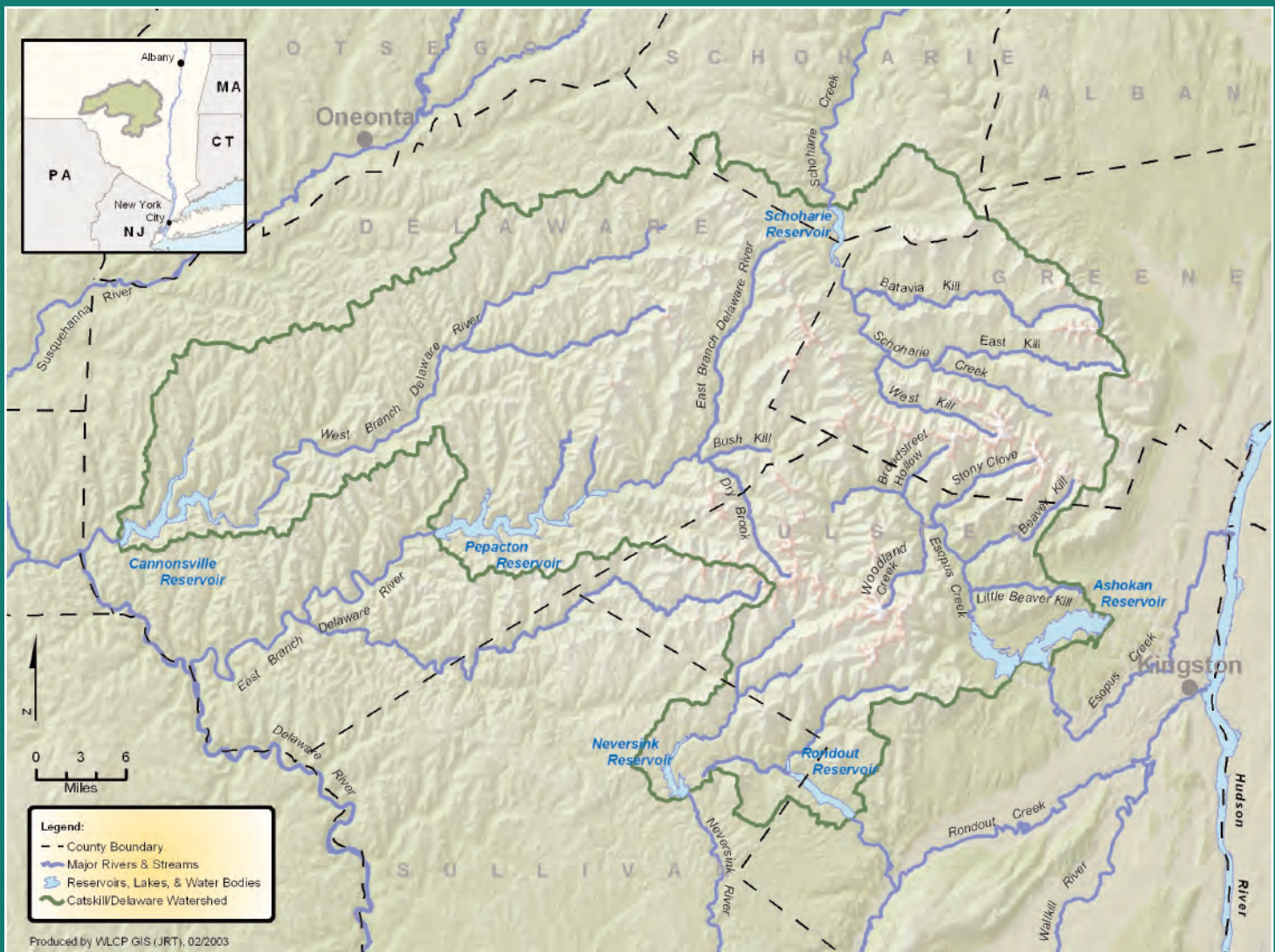


# Catskill Streams *and You*



Living streamside in the Catskill Region  
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It is nearly impossible to think about the Catskill Mountains without also thinking about our rivers and streams. The natural and cultural heritage of the region is linked to the extraordinary quality of streams that course through the mountains and valleys and play a defining role in the character of the Catskill landscape.

These headwater streams continue to attract the appreciation – and tourism dollars – of artists, anglers and nature lovers from around the world. Flyfishing naturalists have been lured to Catskill streams since Milo Barber opened the first boarding house for anglers on the Esopus Creek in 1830. In the broader valleys, agriculture and forestry remain important livelihoods; farmers and forest landowners work hard to cultivate fertile floodplains to produce vegetable, dairy and wood products for New York’s residents.

The following pages strive to evoke a community feeling and stream stewardship ethic among Catskill Mountain residents. This booklet for streamside landowners provides helpful information about ways to live in harmony with Catskill streams and the beautiful landscape they support.

Read on and you will see the following:

- A success story about the Broadstreet Hollow Landowner’s Association
- Why Catskill streams and stewardship are important
- An illustration of streamside living
- Seven Stewardship Suggestions

By reading this booklet, you and your neighbors will better understand how your actions on the stream affect each other, how you may get involved in stream stewardship activities and what programs can help you become an active volunteer.

