

about the mwa

The Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA), founded in 1992, is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong Watershed and its waters for people and nature, through:

get involved!

The MWA website lists upcoming events, tours, talks, and volunteering opportunities.



- Water quality and habitat monitoring
- River restoration and dam removal projects
- Government outreach on watershed protection and restoration
- Public education to support sustainable work
- School programs and Camp Musky
- Restoring a 19th Century grist mill to create an Interpretive Center inside our new headquarters
- Watershed and vision Planning
- Wetlands delineation
- Septic and wastewater consulting



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- Join us on a hike or paddling trip
- Attend a River Talk
- Volunteer in the Annual River Clean-up
- Expand and maintain the Musky
- Education Trail Become a River Watcher
- Help restore a 19th Century Mill
- Represent your community on the Musconetcong River Management Council
- Learn about native plants
- Come to our special events
- Join MWA's Board of Directors

protecting and
enhancing water
quality and
natural, and
cultural resources

Visit our website to become a
member, get involved, or both!



an outstandingly remarkable river

Located in the New Jersey Highlands, the Musconetcong River begins in Lake Hopatcong—New Jersey's largest lake—and flows 42 miles to the Delaware River. Along the way, the “Musky” passes through diverse landscapes, including remote forests, bustling towns, vital industries, historic hamlets, and one of the most scenic agricultural valleys in the entire region.

On December 22, 2006, the President signed into law the “Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act,” making most of the Musconetcong part of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System. This gives our River special protections and creates a river management partnership between MWA, the National Park Service, and local municipalities.

In 2020, most of the watershed, including Lake Hopatcong and Lake Musconetcong were designated a National Water Trail by the Secretary of Interior. This water trail features 11 trip segments for beginners to expert paddlers.

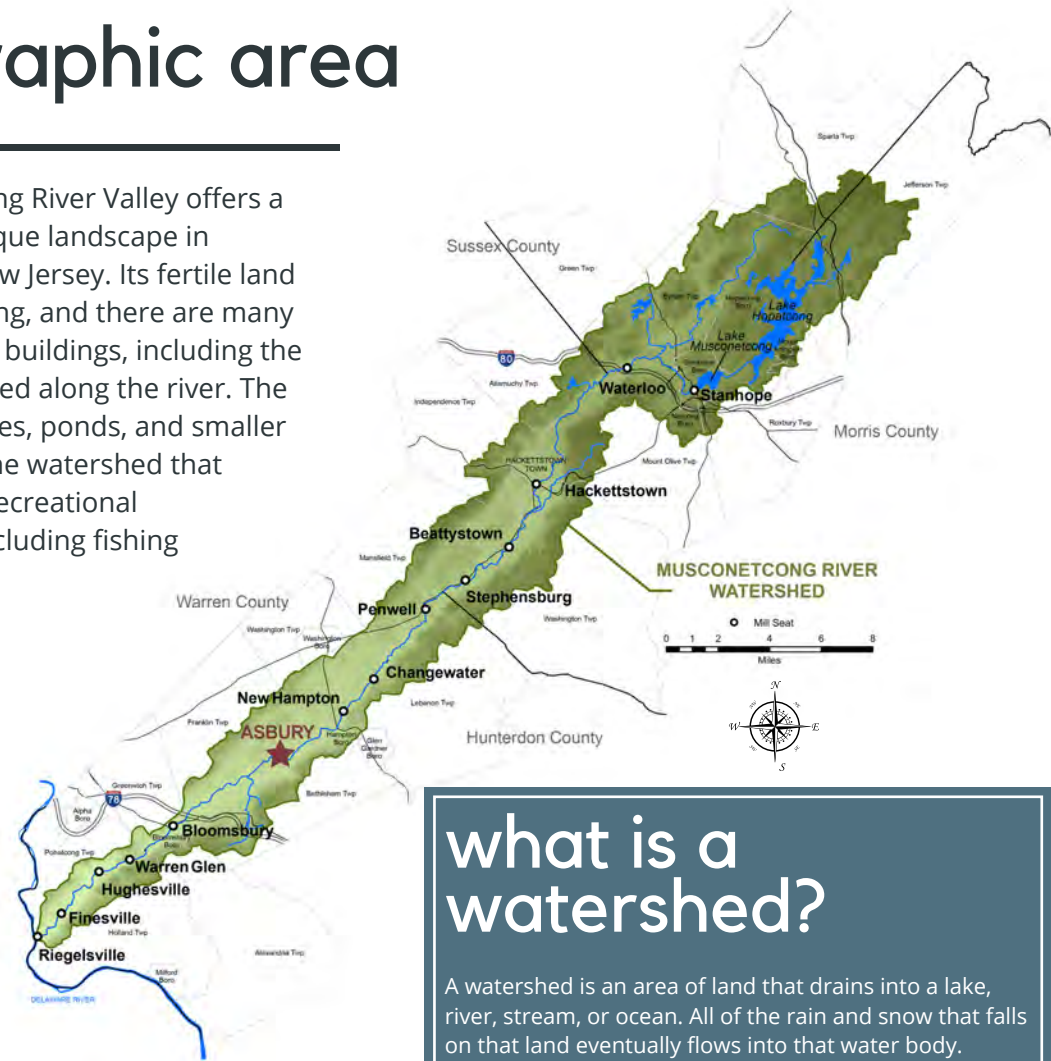
visit the musky

There are tens of thousands of acres of public, preserved lands in the Musconetcong Watershed. Look to local parks for information on hiking and biking trails, fishing and boating launches, and other educational and recreational day trips, or visit our River Resource Center, a LEED Platinum building adapted from an old mill storehouse in Asbury (Warren County), New Jersey.



geographic area

The Musconetcong River Valley offers a diverse, picturesque landscape in northwestern New Jersey. Its fertile land is good for farming, and there are many historic sites and buildings, including the Asbury Mill, located along the river. The river is fed by lakes, ponds, and smaller streams within the watershed that provide unique recreational opportunities, including fishing and paddling.



what is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a lake, river, stream, or ocean. All of the rain and snow that falls on that land eventually flows into that water body. Everyone lives in a watershed.

did you know...

- The Musky flows through the NJ Highlands, an area that over 6 million people depend on for clean water.
- It is the largest NJ tributary to the Delaware River.
- People have lived in this region for over 13,000 years.
- There are 26 municipalities within the natural boundaries of the Musconetcong Watershed.
- MWA has helped to remove 5 obsolete dams along the river, restoring the free flow of water and improving habitat for fish and other aquatic species.
- The Musky is considered one of the best for trout fishing in the state.