



In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries the Blackstone was described as an “industrial river.” Although still threatened by pollution, increasingly from residential sources, the health of this river continues to improve and its rich history and vast resources are becoming more appreciated. The Blackstone River Watershed Association has played an active role in the protection of the Blackstone and its tributaries since its creation in 1976.

## Join Us!

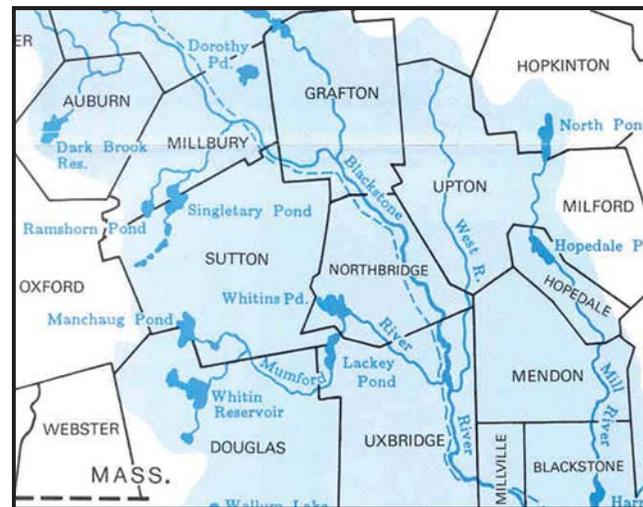
Donate, Volunteer,  
Attend Events  
and Activities

The BRWA’s mission is to engage, educate and advocate to improve water quality in the Blackstone River Watershed. Your involvement with the organization will help us achieve our goals!

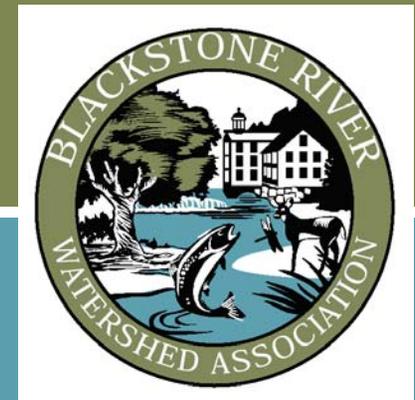
Board meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday 6:30 to 8:30pm at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center in Uxbridge—all are welcome.



The BRWA’s activities focus on the mid-section of the Blackstone River Watershed, which covers 12 towns. A watershed is an area of land over which rain and snow melt flow to a particular water body.



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## How We Engage

### E-newsletter

This monthly email includes community concerns, helpful tips, local events and ways to get involved

### Outreach at Public Events

Displays and take-away materials are shared to promote action to protect local waterways



### Recreational Activities

Hiking and paddling activities are arranged to provide opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty and history of the watershed area

### River Cleanups

Volunteers are organized to remove trash and bulky items found along the riverbanks



## How We Educate

### Watershed Model

An interactive program enables students to understand how land-based activities impact waterways

### Coffee and Conservation

Speakers and demonstrations cover a variety of environmental topics to encourage stewardship



### NIP—No Invasive Plants

Trainings and “Pull the Plants Parties” promote the active management of aquatic plants that threaten the health of rivers, streams and ponds



### In Business for the Blackstone

This stewardship program encourages businesses to implement better housekeeping practices to prevent polluted stormwater runoff from entering our waterways

## How We Advocate

### Water Quality Monitoring

Water samples from 27 sites are tested monthly as part the Blackstone River Coalition Watershed-wide Volunteer Monitoring Program



### Shoreline Surveys

Coordinated teams evaluate conditions along targeted waterways and address areas of concern



### Partnerships

Collaborations help to advance the mission of other environmentally focused organizations working in the Blackstone Valley

### Policy Development

Work with municipal officials, government regulators and local organizations helps to strengthen environmental protection measures