

WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a lake or river.

Stand at the shore of Swartswood Lake and look around you to the tops of the mountains that surround the lake. The approximately twelve thousand acres that you see make up Swartswood's watershed. All precipitation falling in this area, with the exception of that absorbed by vegetation will make its way into the lakes or into the streams which feed the two lakes. This can occur as simple run-off after a storm or by means of groundwater, which enters the lakes via springs.

Unfortunately, this drainage brings not only water, but other material and pollutants as well. These might include dissolved fertilizers, soil particles (silt), pesticides, herbicides and hydrocarbon oils.

The primary goal of the Swartswood Lakes and Watershed Association is to preserve the water quality of the lakes, streams, wetlands and its watershed through education, management grants and the promotion of environmentally sound practices by all who use the lakes.

Swartswood Lakes contribute to the quality of life for everyone in the area. What their future holds depends on how they are used by all of us. Won't you join with your friends and neighbors to help protect and preserve this natural area so that it may continue to be enjoyed by future generations?

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The members meet twice per year, usually in May and in September.

TRUSTEE MEETINGS

The officers and trustee meetings (open to all members) are scheduled about 8-10 times per year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Events such as picnics, special meetings and volunteer training or seminars are often scheduled in the summer.

NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter: "Shore to Shore News" and a small number of related mailings are made throughout the year to members.

COMMITTEES

Volunteers are needed for committees concerned with education, monitoring, fund raising, etc.

2012 TRUSTEES

Jim Stark, President
Paul Adamski, Vice-President
Larry Condit, Treasurer
Margaret Emmetts, Secretary
Randy Sprague, Technical Advisor
Jim Bastinck
Milt Becker
David Cooper
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WATERSHED ASSOCIATION, INC.
PO BOX 44
SWARTSWOOD, NJ 07877

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to: **SWARTSWOOD LAKES &
WATERSHED
ASSOCIATION** PO Box 44
Swartswood, NJ 07877

Membership Type: (check one)

Individual/Family [\$35]

Business/Organization [\$50]

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
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Lake Address: _____
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Home Telephone No. _____

Lake Telephone No. _____

e-mail: _____

Dues Paid for 20__ Date: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to include an additional donation, that would also be appreciated.

Donation Amount:\$ _____

Your donation is tax deductible!

Thank you,

Membership Committee

Email: **SLWAinc@yahoo.com**

Website: **www.SLWA.net**

Do you enjoy the
Swartswood Lakes area?

Would you like a voice
in determining the future
of the area?

Help us in preserving
the quality of the lakes.

We are a nonprofit organization of volunteers who
are interested in improving, monitoring and
recommending solutions to implement the
restoration of water quality of the Swartswood
Lakes and the Watershed area

The Association is working for:

The Residents
Property Owners
Renters
Nature Lovers
Conservationists
Campers
Fishermen
Hunters
Swimmers
Boaters
Sailors
You!

**JOIN THE SLWA!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**SWARTSWOOD LAKES
& WATERSHED
ASSOCIATION
PROGRAMS**

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

LAKE RESTORATION

**LAKE & WATER
QUALITY MONITORING**

STREAM CLEAN UP

AQUATIC WEED HARVESTING

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

**SEPTIC MANAGEMENT
EDUCATION**

**WELL PROTECTION
EDUCATION**

**LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL
REGULATION
RECOMMENDATIONS**

STILLWATER CLEAN-UP DAY

**KEEN'S MILL RESTORATION
SWARTSWOOD STATE PARK &
ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIPS**

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS
SUPPORT THESE
PROGRAMS!**

HISTORY

The Swartswood Lakes Association was formed in 1992 when a group of concerned citizens banded together to preserve Swartswood Lake. Several years later the organization was expanded to include Little Swartswood Lake and the watershed of both. In this short time period, the association has built an impressive list of accomplishments:

Limnological Study of the lake. *

Hypolimnetic Aeration system installed
(\$250,000. grant)**

Lake Harvesting Project
(\$96,800. grant)**

Purchase of Weed Harvester
(\$30,000. grant)

Biological Control for Eurasian milfoil
(\$72,650. grant)***

Septic System Management
(\$155,875. grant)

Stormwater Management
(\$223,640. grant)

* with Sussex Co Water Quality Mgmt Program

** with Sussex Co. Dept. of Planning

***with Swartswood State Park

These grants all require matching funds. Fortunately these are available through volunteer hours which are considered "in-kind" matching funds. Each year in excess of 2500 such hours are contributed through the efforts of the Paradise Fishing Club, Emmons Lane Association, Swartswood Yacht Club, Little Swartswood Lake, Camp Lou Henry Hoover and Camp Aldersgate. All of whom work in conjunction with SLWA. Future projects include:

- **Keen's Mill Preservation & Adaptive Reuse**
- **Little Swartswood Lake Biomass Removal Study**
- **Swartswood Lake algae bloom**
- **Upper Crandon Lake Association educational outreach**
- **Lower Crandon Lake Water Quality Study (in conjunction with the Stillwater Environmental Commission)**
- **Control of American Lotus herbicide treatment of lake as a joint project between residents and the State Park**