What Is Your Stream Sense?

Middlesex County Improvement Authority

Where is Your Neighborhood Stream?

by Lila Lost

1. Find your neighborhood on the map.
2. Find the name of your neighborhood stream.
3. Visit your stream.
4. Things on our roads, sidewalks, roofs, driveways, & parking lots are washed into your stream. How sad. How bad. Aren't you mad?
5. Stick up for your neighborhood stream!

What Washes Into Your Stream?

by Derek Disgusted

Waste from our pets Leaves and branches

Fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides from yards

Our cut grass Our plastic and cans

Cigarette butts

Dripping motor oil from our cars

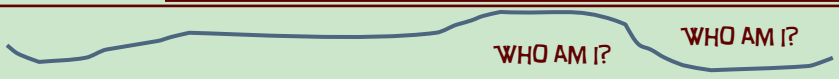
Litter of all types

Soap from washing our cars

Stones, grit and eroded soil

Home car wash soap

What? Your stream has NO NAME?



How can we care for something with no name? Name your stream! Naming information can be found at http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/index.html. See the 'principles, policies, and procedures' to avoid choosing labels that cannot be used such as a person's name. See http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic to search stream names. Take your idea to your Mayor, municipal Environmental Commission or Planning Board and they can help you to submit your idea.

Ten ways that you can care for your stream

by Dudley Do-it Right

Never dump anything into storm drains

Pick up after your pet

Sweep, don't wash, your driveways & sidewalks

Put plants in bare soil spots

Direct rooftop runoff to the grass or garden

Wash your car only at the car wash

Use fertilizer and pesticides sparingly

Check you vehicles for leaks

Compost your yard waste

Go light on your water use during rainstorms

***Days of Fun** on Our Raritan River: Things to Do, Learn and Share on Our Riverfront . . .*

is a program of the MCIA. By expanding public interest in and enjoyment and knowledge of the Raritan, the MCIA aims to increase care of the river, expand tourism, recreation, development and open space opportunities, and improve the quality of life.

In partnership with the riverfront communities of the Lower Raritan, the MCIA has offered events appealing to all ages and interests. Participants also have heard about the Raritan estuary, its improving condition and its needs.

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