

Why You Should Care

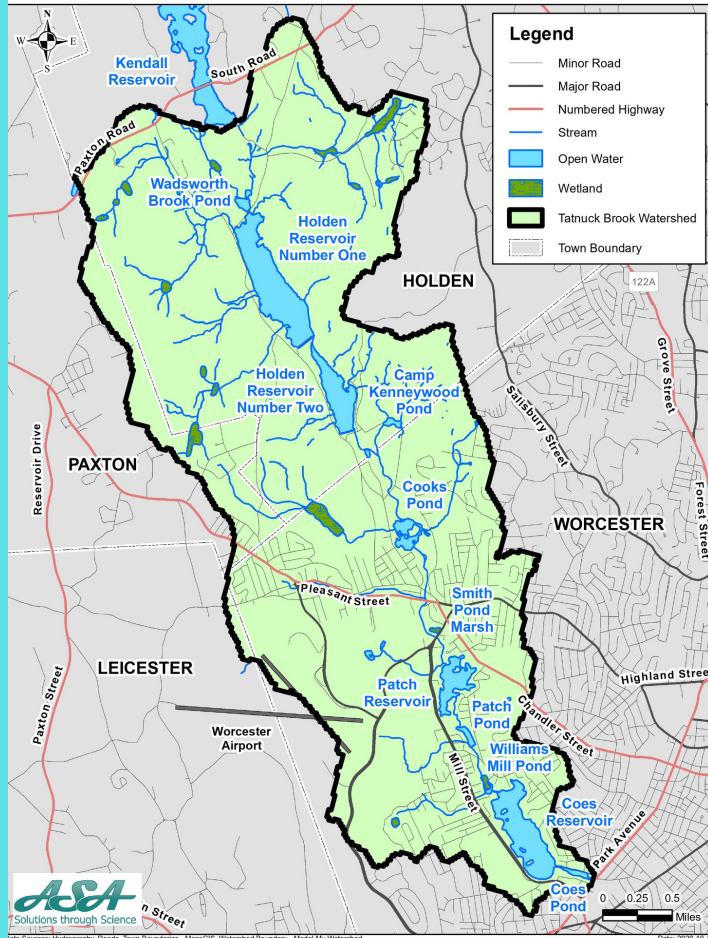
Tatnuck Brook and its waterbodies are a valuable resource, providing wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and scenic vistas. Learning about the impact of our everyday activities on water quality and working with members of our community and The City of Worcester on management strategies can improve the health of our watershed.



Membership Info

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

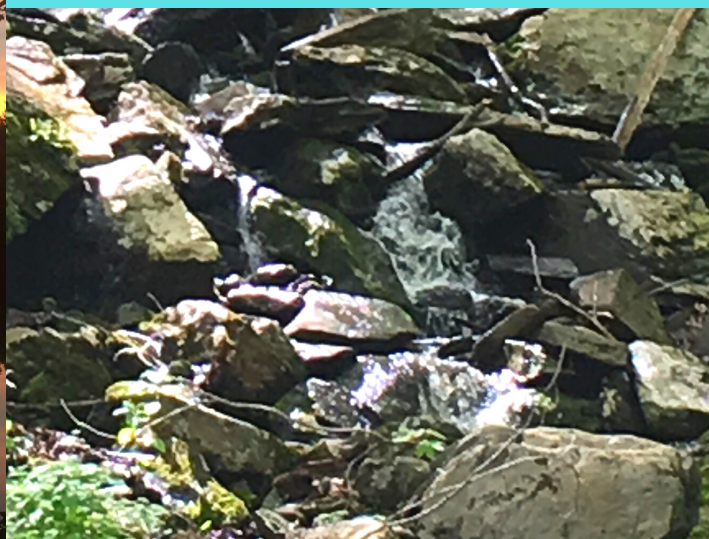
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Tatnuck Brook Watershed Association

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

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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 as the outlet of Holden Reservoir, travels via Tatnuck Brook through Cook Pond, Patch Reservoir, and Coes Reservoir, and provides a variety of recreational oppoortunities. Tatnuck Brook feeds into the Blackstone River, and ultimately into Narraganset Bay of the Atlantic Ocean.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The activities on the land and water drainage into a watershed area, impacting the water quality of the streams and lakes in the watershed. TBWA works closely with area residents, the city of Worcester, and other related groups throughout the regional watershed. Some of our recent activities and accomplishments include the following:

- Participate in Worcester's DPW & P's Recreational Water "Blue Space" initiatives
- Host Annual Fishing Derby and Family Day at Coes Pond
- Collaborate with the City and regional Lake Associations to promote recreation and fishing at area lakes and ponds
- Support weed management treatments and harvests at TWBA ponds and waterways
- Deliver environmental educational outreach
- Advocate for long term protection of Coes Reservoir via transfer of ownership from Coes Knife Corporation to the City of Worcester
- Align with City of Worcester and related partners to rebuild Coes and Patch Dams
- Organize annual Earth Day Cleanups sponsored by the Regional Environmental Council
- Recruit 'citizen scientists' to collect and analyze water samples from Coes Reservoir, Patch Reservoir, and Cook Ponds, sponsored by DPW & P's Worcester Water Quality Program