

# NEW JERSEY WATERSHED AMBASSADORS PROGRAM AN AMERICORPS PROGRAM

HOSTED BY THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER MONITORING and STANDARDS

The New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program is a community-oriented AmeriCorps program designed to raise awareness about water issues in New Jersey. The NJDEP began hosting this AmeriCorps program in 2000. AmeriCorps is a national service initiative. Through this program, AmeriCorps members are placed at local host sites in twenty (20) Watershed Management Areas (WMAs) from Sussex to Cape May counties to serve their local communities. The program works with all sectors of society to improve the quality of New Jersey's waterways, nurturing community-based environmental activities and empowering residents to make responsible and informed decisions regarding their watershed.



Watershed Ambassadors are available to make FREE environmental education presentations to community organizations and schools. These interactive presentations provide information about water issues in New Jersey. Watershed Ambassadors educate students and citizens about watersheds and encourage them to get involved in local stewardship actions such as picking up after pets, conserving water, installing rain gardens, or volunteering

for a stream cleanup. Watershed Ambassadors also assess the local rivers and streams using both visual and biological assessment protocols. Through an online database, this assessment data is provided to the NJDEP and is also available to the public.

For people interested in learning about their local streams, members are available to train local volunteers and students in these volunteer monitoring techniques. To schedule a presentation or to learn about volunteer monitoring, please contact the New Jersey Watershed Ambassador listed for your area on the back.



For more information about the program, please contact Amanda Lotto, Program Manager at **amanda.lotto@dep.nj.gov** or (609) 777-1406

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## AMERICORPS NEW JERSEY WATERSHED AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

2018-2019 MEMBER INFORMATION

#### WMA 1: Upper Delaware

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#### WMA 2: Wallkill

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#### WMA 3: Pompton, Wanague, Ramapo and Pequannock

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#### WMA 4: Lower Passaic and Saddle

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#### WMA 5: Hackensack and Pascack

#### **Christine Favorito** Hackensack Riverkeeper ambassador@hackensackriverkeeper.org 201-968-0808 x101 or x102

#### WMA 6: Upper Passaic, Whippany and Rockaway **Erin Dempsey**

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#### WMA 9: Lower Raritan, South and Lawrence Rivers

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#### WMA 10: Millstone

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