

Adopt-A-Spot

...In your watershed!

Our watersheds are made up of more than just the creeks and rivers—they include the parks, streets, and neighborhoods we live in.

Help to beautify our watersheds by picking up litter and spreading the word that the actions we take on our land affect the quality of our water resources.

Dutchess Watersheds:

Casperkill Creek

Croton River

Fall Kill Creek

Fishkill Creek

Roeliff Jansen Kill

Swamp River

Ten Mile River

Wappinger Creek

DUTCHESS WATERSHED AWARENESS MONTH



The Dutchess Watershed Coalition:



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension
Dutchess County



Vassar College
Environmental
Research Institute

Casperkill Watershed Alliance, Fall Kill Watershed Committee, Fishkill Creek Watershed Committee, Friends of the Great Swamp, Housatonic Valley Association, Stream Alliance of Northern Dutchess, Wappinger Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council

For more information on
"Adopt-A-Spot" & other WAM
events, please visit our website at
www.dutchesswam.com

The
Dutchess Watershed
Coalition
invites you to

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Clean watersheds start with you!

Dutchess Watershed Awareness Month 2010



Windows On Your Watershed



The Dutchess
Watershed Coalition

The “Adopt-A-Spot” Program

The Adopt-A-Spot program is based on the idea that our watersheds are made up of more than just the creeks, but include all of the land including the parks, streets, and neighborhoods we live in. We are asking community groups, local businesses and residents in our watersheds to take a few hours and work together to clean up a “spot” of their choosing in the watershed.



Dutchess Watershed Awareness Month (WAM)

WAM is a series of events and activities with the goal of educating the community about the valuable land and water resources of Dutchess County and how to protect them.

All WAM events provide family-friendly activities and include watershed guided nature walks, canoe and kayak trips, lectures, festivals, workshops and much more.

Want to get involved?

1. Pick a spot in your watershed that needs a little cleaning up
2. Find a group of people to help you
3. Choose a date and time—and do it!

What is provided on clean-up dates?

- Garbage bags, with an organized pickup and removal of trash
- Gloves
- Snacks and beverages
- Dutchess WAM t-shirts



To arrange your “Adopt-A-Spot”

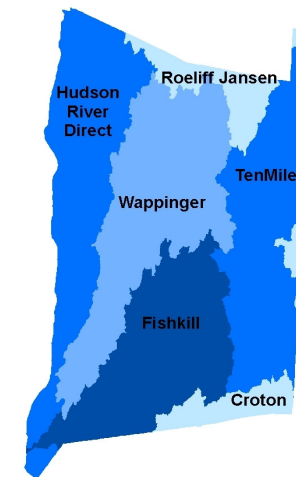
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What is a watershed?

Every one of us lives within a watershed, whether we live on a rural farm in Pine Plains, a suburban home in the Town of La Grange, or in an urban apartment in the City of Poughkeepsie.

A watershed is an area of land in which all of the water (i.e. rain, snow, sleet, etc) that falls onto that land drains into a single waterbody, often a stream or river.



The map shows the major watersheds located within Dutchess County, NY. Watershed boundaries do not end at municipal boundaries as several of Dutchess County's watersheds extend into neighboring counties and communities.

Why are watersheds important?

Maintaining and protecting watersheds can provide many important and essential functions to the surrounding landscape including:

- Reduce stream erosion
- Decrease sedimentation
- Provide natural habitat
- Create recreational value (i.e. fishing, swimming, boating, etc.)
- Enhance aesthetic beauty