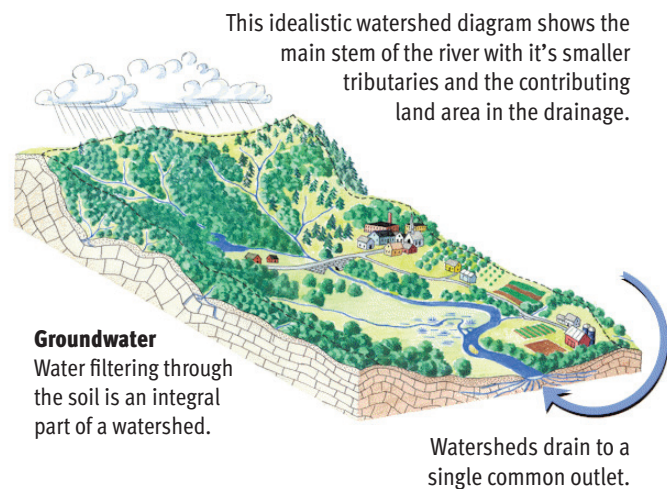




Watershed Facts

A watershed can be compared to a basin collecting all the precipitation that falls within it and carrying this to the common outlet. Watersheds vary in size from the largest river basins to just a few acres in size. Water moving within a watershed does not recognize political boundaries or landowner property lines. Keeping water clean benefits not only you but your downstream neighbors.



Artwork by Katharine Dodge.

Watershed Stewardship — What Can You Do?

What you do in your backyard and in your lifestyle makes a difference in your watershed. Listed below are some ways you can help protect the high quality and exceptional value water resources in our Pike County Watersheds.

At Home

- Water conservation is key! Finding ways to reduce your water usage around your home is easy. Landscape your yard with native plants that require less water and fertilizer and also provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- Reduce the amount of de-icers, chemicals or other hazardous materials used around the home.
- Minimize the use of mowed lawn areas and impervious surfaces (pavement) in your landscape allowing more natural infiltration of water.
- Be mindful of the types of cleaning products you use in your home. Anything you put down the drain either ends up in your septic system or the community sewage system.
- Retain or establish streamside (riparian) buffers to help filter runoff, protect water quality and enhance fish habitat.
- Properly store and dispose of hazardous materials such as paints, medications, and gasoline.

If you wouldn't want to drink it, think twice before pouring it on the ground or down a household drain.

In Your Community

- Volunteer to help with water quality monitoring efforts in your watershed.
- Encourage watershed-based planning and protection measures within your community.
- Join and become active in a watershed group or partnership organization.

Below is a listing of active watershed groups in Pike County.

The **Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District** is a community-based nonprofit corporation committed to protecting, maintaining and enhancing the water quality of Lake Wallenpaupack and its tributaries.

WallenpaupackWatershed.org
(570) 226-3865

The **Lackawaxen River Conservancy** is a cohesive group of local residents who have joined together and are committed to a common purpose. The watershed boundary encompasses parts of three counties — Wayne, Pike and Lackawanna—and 26 municipalities.

LackwaxenRiver.org
(570) 588-5800

The **Twin and Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy** is a group of concerned citizens working to protect and enhance the water quality of the Twin and Walker Creeks Watershed.

twcwc.com
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Do You Know Your Watershed Address?



A watershed is an area of land across which water, and the sediment and dissolved materials it contains, flow on their way to a single common outlet—a stream, lake or river.

Do You Know Your Watershed Address?

Everyone knows their mailing address and their street address but few people understand the importance of knowing their watershed address. Your watershed address provides you with a natural reference point that orients you to the region where you live. And just as there are towns, within counties within states, in a natural watershed system there are sub-watersheds within watersheds within drainage basins. For example, the rain that falls on your driveway might flow into McConnell Pond, which flows into McConnell Creek, which flows into Shohola Creek, which flows into the Delaware River.

