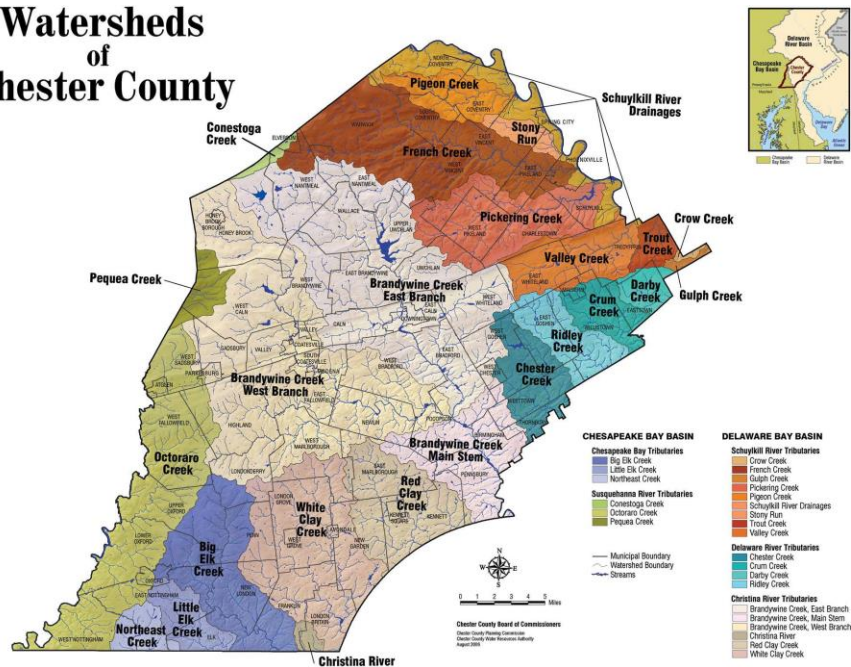


# Watersheds of Chester County



*"How could drops of water know themselves to be a river?" - Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

## What is a Watershed?

A watershed is the land area that drains into a stream or other body of water. Rain drops, snow melt, and even groundwater flows downhill until it reaches the lowest point, where bodies of water are found. The boundaries of a watershed are determined by the shape of the land.

Thousands of small watersheds drain into progressively larger watersheds. In Pennsylvania, there are six major watersheds, also known as basins. Depending on your location in Chester County, water from your property drains into either Susquehanna River basin or Delaware River basin. Water from these basins flow into the important estuaries of the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, respectively.

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# Master Watershed Steward Program



PennState Extension

## Chester County



**If Chester County is home, we volunteer  
in the watersheds where you live.**

## Statewide Partners

County Conservation Districts  
Pennsylvania Environmental Council  
PA Dept. of Environmental Protection  
PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Stroud Water Research Center  
Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley  
Trout Unlimited

## Who We Are

### Volunteers...

- With varying backgrounds and experiences.
- Who want to improve and conserve our water resources.
- With a desire to educate and enhance our community.
- That completed a comprehensive training program through Penn State Extension and partners, with annual continuing education requirements.



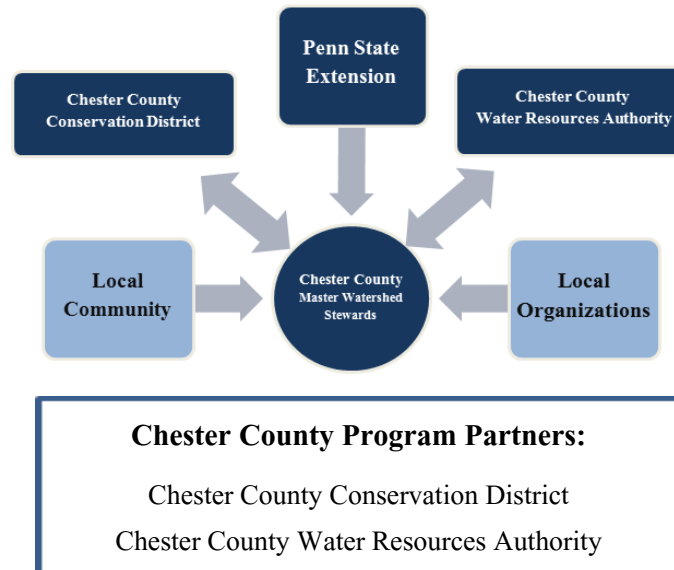
*"When the well's dry, we know the worth of water."*  
- Benjamin Franklin



## Our Partners & Mission

We collaborate with our partners to:

- Support safe, healthy and prosperous communities by providing water science, information, and planning.
- Educate and empower community members and others.
- Assist municipalities, watershed associations, conservation groups and organizations, landowners and others.



## Watershed Resources

### Master Watershed Steward Program

- <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/watershed-stewards/counties/chester-delaware>
- <https://chesco.org/1996/What-is-a-Watershed>
- <https://www.chesco.org/286/Watersheds>
- <https://extension.psu.edu/water>

## What We Do

- Provide watershed education.
- Strengthen local capacity for management and protection of watersheds.
- Empower and educate the community about watershed stewardship based on university research and recommendations.
- Organizing public workshops, conducting stream assessments and cleanups, participating in stream restoration projects, teaching adults and children about the environment, and more!



*"We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one."* - Jacques Cousteau

