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The **Manasquan River Watershed Association** is a dedicated group of people interested in protecting and restoring the Manasquan River. The organization is comprised of local citizens, scientists, natural resource managers, environmental groups, municipal officials, civic groups, private businesses and anyone interested in environmental issues. Together, we join local knowledge and expertise to investigate problems and implement actions that will restore and protect the Manasquan River.



Thank you for supporting the efforts of the **Manasquan River Watershed Association**

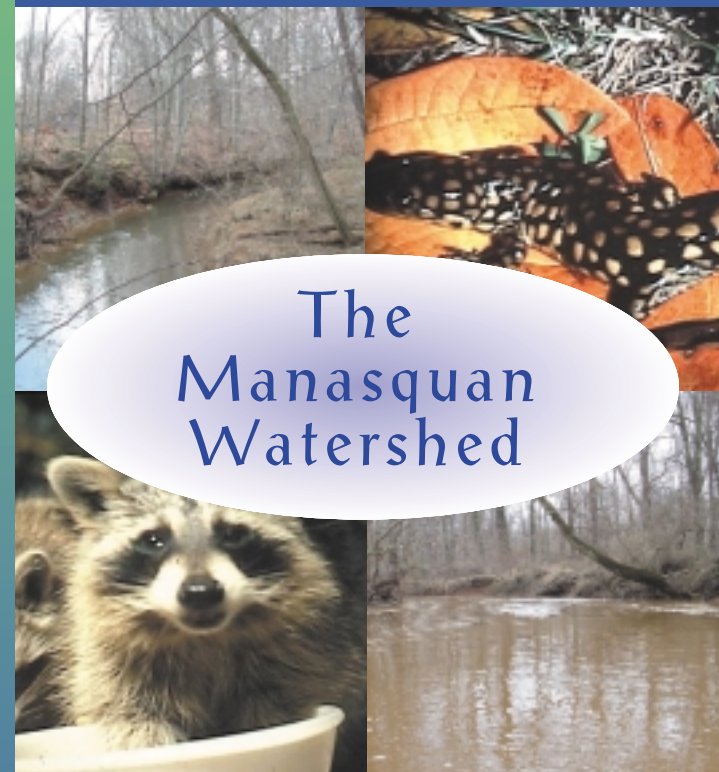
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Protecting and preserving the Manasquan River so that future generations can enjoy this magnificent natural resource.



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The Manasquan River supplies the Manasquan Reservoir with fresh dependable drinking water. Large pumps are capable of pumping 150 million gallons of water a day from the river to fill the four billion gallon reservoir. Therefore, protection of river water quality is necessary for the protection of our drinking water supplies. Each day, the Manasquan Reservoir provides area residents with more than 16 million gallons of clean drinking water. The Association is working with area municipalities and riverside landowners to ensure adequate protection of the river.

**IT'S YOUR DRINKING WATER**

One of our most important tasks is environmental education. The Association enjoys the opportunity to talk with people about our work. Over the years we have accomplished a lot, and we like to share what we've done. We have conducted environmental research, managed restoration projects, identified strategies for improving the River, formed partnerships with other organizations, and continue to expand our public education program. By the way, a watershed is the land area that drains to a specific waterway.

**WHAT'S A WATERSHED?**

**WHAT'S IN THE WATER?**

The Manasquan River and the streams that feed into it are constantly changing. As development and other land use changes occur in the region, flow to the River increases. Impervious surfaces like, roads, rooftops, and parking lots do not allow rainwater to infiltrate into the ground. Runoff from these surfaces are directed to nearby streams causing them to swell and erode. Erosion introduces large amounts of sediment into the system that is harmful to aquatic life like frogs, fish, and other aquatic organisms. Monitoring and evaluating streams over time will help us better understand the various impacts to our waterways so that we can design systems for their protection.



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The Manasquan River Watershed Association provides technical assistance to municipalities in the region. For example, the MRWA provides model ordinances to assist municipalities in protecting water quality and sensitive habitats in the watershed.

**IT'S THE LAW**

The State of New Jersey is implementing new rules to improve management of stormwater runoff. To assist municipalities, the MRWA has developed an education program that will help municipalities meet their legal requirements. This program will save local governments thousands of dollars by utilizing the volunteer services of the MRWA.



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