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Who Are You?

- Please tell us:
  - Your name
  - Where you’re from
  - Affiliation/occupation
  - Reason for coming to today’s training…

New Jersey Watershed Steward
Pre-Questionnaire

- Has everyone received and finished their pre-questionnaire?
- If not, raise your hand and we’ll give you one.
  - And no, you do not get out of doing the pre-questionnaire....(or the post-questionnaire)

Your Folder

- Agenda
- Copies of all presentations
- Some helpful publications
- A few goodies
What We Ask of You

- Ask questions!
- Get to know your neighbors
- Please try and be on time
  - We’ve got a lot to cover - when we give you a 15-minute break, please don’t take 20…

HAVE FUN!

Program Agenda

1. Program Introduction
2. Overview of Watershed Systems
3. Overview of Watershed Impairments
4. Managing to Improve Watershed Function
5. Overview of Watershed Involvement
6. Service Projects & Break-out Groups
RCE Environmental Education
Extension Programs

- **Environmental Stewards** [http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/]
  - Essex/Metro (Essex County Environmental Center, Roseland, January – May, Thursdays)
  - Central/Duke (Duke Farms, Hillsborough, January – May, Tuesdays)
  - Delaware Region (Rutgers EcoComplex, Columbus, January – May, Fridays)
  - Coastal Region (Atlantic County Utilities Authority, Egg Harbor Twp., January – May, Wednesdays)
  - Cape May (RCE of Cape May County, Cape May Court House, Summer, Tuesdays)

- **NJAES Natural Resources & the Environment Directory**
  [http://njaes.rutgers.edu/nre/]
What is the NJWS Program?

- A statewide educational training sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the Water Resources Program to:
  - Make you more aware of and knowledgeable about your watershed and local water issues
  - Help you become leaders in your community
  - Motivate you to facilitate local efforts in your watershed
  - Improve & protect quality of local water resources

Why is Watershed Stewardship Important?

- Water is the most critical component of life
- Watershed stewardship means taking care of the water, air, and biodiversity in a watershed to ensure the sustainability of our water resources for generations to come.
If we become *educated* about our watersheds and understand how our activities affect them, we will *act* more *responsibly* to *preserve, protect and enhance* them.

Let’s get started...