



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023



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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STATEMENT

The Whippany River Watershed Action Committee (WRWAC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, preserving, and maintaining the Whippany River Watershed. The watershed is a vital resource for the 16 municipalities that it serves, providing drinking water, recreation, and a home to a variety of wildlife. The WRWAC has been working to protect the watershed for over 20 years.

This Annual Report highlights just some of the recent efforts put forth by the WRWAC in 2022 and 2023 to help our community care for the Whippany River Watershed.

The WRWAC is grateful for the support of the community. Together, we can protect the Whippany River Watershed for future generations.

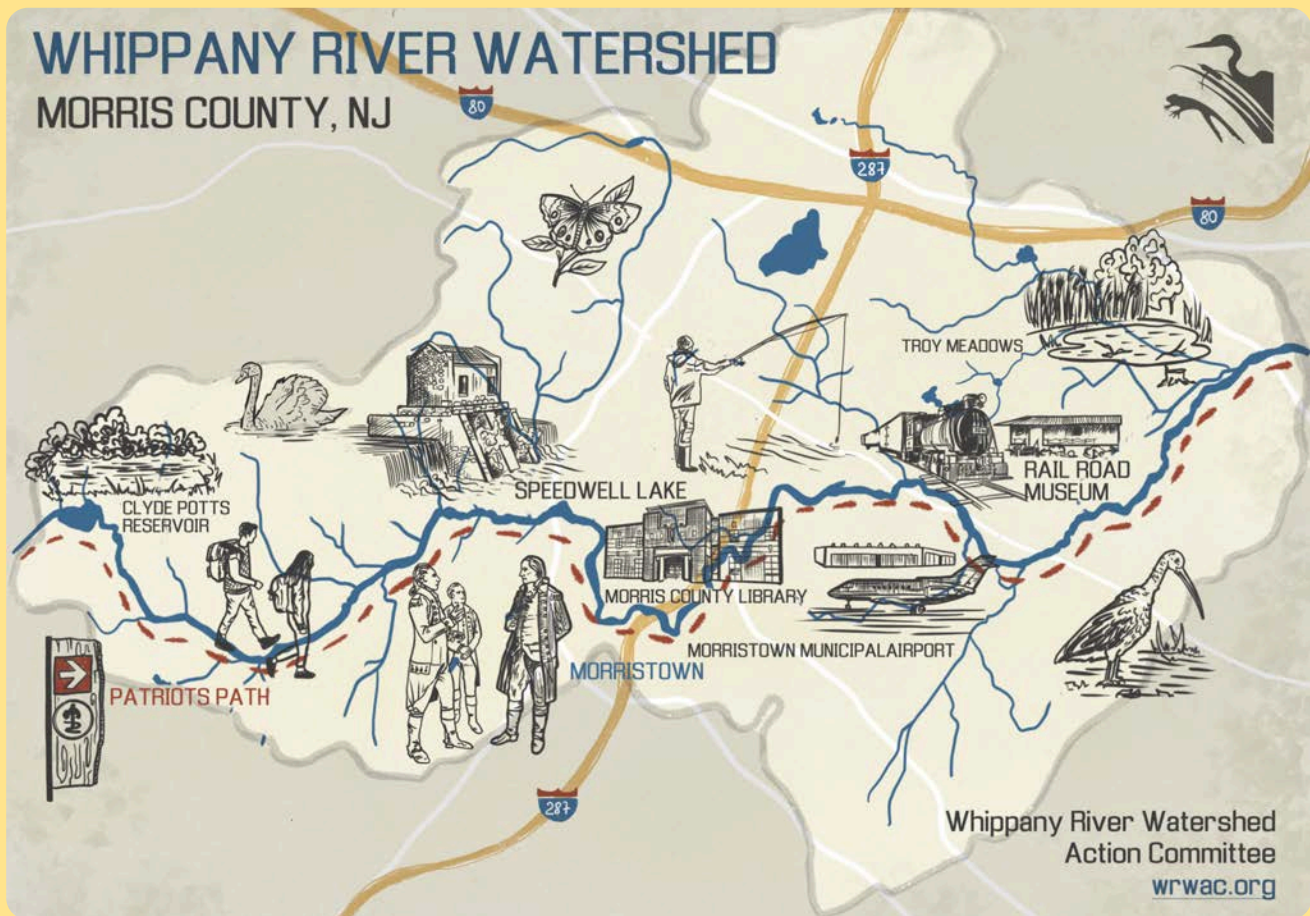
Join us in protecting the Whippany River Watershed.

