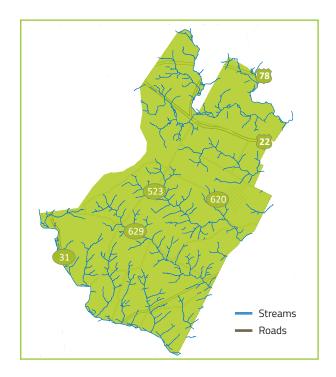
#### **Readington Township**

 Our community offers areas of extraordinary beauty, wildlife habitat, agriculture, and precious natural resources.



Readington Township is bounded on the north by the Lamington River and Rockaway Creek; east by Somerset County; south by the South Branch of the Raritan River; and west by the old West Jersey Society's line which crosses the Cushetunk Mountains.



# **1.8 Million+**people depend on the water we protect

#### **Healthy Water Healthy Life**

Raritan Headwaters Association is a nonprofit conservation organization that protects water in our rivers, our streams, and our homes. Our vision is that everyone within our reach has access to safe, clean water that is swimmable, fishable, and above all, drinkable.

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### READINGTON TOWNSHIP

Your Community's Land and Water



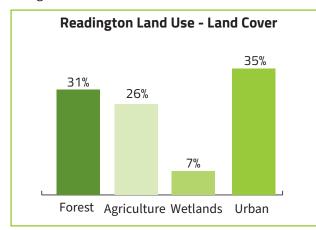
## Readington Township **Land and Water**

- Readington Township has 16,000 residents living in an area of 47.8 sq miles.
- There are 5,004 private wells in our town. It's up to you to test your well.

Contaminants identified in wells tested in Readington that **exceeded**NJ Drinking Water Standards.



There are 152 miles of stream in Readington Township. 36% of forested stream corridors have been altered by development or agriculture.



Estimated 2 billion, 70 million gallons of stormwater runoff in an average year due to impervious surfaces (e.g., pavement, roofs)

## What you can do to protect your town's precious natural resources.

Vegetated riparian buffers control erosion and prevent pollutants from entering our waterways. Plant native trees and shrubs along streambanks to help keep our streams clean and healthy!



- Stormwater runoff that carries pollutants into streams and rivers can be managed through "green infrastructure" like rain gardens that allow water to slow down, penetrate, and filter out contaminants before they enter our waterways. They also add beauty to the landscape and support a diversity of birds and butterflies.
- Have your septic system pumped every three years to ensure proper functioning. Excess nitrates and bacteria from poorly maintained systems can contaminate nearby drinking water wells and streams.

- Advocate for protecting and restoring natural habitats in your community. Attend township committee meetings and stay current with land use planning, zoning rules, and proposed developments.
- In Readington, most residents get their drinking water from underground aquifers and rely on private wells. Well water testing is an important part of keeping you and your family healthy and also helps monitor our aquifers.
- Look for the Hunterdon County Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Days schedule to safely dispose of paints, cleaners, oil, prescription drugs and pesticides that pose a threat to water quality and human health.



Watch for RHA's Annual Stream Cleanup in April.

