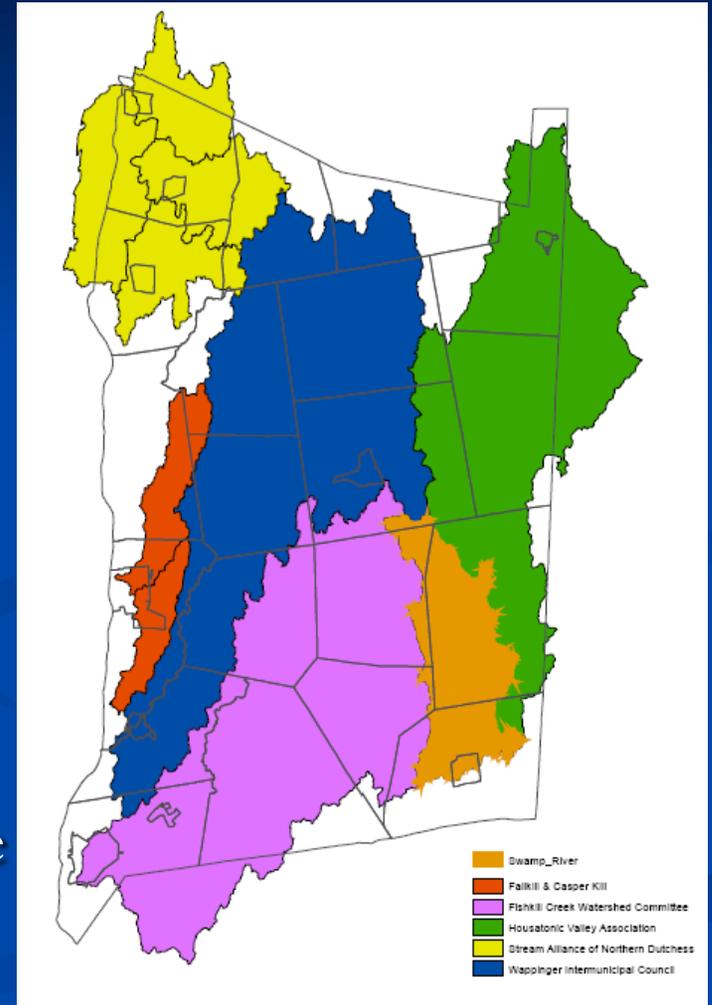
An area of land where all of the water on it (or under it) drains into a common body of water.

Why are watersheds important?



Dutchess Watershed Coalition

- Casperkill Watershed Alliance
- Clearwater
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
Dutchess County
- Fall Kill Watershed Committee
- Fishkill Creek Watershed Committee
- Friends of the Great Swamp
- Hudson River Watershed Alliance
- Housatonic Valley Association
- Stream Alliance of Northern
Dutchess
- Vassar Environmental Research Institute
- Wappinger Creek Watershed
Intermunicipal Council



"The mission of the Dutchess Watershed Coalition is to promote awareness and active participation of the community in the stewardship of the land and water resources of Dutchess County through educational and recreational events."

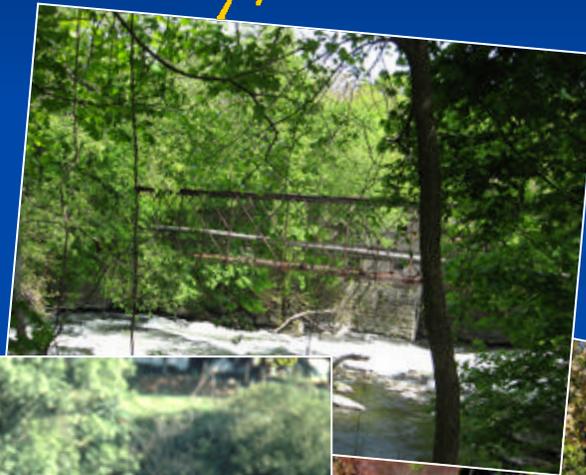


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Take a Peek at Your Creek!

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Cornell University
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Dutchess County

Events



General Awareness

Community Events and Festivals



Relate to Something They Know/Care About

History Events



Encourage to Take Action!

