

2.8 Stakeholders

Flowing southwest across the Greene/Ulster county divide from the Town of Hunter to the Town of Shandaken (portions of the watershed also lie in the Towns of Lexington and Woodstock), the Stony Clove crosses the jurisdictions of the two county Soil and Water Conservation Districts (Greene and Ulster), two NYSDEC Regions (Regions 3 and 4), and two NYS DOT Regions (Regions 1 and 8). The town and county highway departments are important players in managing stream/roadway interactions. Electrical power and telephone rights-of-way parallel the stream in a number of locations, and vegetation management to protect this infrastructure also impacts stream function. The New York US ACoE District permits floodplain projects in the watershed. There are three sporting groups with an interest in the Stony Clove: Stony Clove Rod and Gun Club, Ashokan-Pepacton Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and Catskill Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Finally, while much of the watershed is in the NYS owned Catskill Forest, most of the stream and riparian area is held and managed by some 300 private landowners. At the outset of the effort to develop this plan, the project team conducted a survey of streamside landowners regarding stream management issues.

The Stony Clove Watershed Association was formed in 2002 during the development of this plan. The Association is a small grass-roots organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of water and life in the Stony Clove watershed. It discusses and acts upon issues related to respecting and protecting of landowner properties in the watershed while also promoting land uses, water quality, in-stream and riparian species and habitats, recreation, and the economy. It also provides a forum for streamside residents to share their concerns with the Stony Clove Project Advisory Committee regarding the stream management plan development, and to host educational programming regarding stream stewardship

The mission of the Association is to provide a forum and organizational structure for the promotion of positive, constructive interactions between streamside landowners and the watershed's communities, governments, sports and recreational organizations and environmental agencies. Its members are stewards of the environment and members of a greater community dedicated to preserving our exceptional quality of life while at the same time respecting the rights and values of individual landowners.

Contact information and notes from Watershed Association meetings can be found at: <http://www.gcsxcd.com/stream/stonyclove/watershedassociation>