



What We Do

As the voice of the watershed, our primary role is to help people understand the link between their quality of life and the integrity of the natural environment that surrounds and supports them. The watershed environment is our primary teaching tool.

Our actions are a blend of advocating on behalf of the natural wonders of the watershed to improve resource management and use, and rolling up our sleeves and directly engaging in activities that benefit the watershed and its user communities.

Who We Are

We are a member-supported organization dedicated to ensuring that the natural beauty of the Wood and Pawcatuck River watersheds is maintained for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations. Incorporated in 1983, WPWA plays an ongoing role in public policy formulation. As the State of RI's designated watershed council for the Pawcatuck, WPWA has legal standing to advocate on behalf of its resources and user communities.

We work with local, state, and federal agencies to encourage a watershed-based approach to environmental management and resource use. Our campus, located on the Wood River, provides public access to anglers and paddlers. It also serves as a jumping off site for a host of environmental education and recreation programs for children and our supporting membership.

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*Preserving and protecting the
lands and waters of the
Wood-Pawcatuck watershed for
natural and human communities*





Core Areas of Focus

Clean, Cool, Abundant Freshwater

The most precious resource on planet Earth is water. People, plants, and animals all need water to live, and we all need it clean to thrive. Some native species, like brook trout, also need it cool. We see the protection of this critical-to-all-life resource is our primary mandate.

Thriving Native Plants and Animals

One of the joys of living in the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed is the great variety and abundance of plant and animal life with which it is blessed, both in the water and on land. We see the preservation of this variety and abundance as critically important to the watershed's long-term health.



A Healthy Saltwater Environment

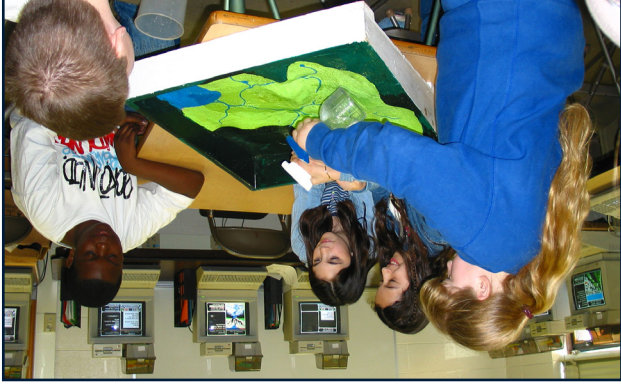
The lower Pawcatuck River and Little Narragansett Bay are the gateway to the ocean and the doorway to the watershed for migratory fish.

Plentiful Access to Recreation

Recreational access to hiking trails, paddle craft launch sites, and fishing areas are important to the quality of life for both residents in and visitors to the watershed. People find peace and tranquility on its waters and in the natural beauty of its lands.

Helping People Care About the Watershed

Interacting directly with watershed resources helps people create emotional bonds, such as respect, affection, and pride. These bonds provide a powerful means for inspiring a sense of stewardship for watershed resources.



Member Services

Have questions related to rivers, ponds and access areas? We can answer them and assist you in planning your next outdoor adventure. If you're looking for a private kayak lesson, a guided paddle, or outfitting services, our staff and affiliates can do it all! We look forward to seeing you every May for our Annual Meeting at which we share with you all the accomplishments we have achieved together over the past year.

Become a Volunteer

Interested in sharing your skills and talents and really engaging with WPWA? There are many opportunities for you to help WPWA be more effective. Program planning, membership building, assisting or leading activities, to name just a few. Talk to a WPWA staff person for more information about how to engage with your organization.

