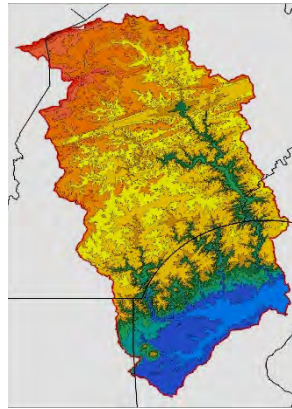


# **Brandywine Christina**

## **Two States Joined by a Common Source Watershed**

April 15, 2021



### **EPA Region 3: Source Water Leadership Forum**



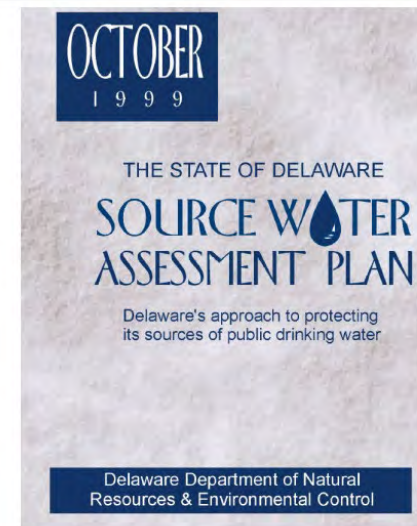
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# Safe Drinking Water Act

- 1974 Act
- Updates 1986, 1996
- Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAPP)
  - Previously, focus was on water treatment
  - Move toward protecting the source watersheds
  - More cost effective to alleviate threats than treat contamination
- Delaware's Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP)
  - DNREC developed in consultation with EPA and CTAC, approved 1999



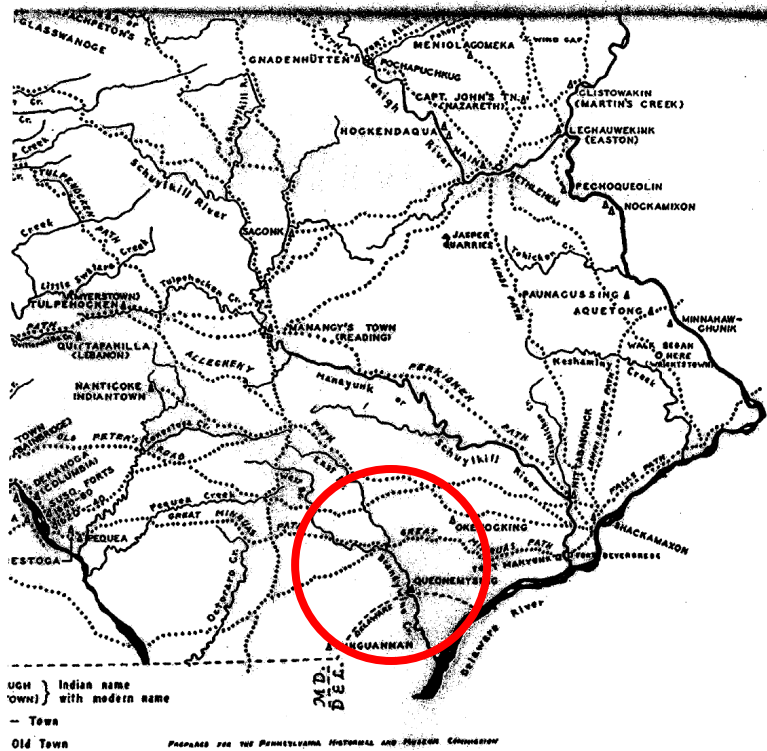
## Delaware River Basin



## Christina River Basin



# America's Founding Watershed



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3 Lower Counties of Pennsylvania 1749



