



Pequannock Watershed Fisheries
2016 Information Sheet

Welcome to the City of Newark's Watershed! The Pequannock Watershed is a 35,000 acre natural resource purchased by the City in 1900. It is located in portions of six (6) separate municipalities in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This resource, from a land-use perspective, is managed by the City of Newark's Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services' Division of Watershed Development. Parts of the Watershed's physical make-up are large reservoirs and streams. Access to the Watershed resource for fishing opportunities is controlled through the NJ State's license and City of Newark's Watershed permit program. Information describing the boating and fishing program is made available upon request from the Permits Office located at 223 Echo Lake Road, West Milford, NJ 07435 or by calling (973) 697-1724 or (973) 697-1758.

STOCKING

The Watershed instituted a stocking program in November, 1984. The stocking program is currently limited to the Echo Lake, Clinton and Canistear Reservoirs. In cooperation with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries and Muskies, Inc., the Watershed stocks a small number of true strain Muskellunge (muskie) into the Echo Lake Reservoir. The introduction of the Muskellunge created a trophy class fishery without adversely affecting the existing fish population in the reservoir. Approximately 1,000 muskellunge, 3,680 brown and rainbow trout and 3,500 walleyes are stocked in these reservoirs annually.

NATIVE SPECIES

The Watershed supports both warm water species such as bass and sunfish and cold water species such as trout and muskellunge.

-ECHO LAKE RESERVOIR - (300 acres; PH 6.4; maximum depth 32 feet)
Sunfish, chain pickerel, yellow perch, largemouth bass, black crappies

-CLINTON RESERVOIR - (423 acres; PH 6.6; maximum depth 42 feet)
Sunfish, yellow perch, catfish, smallmouth and largemouth bass; chain pickerel, brown and rainbow trout

-OAK RIDGE RESERVOIR- (482 acres; PH 7.4; maximum depth 56 feet)
Smallmouth and largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch and sunfish

-CANISTEAR RESERVOIR- (350 acres; PH 7.4; maximum depth 42 feet)
Smallmouth and largemouth bass; sunfish, yellow perch and walleyes

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