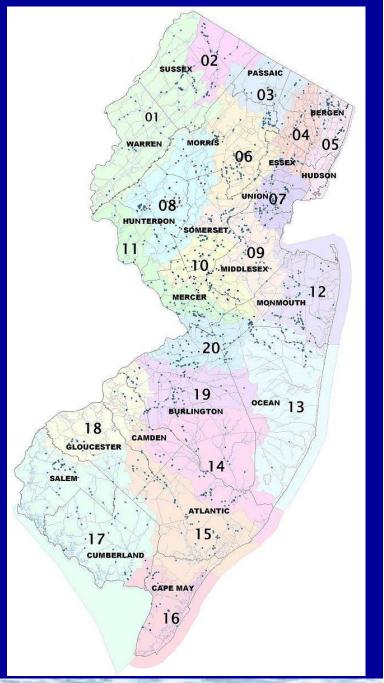
2011 Volunteer Monitoring Community Updates & Accomplishments Watershed Watch Network Updates

8th NJ Water Monitoring Summit December 1, 2011

Debra Hammond & Danielle Donkersloot NJDEP: Water Monitoring and Standards



Musconetcong Watershed Association

- Water Monitoring Programs are growing
- Now host a Watershed Ambassador
- Camp Musky Growing
- More Community
 Education Programs
 being offered
- Dams keep coming down!



Raritan Headwaters Association

South Branch Watershed Association & Upper Raritan Watershed Association have merged



- Largest Volunteer Monitoring Program in the State with over 50+ monitoring locations covering 470 sq miles
- Many partners depend on data including
 - Local community
 - Water Supply Authority
 - NJDEP (Integrated Report)

Pequannock River Coalition

- Now covers the Wanaque River
 Watershed and the Pequannock River
 Watershed
 - Plans to expand Stream in the Classroom program
 - Community Educational Programs
 - Water Monitoring Program



Pompeston Creek Watershed Association

Pompeston Creek Status Report 1998-2008

The Status of Pompeston Creek from 1998 - 2008: A Water Quality Monitoring Report











Pompeston Creek Watershed Association PO Box 2883 Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Moving to the Coast....

 Worked with MATES, Save Barnegat Bay, NJDEP, Rutgers County Extension, and others

> Piloted an Optical Brightener & Bacteria Monitoring Project





We've heard you

In August 2011, Watershed Watch Network met and discussed ways to streamline and improve local monitoring program

- Continue to emphasize Quality Assurance Requirements
- Standardize procedures for everyone
- Make plans simpler (SOP's on websites and adding monitoring locations to Appendix)

New Protocols

- Lake Visual Assessment Protocol
- New Biological Monitoring Protocols available
 - Coastal Plains
 - Pinelands
 - High Gradient
- Optical Brightener and Bac-t Protocols in works

2012 Training Workshops



- QA Meter Proficiency Certification February 9, 2021
- Stream School, May 2012
- Data Interpretation and Study Design
- June 6 and 7, 2012
- Habitat Assessment Training, Fall 2012
- Still working on a data management solution – more to follow

Thank You

For your dedication to the Watershed Watch Network & for helping to make this a successful partnership

For **Questions** about the Watershed watch network or Volunteer monitoring

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