So your watershed address would be:

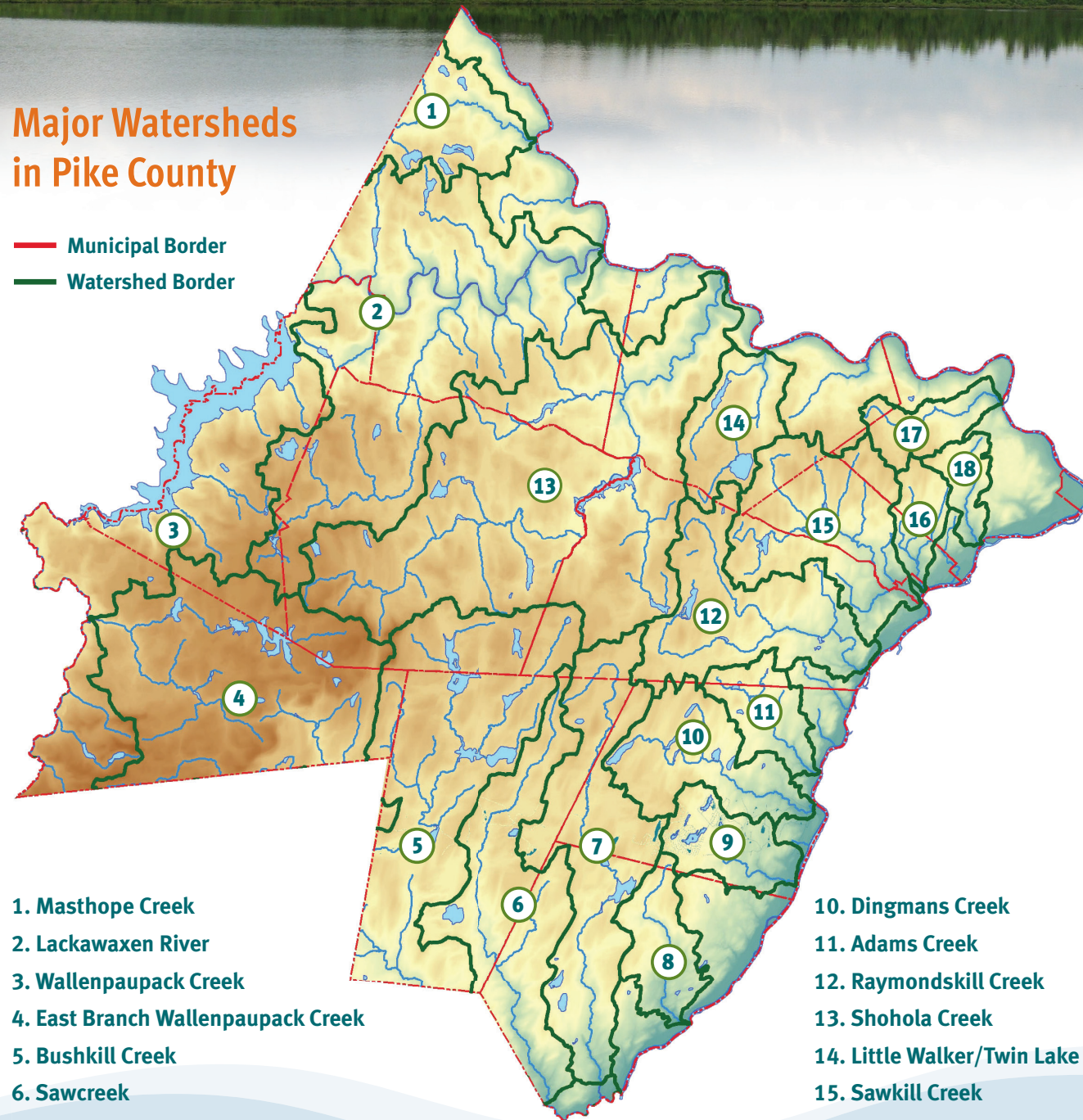
**McConnell Pond, McConnell Creek,
Shohola Creek, Delaware River**

yet your mail finds you through
Hemlock Farms, Blooming Grove, PA.

- Locate where you live on the map to identify the watershed in which you live.
- Read about your watershed and how water reaches others downstream.
- What can you do to be a good watershed steward?

Major Watersheds in Pike County

— Municipal Border
— Watershed Border



1. Masthope Creek
2. Lackawaxen River
3. Wallenpaupack Creek
4. East Branch Wallenpaupack Creek
5. Bushkill Creek
6. Sawcreek
7. Little Bushkill Creek
8. Toms Creek
9. Hornbecks Creek

10. Dingmans Creek
11. Adams Creek
12. Raymondskill Creek
13. Shohola Creek
14. Little Walker/Twin Lake Creek
15. Sawkill Creek
16. Vandermark Creek
17. Bush Kill (Millrift) Creek
18. Cummins Creek

Interactive tool on identifying your Watershed Address!

Visit our website to view and find out more about the water quality in your watershed. There are also additional helpful tips on how you can make a difference around your home and community. Visit our website at www.pikeconservation.org/watershed_address or scan the code below.

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