Where does the water that rains on your home go? After it leaves your lawn, street or sidewalk where is it headed? Does it flow downhill straight to a nearby stream or lake? Does it wander into a wetlands? Does it puddle in your backyard? Does it zip down a storm drain to a local creek?

That destination, whether it’s a puddle, a pond, a bay or a lake, is your watershed address. It could be Duck Pond, Spring Lake, Millstone River, Barnegat Bay or Beaver Brook. Just like there are towns within counties within states, there are subwatersheds within watersheds within drainage basins. For example, the rain that falls on your driveway might flow into Lake Hopatcong, which flows into the Musconetcong River, which flows into the Delaware River. So your watershed address would be Lake Hopatcong, Musconetcong River, Delaware River even though your mail finds you through Jefferson Township, Morris County, New Jersey.

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