

Northern New Jersey Farmers in Selected Watersheds Should Apply Now
Technical and Financial Assistance Available to Help Improve Water Quality

Agricultural producers and land owners who have an interest in an agricultural operation predominantly located within one of three designated sub-watersheds of the Raritan River basin can apply for technical and financial assistance to implement farm practices that improve water quality. A total of \$216,087 in federal funds is available through the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) for 2010. Some of the practices which will be funded include livestock access control fencing, composting, cover crops, nutrient management, prescribed grazing, pest management, gutters, stream crossings, waste storage facilities, and livestock watering facilities.

Twenty-two municipalities in Hunterdon, Morris and Somerset Counties are included in the program area that is within the Spruce Run/Mulhockaway Creek, the Neshanic River, and the South Branch/Long Valley watersheds. North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development can help you determine if you are eligible to apply for AWEP. Call 908-735-0733 x 102. Applications for the program can be made at the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Franklin Township, Hunterdon County (908-782-4614, ext. 3) or Hackettstown, Warren County (908-852-2576, ext. 3). Applications must be received by May 14, 2010.

Information about the program is available online at
<http://www.nj.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/awep/>