*Brandywine Plant from the air, 1929.*

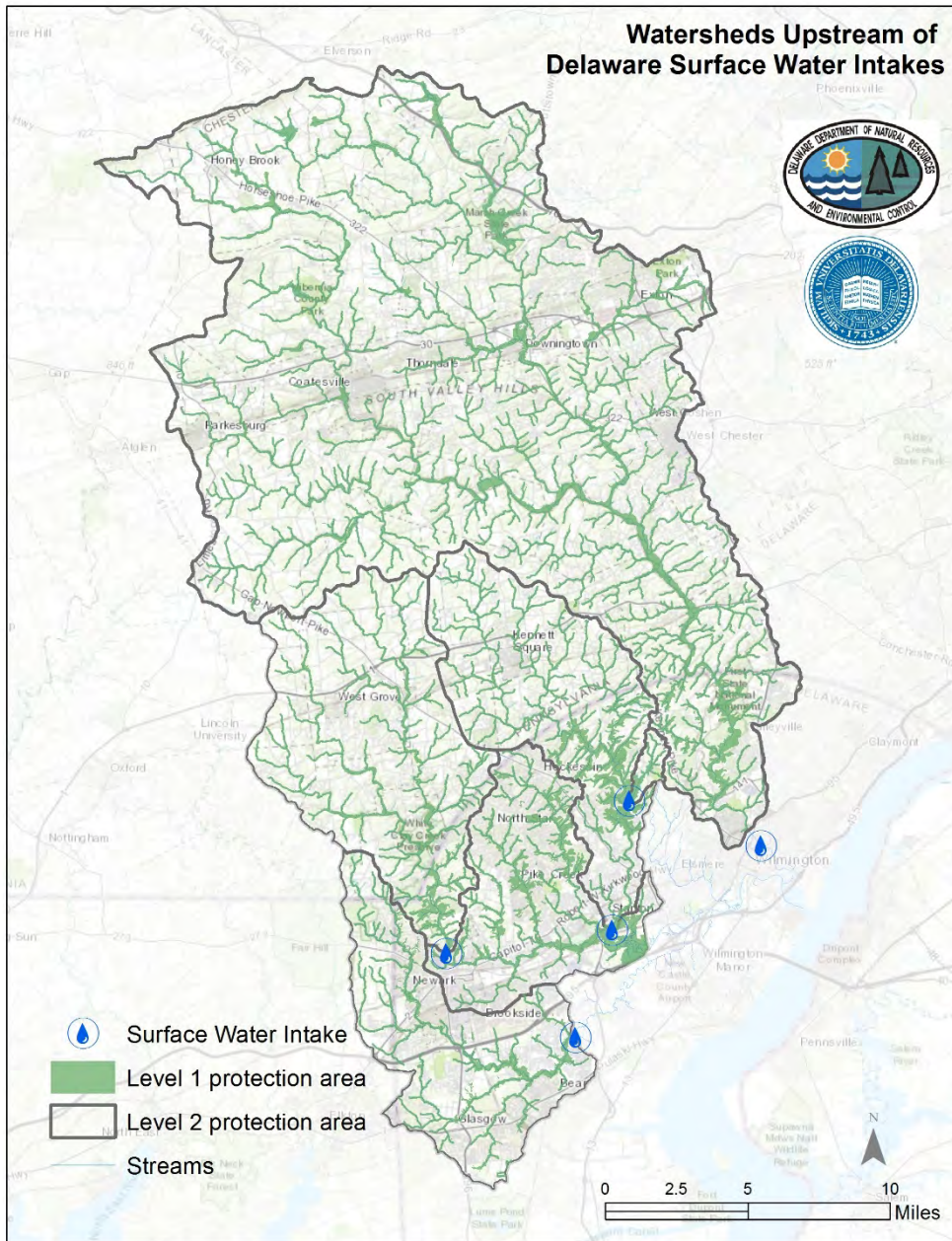
Sole Source of Drinking Water for First State's Largest City  
Brandywine Plant (1929)