Stream and Park Clean-ups



Foster Appreciation & Fun

Nature Walks

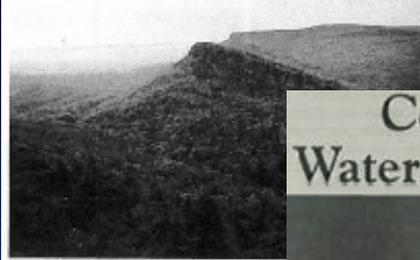


Provide Skills/Tools

Workshops

Watershed Awareness Month of activities to put spotlight on

WATERSHEDS



A view of the Hudson River watershed from Mohawk.

HUMAN ACTIONS TRIBUTARY NETWORK

By Jennifer Rubin
For the Poughkeepsie Journal

It's time to be green. Global warming, sustainable energy, clean food—these are all words we hear almost on a daily basis. Yet, as we drive on our highways, we see the signs of global warming: swappers,...

CREEK WEEK

Busy kids pluck trash from city park

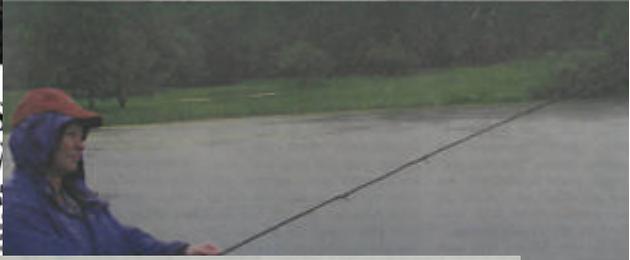


Tyler Scott, 8, leans over to get trash passed up to him by Briana X Park in the City of Poughkeepsie Wednesday. Eight third-grade students...

Event part of awareness push

Jan Hagler was focused Wednesday as he put on a pair of oversized work gloves and carried a giant plastic bag at Malcolm X Park in the City of Poughkeepsie. Hagler was one of eight third-grade students from the Catherine Street Community Center who participated in a...

County ramps up for Watershed Awareness Month



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FESTIVAL IN BEACON TO CELEBRATE THE FISHKILL CREEK

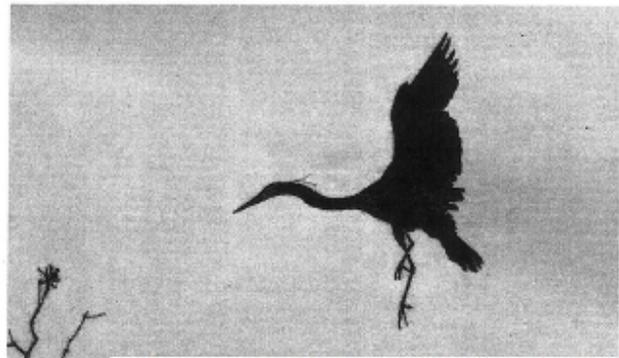
BY HVNEWS STAFF

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While strong winds and clouds signaled the approach of possibly another Hudson Valley storm Saturday, the upside of rain was analyzed on the Vassar College campus in Poughkeepsie. The occasion was a rain barrel-building workshop held at the Vassar Ecological Preserve on the 567-acre Vassar Farm, on the southern side of the Town of Poughkeepsie college's campus. The workshop was...

For more information about the Fishkill Creek Festival and the Fishkill Creek Watershed Committee, contact David Eberle at divide@psd.com or 845-834-9630.

Press



A great blue heron and BEV SPECIES DIVERSITY WATERSHED



Stephanie Duff and John Broom participating in a cleanup activity.

PRESERVATION GROUPS COME TOGETHER FOR DAY OF FUN

Environment benefits are emphasized

It's just good practice. It uses less energy and it's good for the environment. John Broom commented on the workshop. The occasion was a rain barrel-building workshop held at the Vassar Ecological Preserve on the 567-acre Vassar Farm, on the southern side of the Town of Poughkeepsie college's campus. The workshop was...

LEARNING ABOUT ENVIRONMENT



Emily Hagler teaches a child about the environment.

Watershed festival educate, entertain



Stephanie Duff and John Broom participating in a workshop.

ON THE WEB

www.dutchesscountyny.gov
http://form.vassar.edu
"They're good educators." Penny Dell of Poughkeepsie said of Foley and Vail, who also helped those in attendance assemble their rain barrels with metal spigots, teflon tape, washers, clamps and plastic tubing. Dell attended the workshop because she was impressed after seeing rain barrels in use at a friend's house. "Now," she said, "I'll have one of my own."