**SIVA JONNADA**  
CHAIR

**LARRY GINDOFF**  
VICE CHAIR, TREASURER

**DENNIS DITTRICK**  
MEMBER AT LARGE

**JENIFER O'NEILL**  
FACILITATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR



The Whippany River Watershed covers 69.3 square miles in Morris County, New Jersey. It includes all the streams and tributaries that flow into the Whippany River, a 16-mile long river with headwaters originating above the Clyde Potts Reservoir in Mendham Township. The river flows east from Mendham, through Morris Township Morristown, Hanover, Florham Park, East Hanover and eventually terminating in Parsippany as it joins the Rockaway River at the Troy Meadows.

The watershed supports a diverse ecosystem, and contributes to the economic and recreational activities of the 16 municipalities which are part of the watershed.

The watershed provides drinking water for more than a million people in northern New Jersey. It faces many threats, such as pollution, flooding, erosion, invasive species, habitat loss and climate change. These threats can affect the quality and quantity of the water supply, as well as the health and well-being of the people and wildlife that depend on it.

This is why we ask you to join the WRWAC in our mission to protect, preserve and maintain the Whippany River Watershed by taking action to reduce the negative impacts of human activities and restore its natural balance.

# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS - 2022

## SPEAKER SERIES

- February - Clean Communities grants for litter management
- March - Joys and challenges of bee keeping
- April - Backyard bird feeding
- May - Landscaping with colorful native plants
- September - Recycling refresher
- October - Innovative Birchwood rain garden
- November - Harmful algae blooms



## SPECIAL EVENTS

- 2022-03-26 – Annual Morristown Whippany River clean up with the Bethel Church of Morristown
- 2022-04-30 - Tour of the Drew Forest Preserve
- 2022-06-04 - Bioblitz Morris
- 2022-12-07 - Paint the Whippany



# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS - 2023



## SPEAKER SERIES

- January - Role of the soil conservation district
- February - Watershed slideshow and federal grant announcement
- March - Helping gardens with compost
- April - Rain barrel demonstration
- May - Using native groundcovers when gardening

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- 2023-03-08 – Annual Morristown Whippany River clean up with the Bethel Church of Morristown
- 2023-04-20 - Hanover Township Central Park clean up, tree planting and invasive plant removal
- 2023-04-29 - Earth Day celebration
- 2023-06-07 - Tour award winning Birchwood rain garden



# FINANCIALS

## 2022

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee  
 Profit and Loss Standard Cash Basis  
 January through December 2022

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee  
 Balance Sheet Standard  
 As Of December 31, 2022

ASSETS	<u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Investors Bank	<u>33,531.80</u>
Total Checking/Savings	33,531.80
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	<u>-100.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	-100.00
Total Current Assets	<u>33,431.80</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	33,431.80
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	17,989.91
Retained Earnings	22,831.34
Net Income	<u>-7,389.45</u>
Total Equity	<u>33,431.80</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	33,431.80
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Ordinary Income/Expense Income	
Donations	
Sign Sponsorship	500.00
Donations - Other	<u>1,447.22</u>
Total Donations	1,947.22
Membership Dues	11,700.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,485.30
Reimbursed Expenses	<u>-205.56</u>
Total Income	<u>14,926.96</u>
Gross Profit	14,926.96
Expense	
Fundraising	250.00
Grant Project Costs BioBlitz	<u>7,207.98</u>
Total Grant Project Costs	7,207.98
Management & Gen'l Expenditures	
Facilitator	8,687.58
Meeting Costs	60.00
Office Supplies	<u>232.00</u>
Total Mgm't & Gen'l Expnd	8,979.58
Professional Fees	
Administrative Assistant	5,292.88
Bookkeeping Services	<u>600.00</u>
Total Professional Fees	5,892.88
Total Expense	<u>22,330.44</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-7,403.48
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Amazon Smile	<u>14.03</u>
Total Other Income	<u>14.03</u>
Net Other Income	<u>14.03</u>
Net Income	-7,389.45
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## ARTHUR W. VESPIGNANI INTERN PROGRAM

Shaila Joshi WRWAC's 2022-23 Morristown High School Intern who was mentored by Brigid Atkins, WRWAC's 2020-21 High School Intern. We thank Shaila for working on the following:

1. Grant, basic research and documentation
2. Water quality monitoring in designated streams and tributaries of the Whippany River Watershed
3. Represent the WRWAC at tabling, cleanup and outreach events, etc.
4. Calendar production
5. Promotion and social media, writing press releases, etc.