# First State National Park

## 2014 AD

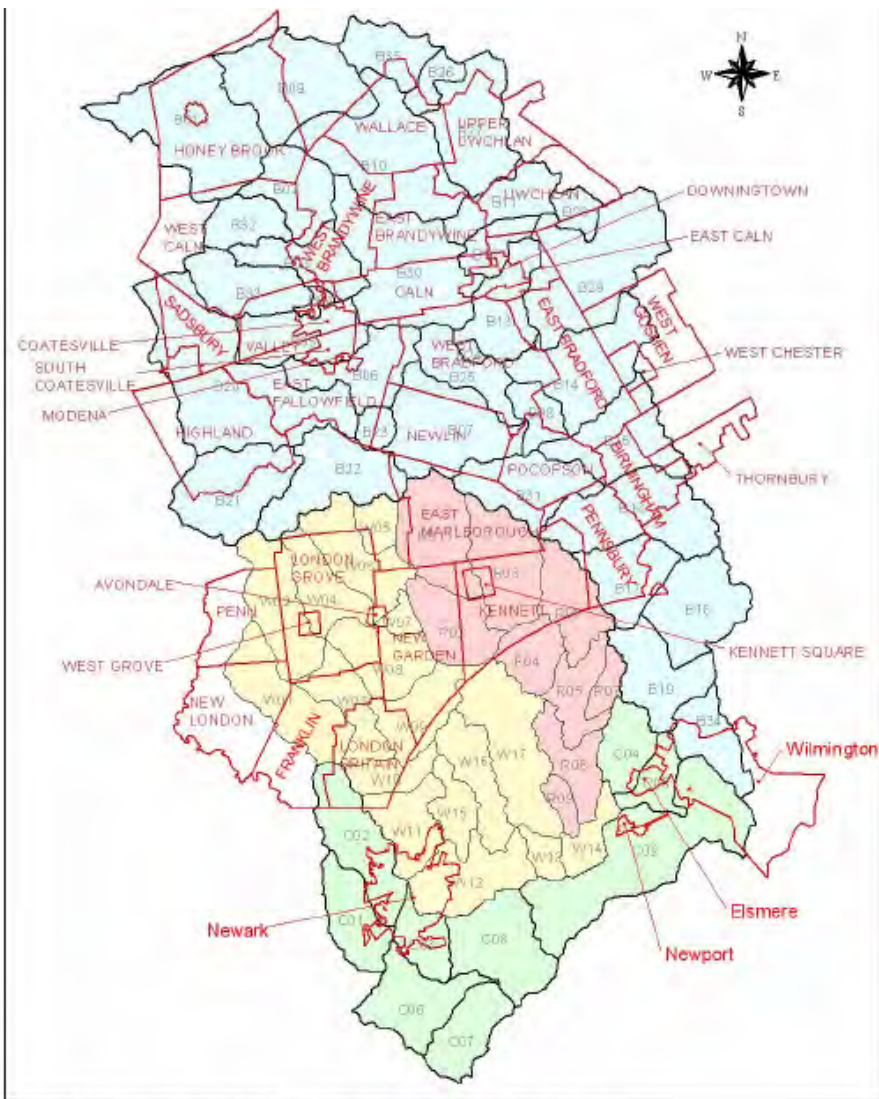




2/3 of Del. drinking water is from Brandywine Christina.

2/3 of Del. surface water supply is from Pa.





**1945:** Brandywine Valley Association, USA's first small watershed organization.

**2000:** White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River, one of two in US designated on watershed basis.

