

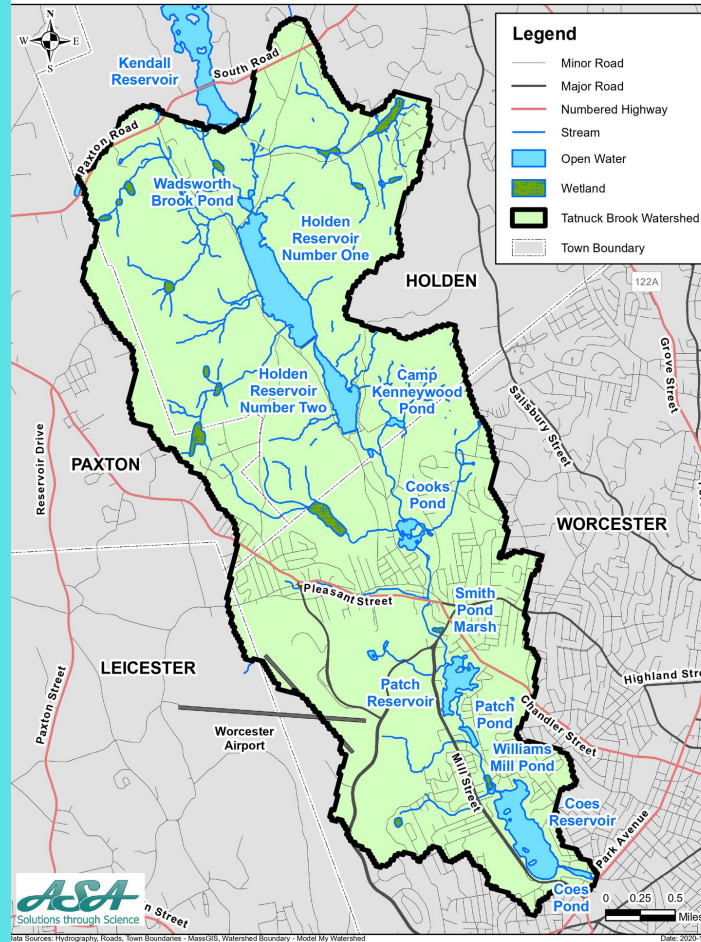
Why You Should Care

We have a good chance to save this waterway. Due to an increasing number of people pulling together to get the job done, we are changing the past course of environmental destruction. Your joining with us in this effort and becoming active members of this watershed association is most welcome.



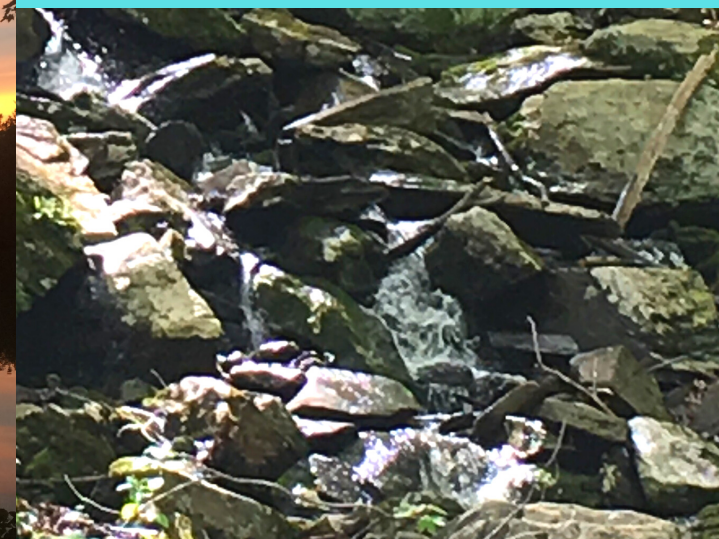
Membership Info

TBWA seeks the support and participation of the people who live and work in and who care about the Tatnuck Brook Watershed. You can sign up to get information about our monthly meetings and other activities at our website: www.tatnuckbrook.org



Tatnuck Brook Watershed Association

Working to protect Tatnuck Brook, Cook Pond, Patch Reservoir, and Coes Reservoir



WHO WE ARE

Tatnuck Brook Watershed Association is a nonprofit group, originally organized in 1986 as the Coes and Patches Ponds Watershed Associates, “to restore, to preserve, to maintain the environmental, water and recreational quality of the Tatnuck Brook watershed area.” Over the years since its founding, the group has successfully worked on many important issues. The name of our organization was changed to the Tatnuck Brook Watershed Association (TBWA) to better reflect a more comprehensive watershed approach, and to invite and include all residents of the watershed.

Tatnuck Brook begins in Holden, as the outlet of Holden Reservoir Number Two, one of the City of Worcester’s drinking water reservoirs. It travels into Worcester where it feeds several waterbodies, including Cook’s Pond, Patch Reservoir, and Coes Reservoir. Each of these waterbodies provides important recreational opportunities to residents of Worcester and surrounding communities. TBWA works to promote use of these “blue spaces” to local residents.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The activities on the land in a watershed impact the water quality of the streams and lakes in the watershed. TBWA works with residents, the city, and other groups to promote better water quality throughout the watershed. Some of our accomplishments have included:

- Providing environmental educational outreach
- Working for long-term protection of Coes Reservoir by transferring ownership from Coes Knife Corporation to the City of Worcester
- Working with the City and other partners on reconstruction of Coes dam and Patch dam
- Participating/coordinating annual Earth Day Cleanups organized by the Regional Environmental Council
- Participating in the Worcester Cyanobacteria Monitoring Collaborative (WCMC), collecting and analyzing samples from Coes Reservoir, Patch Reservoir, and Cooks Pond
- Holding annual water chestnut weed pulls
- Instituting an annual Fishing Derby and working with the city and other lake associations to promote fishing in the city’s lakes and ponds