## LITTER CLEAN UP - STEWARDSHIP

### March 26, 2022 Clean Up Morristown

1. Granby Park
2. Cauldwell Playground
3. 44 Abbett Way
4. Across from Moe's
5. The Oxbow, Bishop Nazery Way

### March 18, 2023 Clean Up Morristown

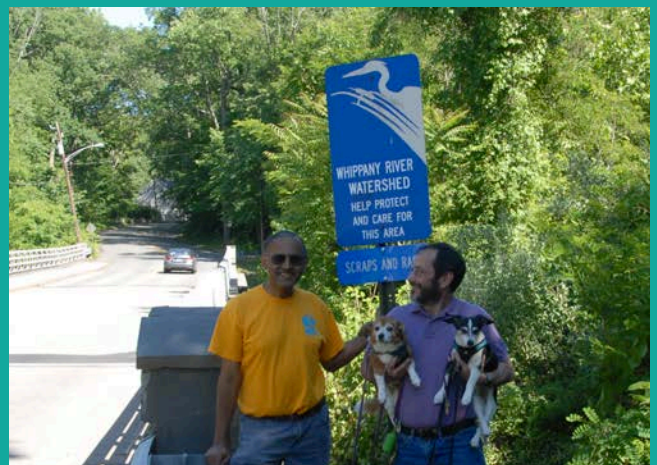
1. The Oxbow, Bishop Nazery Way
2. Patriots' Path to Pocahontas Lake

### April 20, 2023 Clean Up Hanover Twp.

1. Central Park
2. Patriots' Path and Whippany River
3. Tree Planting and Invasive Removal

## WHIPPANY RIVER WATERSHED SIGN SPONSORSHIP

Support the WRWAC and the Whippany River Watershed by sponsoring a road sign along the river.



The WRWAC also supports the communities in our watershed by regularly participating in public outreach at events such as Hanover Day, Parsippany Day, Madison's Bottle Hill Day, the Morristown Fall Festival, Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade, Morristown and Morris Plains Rotary and much more.

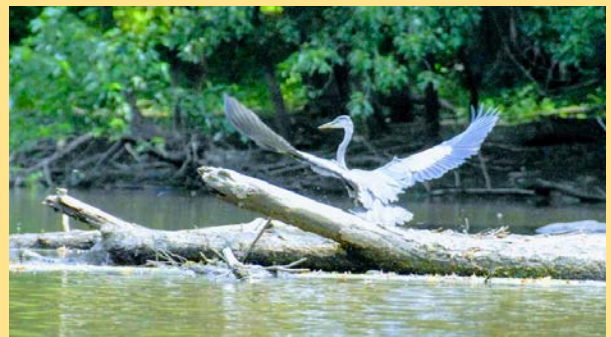
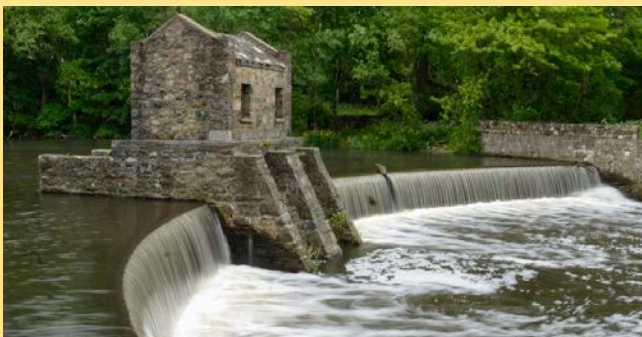
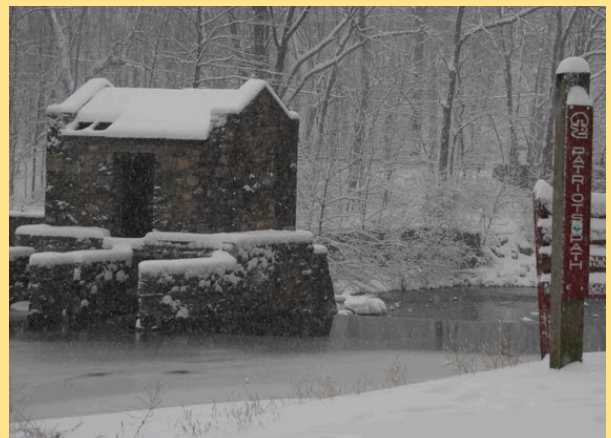
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