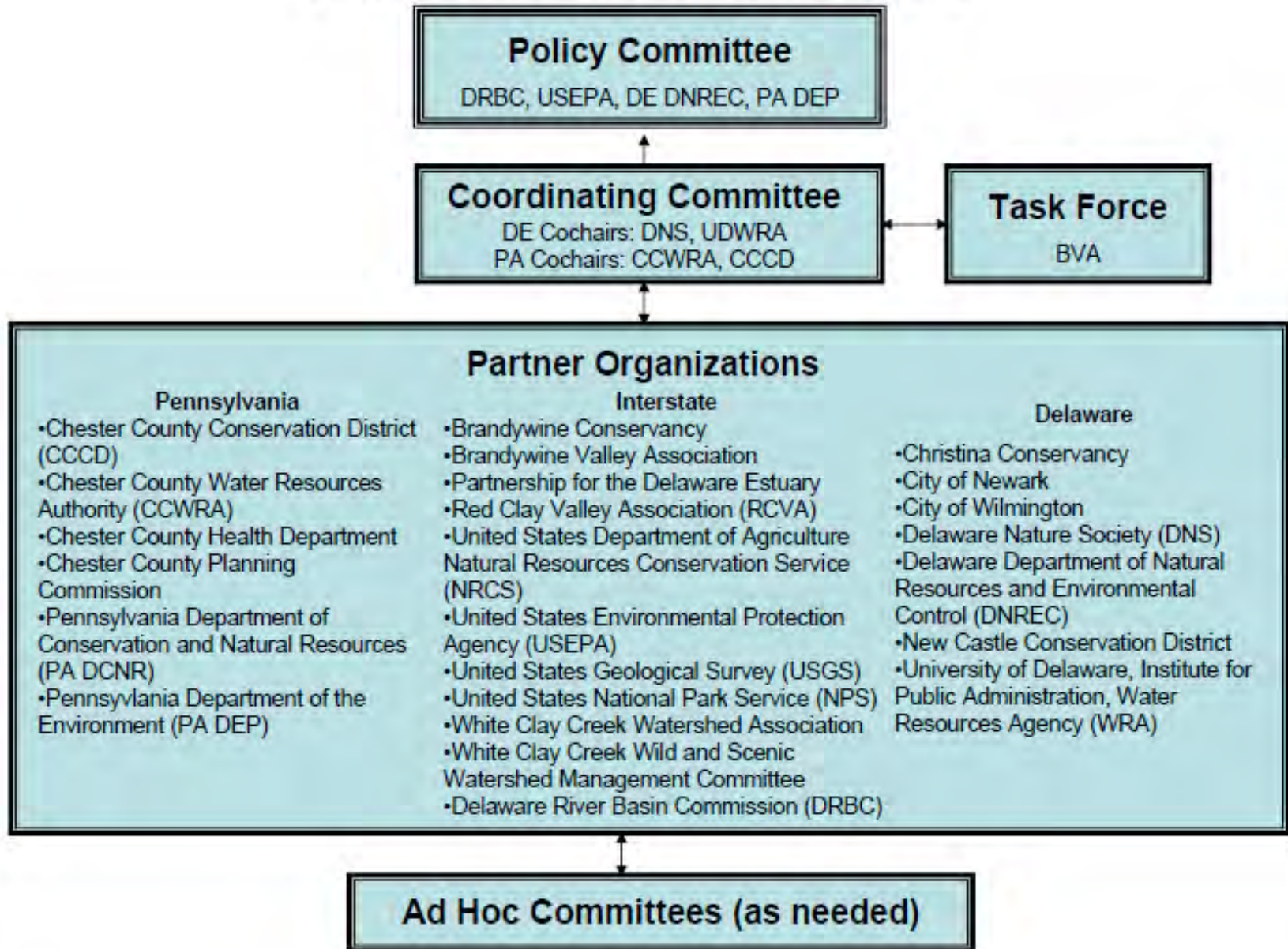
**2008:** CBCWP completes \$1 million EPA TWG, tops in US of 170 watersheds.

