



# Streamlines



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## MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

# Five more for clean water

Five new members were welcomed to the Brodhead Watershed Association board of directors on Sept. 30, during the annual Members & Friends Celebration. They come from assorted areas, vocations, and backgrounds, but all share one goal: to protect the Brodhead watershed's high-quality water, for everyone's benefit.



*Annette Atkinson, Jennifer Bradley, Anne Fetherman and Paula Heeschen enjoy the Sept. 30 celebration, where they were elected to serve on the Brodhead Watershed Association board.*

### JOHN PARKER

**AGE:** 62  
**TOWN:** Hamilton Township  
**JOB:** Long career in petroleum distribution and commercial real estate development  
**VOLUNTEERISM:** BWA



Streamwatcher, Monroe County Industrial Development Authority, Pocono Mountain Industrial Park Authority and Pocono Mountain Industries, Brodhead Creek Regional

Authority, Hamilton Township Zoning Hearing Board, Monroe County Hospital Authority, Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs, Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 839.

**FAVORITE BWA EVENT:** Native Plant Sale

**WHAT PROMPTED HIM TO JOIN BWA:** McMichael Creek runs through our property, and I enjoy fly fishing. I want to see the quality of our watershed and the quality of life in our region maintained.

**WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE BWA DO IN FUTURE:** Work closely with developers and governmental entities to assure that our region can provide good employment opportunities while maintaining environmental quality.

**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE POCONOS:** At home along McMichael Creek.

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# Pass the salt ...

## Sodium chloride, winter roads and water



*By Carol Hillestad*

In 1938, New Hampshire had an idea: Would spreading salt on winter roads make winter travel safer? The answer was a resounding "yes." Applying sodium chloride — rock salt — to the roads reduces

crashes by 88 percent and injuries by 85 percent, according to the Salt Institute, an industry trade group. So today, nationwide, 10 times as much salt is used on roads as is used in processed foods.

But there is a cost.

When ice and snow melt, as they eventually do, the runoff carries all that sodium chloride along with it, into our streams. Freshwater creatures such as insects, fish, and salamanders struggle or die in salty, chloride-laden water. Chloride levels in streams

are increasing — because it also sinks into groundwater, where it builds up over decades before eventually surfacing in a creek or stream.

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