## We All Live in a Watershed, so What Exactly is a Watershed?

## Entering Stockport Creek Watershed

**Hudson River Estuary** 



A Watershed is an area of land that drains water to a defined point. It is where all of the water (rain, snow, sleet, etc.. ) that falls onto that land drains into a single water body.

The Greater Stockport Creek
Watershed Alliance defines this
point where Stockport Creek joins
the Hudson River.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) provided funding for this project from the state's Environmental Protection Fund through the Hudson River Estuary Program. Additional funding has been provided by New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC). Information gathered is intended to increase public awareness of water quality conditions in Hudson River tributaries and to support community-based watershed protection and restoration projects.

Greater Stockport Creek Watershed Alliance P. O. Box 422 Encompassing the watersheds of the Kinderhook and Claverack Creeks in the Lower Hudson Valley, New York



What's <u>your</u> Watershed Address?

Find your place in the Greater

Stockport Creek Watershed

The Greater Stockport Creek Watershed drains 517 square miles of the Mid-Hudson Valley in parts of Columbia and Rensselaer Counties in Eastern New York, and Berkshire County in Western Massachusetts.

The goal of the Greater Stockport Creek Watershed Alliance is to explore, understand and protect our watershed ecosystem through community involvement and stewardship. Individuals, community interest groups, local government agencies, federal and state agencies, conservation and environmental groups, sportsmen and women, business and commercial organizations are invited to participate in our efforts to raise awareness about water resources. Our outreach efforts include stream monitoring workshops, stream walks, kayak and canoe trips, school programs, treeplantings, and stream clean-ups to communicate to the public on issues in the area of water quality and stream protection.



Photo taken on Kinderhook Creek, at Stuyvesant Falls near The Upper Falls

Photo Credit: Gary Wall



The Greater Stockport Creek Watershed is the second largest tributary watershed to the tidal Hudson River. Water in all or part of 26 municipalities are captured by the Stockport Creek Watershed.

## **HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED**

Become a Stream Spotter
Join our Advisory Committee
Help organize a stream clean-up
Learn how to monitor water quality
Adopt water conservation practices
Learn about water protection strategies

Provide computer support

Host an event

Tree planting

Field work

## SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR WATERSHED!

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Tree planting at Little Seed Farm along the confluence of the Kinderhook & Stony Hill Creeks in Chatham, New York Photo Credit: Gary Wall