**2013:** William Penn Foundation forms Brandywine Christina Cluster.

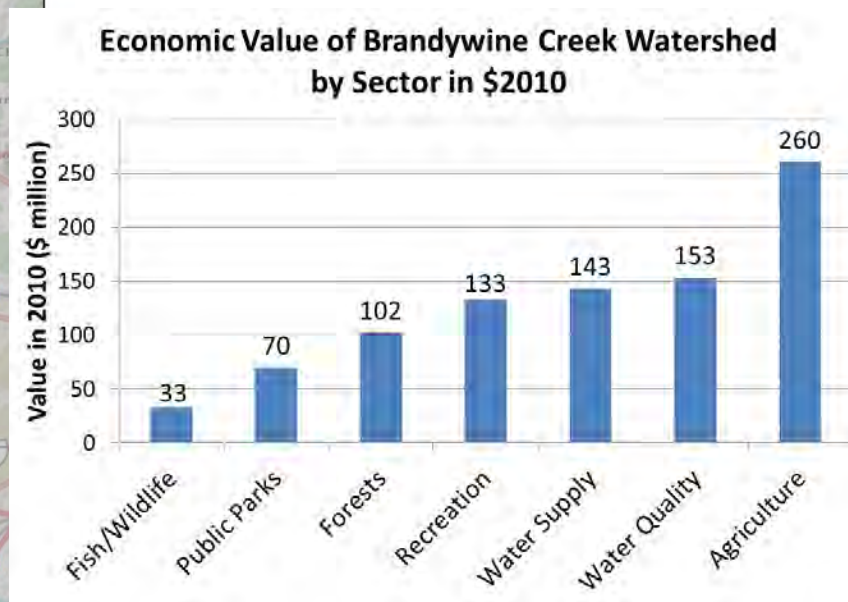
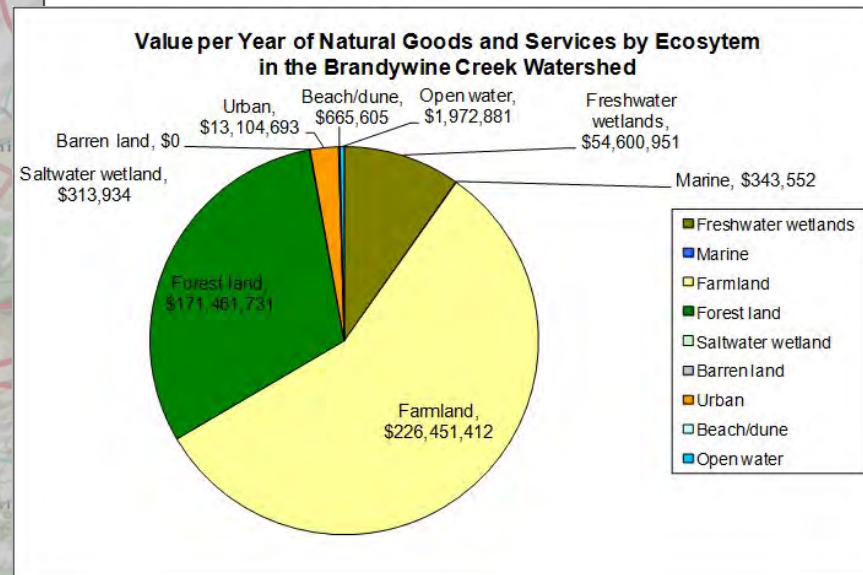
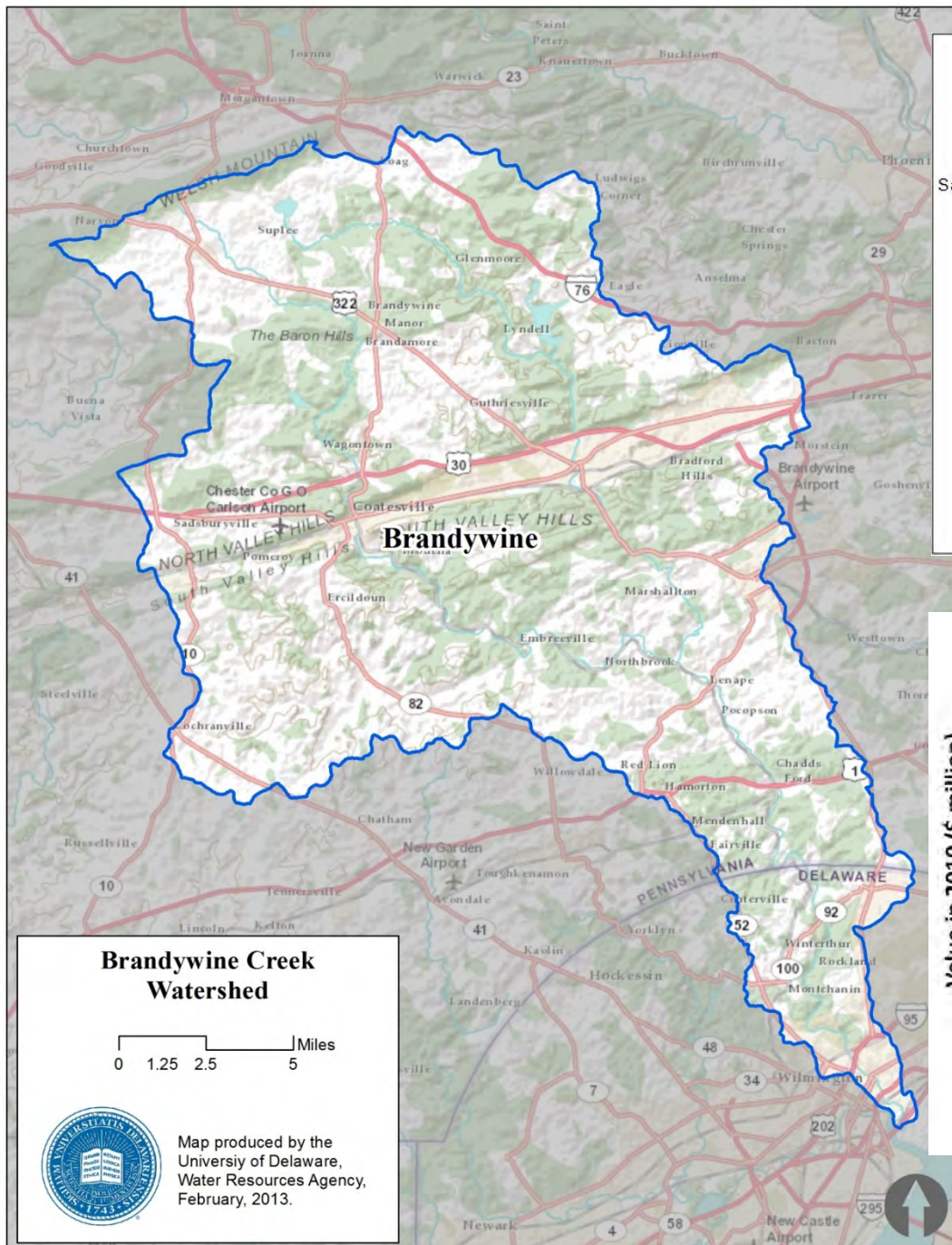
Figure 2-2. Municipalities with MS4 permits in Christina River Basin