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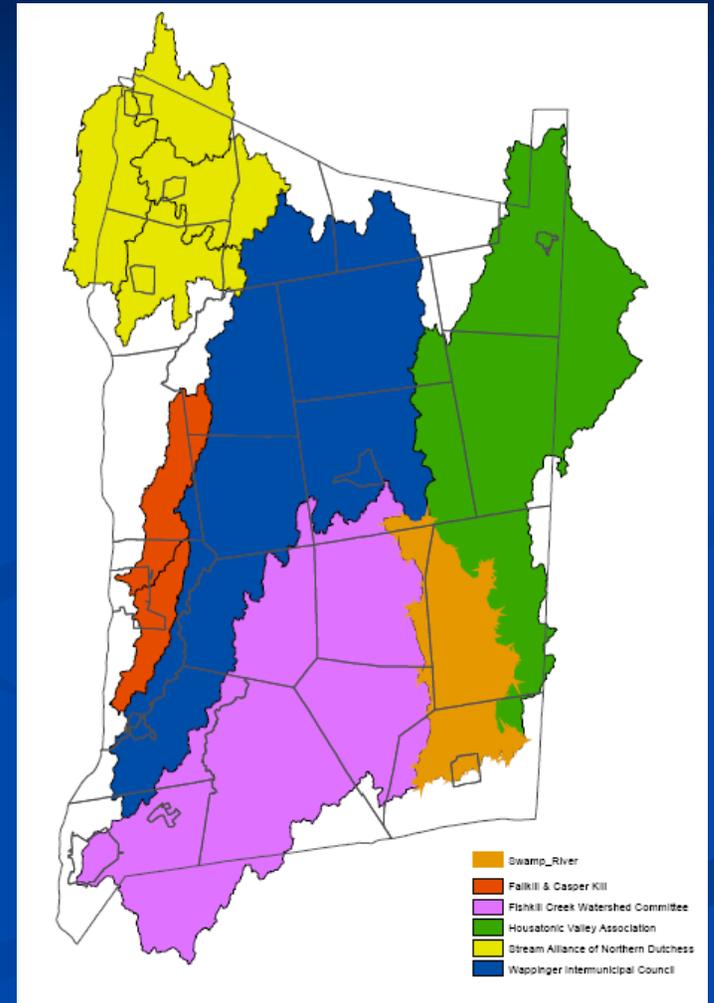
~ Ten Mile River Events ~

~ Wappinger Creek Week ~
July 5—July 11, 2010

~ Casperkill and Fall Kill Creek Week ~
July 12—July 18, 2010

~ Northern Dutchess, Croton and Great
Swamp Creek Week ~
July 19-24, 2009

~ Fishkill Creek Week ~
July 25 –July 31



Kick Off and County Wide Programs

Town of Hyde Park
Independence Parade



Adopt-a-Spot
Program



Wappinger Creek Week

July 5-11, 2010

Picnic in the Park
Parade & Display

Ralph T.
Waterman
Bird Walk



Wappinger
Creek
History Night



Cary Institute Creek Walk

Rain
Barrel
Workshop



Casperkill and Fall Kill Creek Week

July 12 – July 18, 2010

Rain Barrel Workshop



Concert in the Park



Ralph T. Waterman
Bird Walk



Storm
Drain
Marking

Maple
Grove
Walk



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Northern Dutchess, Croton, and Great Swamp Week July 19-24, 2010



Watershed
Awareness Day @
Murrow Park



Fly Fishing Introduction

Rain
Barrel
Workshop



FrOGS
Stream
Clean-up



Fishkill Creek Week

July 25-31, 2010



ADK Watershed Walk

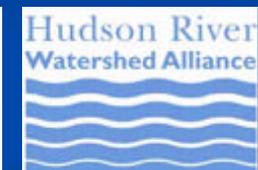


Rain Barrel
Workshop



Partnering Organizations

- Adirondack Mountain Club
- Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries
- Beacon Sloop Club
- Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
- Dutchess Land Conservancy
- Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
- Hudson River Watershed Alliance
- Maple Grove
- Pleasant Valley Historical Society
- Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club
- Rhinebeck and Red Hook CACs
- Trout Unlimited
- Vall-Kill
- Vassar College
- Village of Wappingers Falls Lake Committee
- Village of Wappingers Falls Recreation Committee
- Winnakee Land Trust



Rhinebeck and Red Hook CACs



How can you help with this effort?

- Pass the Municipal Proclamation declaring July 2010 as Dutchess Watershed Awareness Month
- Adopt-a-Spot Program
 - Participate in the program
 - Advertise the program to local businesses & organizations
- Host an Event of Your Own
- Become a WAM 2010 Sponsor



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For more information about events or how you
and your group can become involved:

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