

Major Hydrographic
Features of the
Weir River ACEC.

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Harbors Institute)

WHAT IS A WATERSHED ?

A watershed is the area of land that catches rain and snow and drains into a marsh, stream, river, lake or groundwater. Watersheds connect communities through water and you're sitting in one now!

The Weir River Watershed:

- Supplies drinking water to about 38,000 people in the Towns of Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, and Norwell.
- Is 23.4 square miles in area.
- Is located largely in Hingham and Hull, with smaller portions in Weymouth, Rockland and Norwell.
- Starts at Accord Pond.
- Receives water from other water bodies including the Plymouth River, Accord Brook (in Wompatuck State Park), Crooked Meadow River, and Fulling Mill Brook.
- Crosses under Route 3A, near the intersection of Route 228, where it enters Foundry Pond.
- Ultimately contributes to the lower Weir River estuary including Straits Pond, which lies between the towns of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECOME A MEMBER

Help us to protect and promote the assets of the Weir River Watershed by becoming a member.

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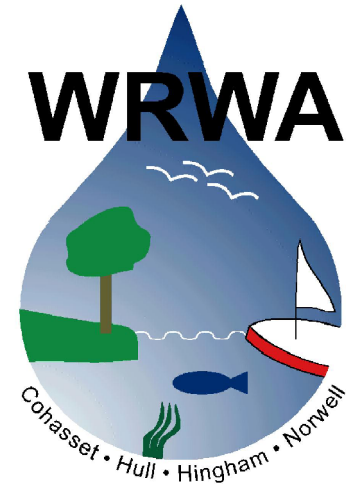
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Membership category:

- ☐ **Business** \$100.00
- ☐ **Patron** \$50.00
- ☐ **Family** \$20.00
- ☐ **Associate** \$10.00

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An island in the Weir River. (Picture by Pam Flattich)

WHAT IS THE WEIR RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION?

The Weir River Watershed Association (WRWA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit (pending) group committed to promoting awareness and stewardship of the Weir River Watershed.

Our goals are to:

- Gather data on the Watershed's condition using monitoring programs.
- Design and carry out local projects to maintain and improve the water quality, beauty, and enjoyment of the Weir River Watershed.
- Report findings on the condition of the Weir River Watershed to the public, governmental committees, and other agencies.
- Build a partnership of schools, community groups, businesses, and all levels of government entities who are committed to maintaining the Weir River Watershed as a necessary and beautiful resource.

WHAT DOES THE WEIR RIVER WATERSHED DO FOR YOU?

In addition to supplying residents with high quality drinking water, the Weir River Watershed offers much more. Its various public parks, recreational water bodies and natural beauty enhance the quality of life of residents within the watershed. Some of these areas include:

- Weir River estuary – state designated area of critical environmental concern (ACEC).
- World's End – owned by the Trustees of Reservations. This amazing open space has landscaping designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and spectacular views.
- Weir River Farm – owned by the Trustees of Reservations. A 75 acre parcel that preserves part of the area's rural past.
- Wompatuck State Park has over 250 campsites, 12 miles of bicycle trails, and is home to Mount Blue Spring which has water suitable for drinking.

These are just some of the special places that make the Weir River Watershed unique!



Kayak Day, June 2002. (Picture by Samantha Woods)

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN US?

- Support the protection and preservation of a valuable asset.
- Participate in fun recreational events.
- Learn about the Weir River Watershed by attending WRWA sponsored educational forums and receiving our newsletter.

The Weir River Watershed contains one of the largest and most productive salt marsh ecosystems in the Boston Harbor area.

- Urban Harbors Institute

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Become a member of the Weir River Watershed Association, conserve water, recycle, dispose of hazardous waste properly, and act to protect buffer zones around water bodies and wetlands. Here are a few more ideas:

- Get involved in town planning.
- Contribute to land conservation trusts.
- Use rain barrels for outdoor watering.
- Landscape minimizing lawn amounts.
- Plant native plants and trees that are used to minimal summer rainfalls.
- Inspect your septic system yearly.
- Reduce your power consumption; power plant cooling uses water.
- Limit lawn pesticide applications.
- Minimize impervious surfaces, such as asphalt parking lots and roads.