# Christina Basin Clean Water Partnership







# Christina Basin

## Targeted Watershed Grant

### Final Report

### December 2008



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## EPA Environmental News

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### Report Shows Progress Exceeding Plans in Christina River Basin

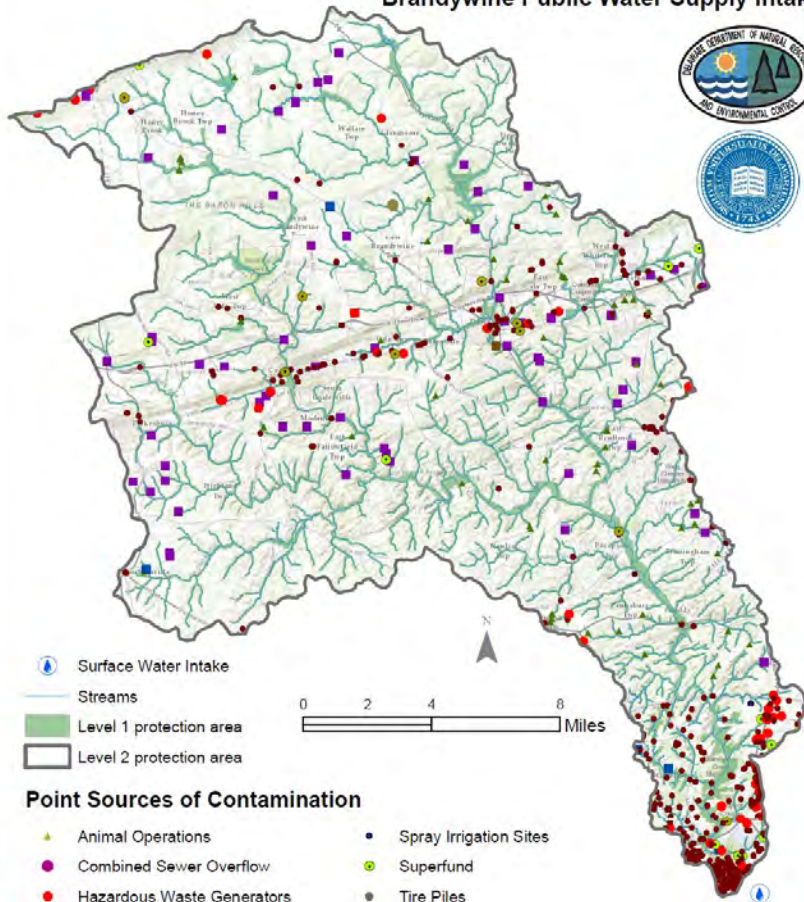
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A recent report by the University of Delaware and the Delaware River Basin Commission shows that, throughout the past four years, the Partnership, with the assistance of a \$1 million EPA grant, has implemented numerous projects to reduce the harmful effects of stormwater runoff pollution on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries, and wildlife.

For every federal dollar invested in the project, the Partnership leveraged more than two dollars, allowing them to exceed the original goals, some by more than 50 percent.



