

# Watershed Management Area 4 Lower Passaic and Saddle Rivers

## Vision Statement

The vision of Watershed Management Area 4 (WMA 4) is to preserve, protect, enhance and restore our water resources and the associated ecosystem, and to instill pride in our rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. We will accomplish this through a balanced approach consisting of education, stewardship and managing growth in accord with available water resources, while being environmentally sound and economically viable. We have created this vision for the benefit of our children and for future generations.



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## WMA4 Goals

### 1. Outreach:

- Educate
- Relay Information
- Increase Citizen Involvement
- Develop a Collaborative Relationship among Parties (Gov., Industry, Citiz.)

### 2. Water Quality:

- Eliminate Nonpoint Source Pollution
- Manage Stormwater
- Eliminate Combined Sewer Overflows
- Decrease Floatables
- Recycle Effluent
- Increase All Measures of Environmental Quality

### 3. Drinking Water:

- Increase Groundwater Recharge
- Protect Lakes and Reservoirs

### 4. Smart Growth:

- Increase River Access
- Promote Best Management Practices in Development and Redevelopment
- Restore Recreational Uses
- Instill Pride
- Encourage Stewardship

### 5. Preserve Open Space

### 6. Planning:

- Budgeting
- Regulatory Issues

### **Public Advisory Committee (PAC)**

We are a dedicated group consisting of concerned citizens, municipal officials, environmental groups and local stakeholders. Under the guidance of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), we are working towards a future of clean and plentiful water. *For more information on how you can get involved please contact the PAC Chair, Veronica Craw at (973) 817-5958 or Mark Newell at (973) 239-5943.*

### **Education and Outreach Committee (EOC)**

The goal of the EOC is to assure that all residents have a basic understanding of what a watershed is and their direct connection to their watershed. *For more information on how to get involved please contact the EOC Chair, Tom Pietrykoski, at (973) 817-5735.*

### **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

The TAC will facilitate the development of a comprehensive, holistic watershed management approach for the protection and restoration of WMA4 by providing technical leadership and guidance on all scientific and technical issues. *For more information on how to get involved please contact the TAC Chair, Russ Furnari, at (973) 430-8848.*

### **Open Space Committee (OSC)**

The mission of the WMA4 OSC is to protect and preserve open space within WMA4 in order to maintain water quality and water quantity and to protect public health and maintain and improve the ecologic integrity of the waterway biodiversity. Preservation should be through sound ecological methods that take into account sound economics for public benefit and public awareness. *For more information on how you can get involved please contact the OSC Chair, Paul Russo, at (973) 748-9000 ext. 312.*

\*For general questions on the WMA 4 process please contact Michele Bakacs, NJDEP, at (609) 292-9247 or visit <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt/index.html>.