

# Watershed Management

## What is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land over and through which water flows to the lowest point - a stream, river, wetland, or lake. Watersheds catch precipitation and accumulate water into flows across or under the landscape. They come in many different shapes and sizes. Watersheds can be hilly, mountainous, or nearly flat and can be comprised of many land uses including forests, farms, towns and cities. We live, play, and raise our children in watersheds. Our drinking water comes from watersheds. Our watersheds provide resources for the economy, recreation, and wildlife. Everything that we do on the land is within a watershed. No matter where we are, we are always in a watershed. Look at the following maps and determine your watershed address. A watershed address is the name of the watershed in which you live. [Susquehanna River Basin: Major Watersheds](#)

## How to protect your watershed?

Protecting our watersheds means clean water in our streams. Clean water in our streams means healthy drinking water in our homes, safe water activities, such as swimming and boating, in our backyards, and abundant wildlife and natural resources in and around our aquatic environments. Clean water is essential for life. Threats to our clean water do not follow political boundaries, but occur within watersheds. By joining your local watershed group and volunteering on clean-up and restoration projects, you can play a part in ensuring clean water for future generations.

Throughout Lycoming County partners are working to stabilize stream banks, restore riparian buffers along our streams, control invasive plant species, restore fisheries, monitor water quality, encourage better management practices for stormwater and land use, and educate their communities of environmental protection.



Fish Habitat Enhancement



Riparian Buffer Plantings

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### Watershed Links

[Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association](#)

[Pine Creek Watershed Council](#)

[Pine Creek Preservation Association](#)

[Lycoming- Clinton Stream Team](#)

[AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Program](#)

[Lycoming College Clean Water Institute](#)

[Susquehanna Chapter Trout Unlimited](#)

[Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy](#)

[Ten Million Trees for PA: K10 Partnership](#)