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**Brandywine Public Water Supply Intake**

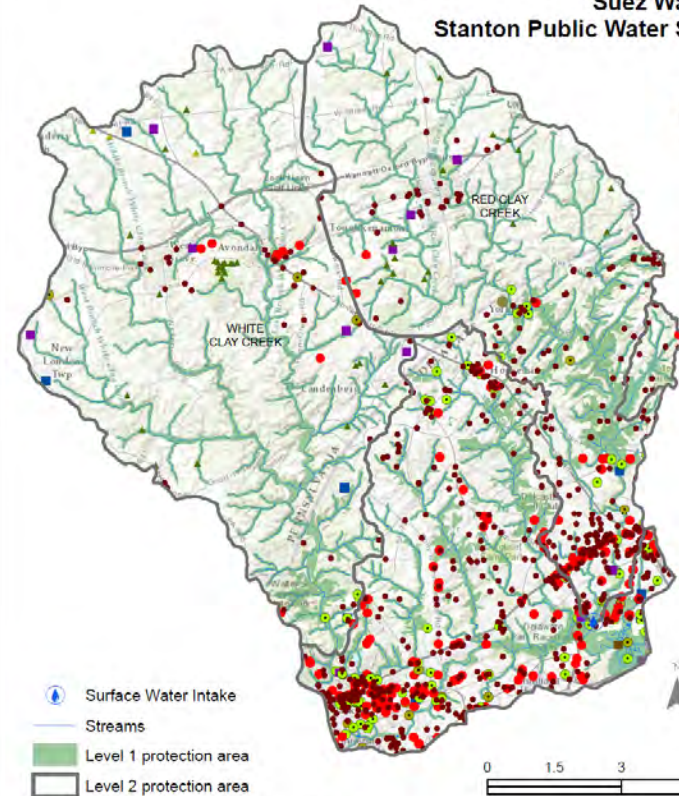


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- Streams
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**Stanton Public Water Supply Intake**

