



What is a Watershed?

A Watershed is an area of land in which all sources of water flow to a common outlet – a stream, lake, river, etc.

Washington County Watersheds:

In Pennsylvania 95% of water drains to one of three waterways – The Ohio River, The Susquehanna River, and the Delaware River, the remaining 5% drains to one of the following waterways – Lake Erie, The Potomac River, or The Genesee River. The waterways in Washington County drain to either the Monongahela River or the Ohio River, but they are all part of the larger Ohio River Basin.

High Quality Streams:

Watersheds defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as High Quality (HQ) or Exceptional Value (EV) are awarded special protection under environmental regulations. There are no EV streams in Washington County, PA.

High Quality Streams in Washington County, PA:

- Cross Creek Watershed (from source to Avella water intake)
- Little Chartiers Creek Watershed (from source to Canonsburg Lake dam)
- Mingo Creek Watershed (from source to Froman Run)
- Buffalo Creek Watershed (entire basin within PA)
- Chartiers Creek Watershed – Reservoirs # 2, 3, and 4

Cold Water Fisheries:

Are waterways that have maintenance or propagation, or both, of fish species including the family Salmonidae (trout and similar fish) and additional plants and animals which are native to a cold water habitat.

Cold Water Fisheries in Washington County, PA:

- King's Creek Watershed (entire basin in PA)

Trout Stocked Streams:

Streams in Washington County, PA that are stocked for trout by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission include:

- Aunt Clara's Fork (Kings Creek Watershed) – from St. Route 4003 Bridge to mouth of King's Creek
- Dutch Fork Creek (Buffalo Creek Watershed) – from St. Route 0070 Bridge above Columbia Gas Compressor Station to Hicks Road Bridge
- Dutch Fork Creek (Buffalo Creek Watershed) – from Dutch Fork dam to mouth at Buffalo Creek
- Enlow Fork (Wheeling Creek Watershed) – from bridge on St. Route 4016 to bridge on St. Route 4018 (downstream of T324 bridge)
- King's Creek (King's Creek Watershed) – from T853 bridge to confluence with Aunt Clara's Fork
- Little Chartiers Creek (Chartiers Creek Watershed) – from bridge on 519 to first bridge on St. Route 1023
- Millers Run (Chartiers Creek Watershed) – from bridge on T608 to bridge on Route 50 & LR02339
- Mingo Creek (Mingo Creek Watershed) – from bridge on 1059 upstream of Mingo Park boundary to downstream of Mingo Park boundary
- Pike Run (Pike Run Watershed) – from T948 bridge to the mouth of Pike Run and the Monongahela River
- Templeton Fork (Wheeling Creek Watershed) – from the confluence at Rocky Run to the mouth
- Ten Mile Creek (Ten Mile Creek Watershed) – from bridge at St. Route 221 & T663 interchange to the confluence of Bane Creek and Ten Mile Creek

Contact Information:

The Washington County Watershed Alliance can be reached through their website – www.wcwalliance.org or through email at info@wcwalliance.org

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