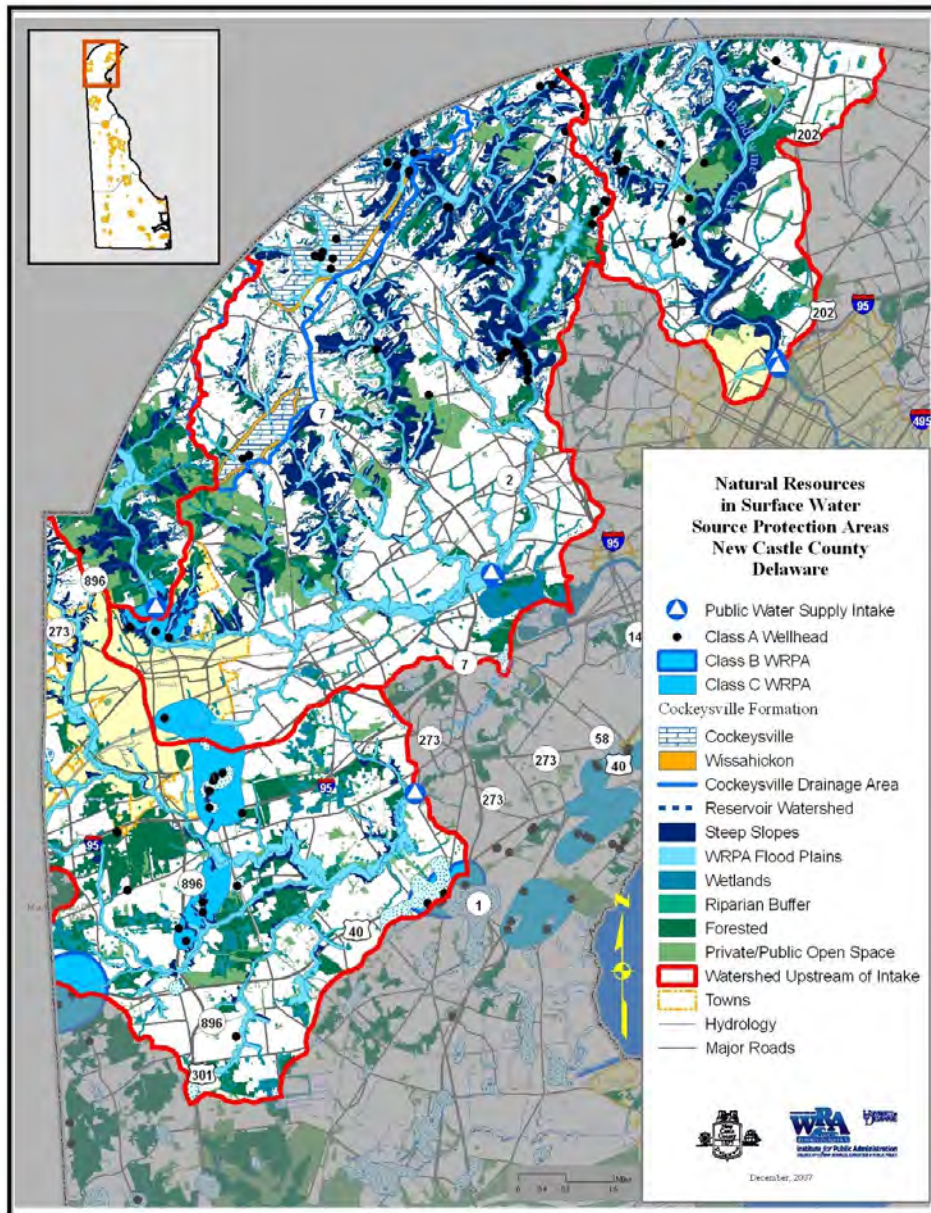


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NCC, Wilmington, Newark Code and open space protects 54% of source watershed:

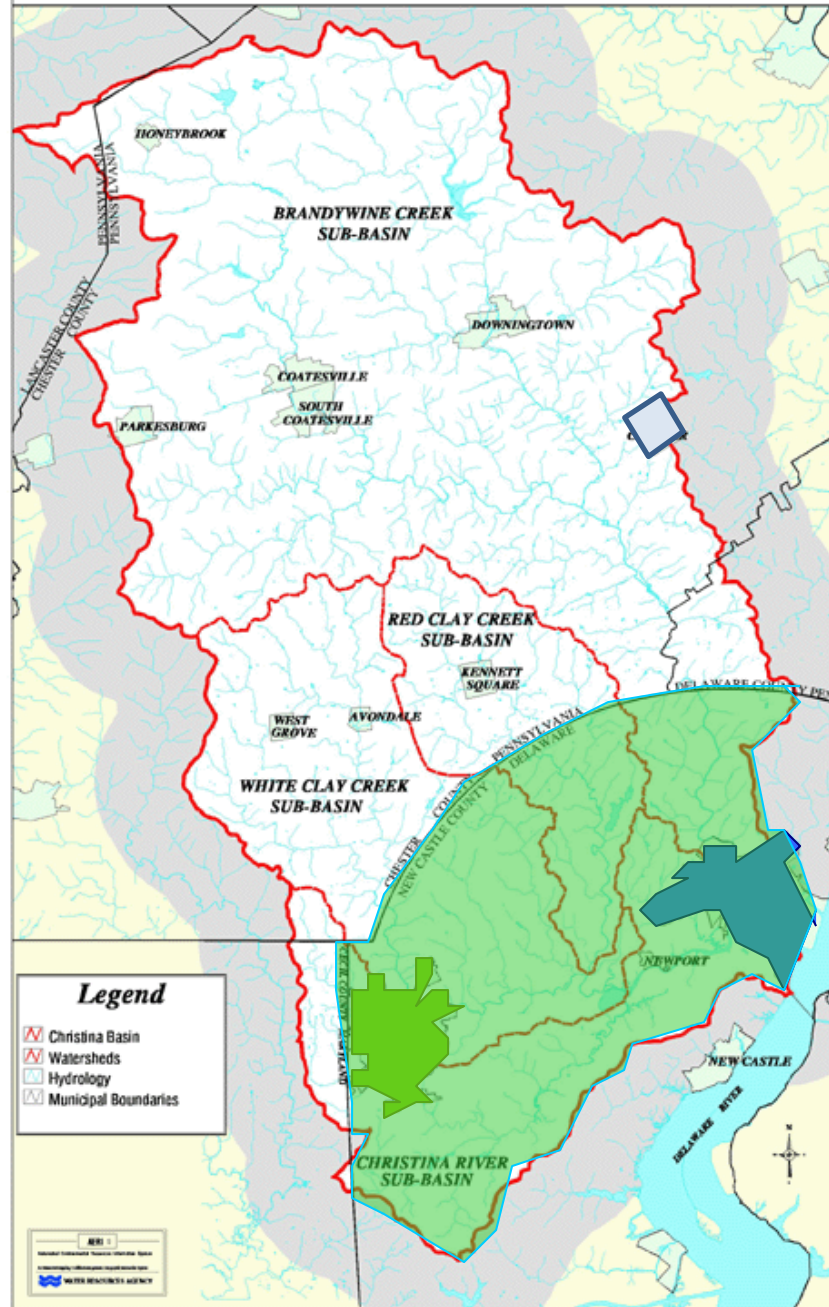
- \* Brandywine Cr. (46%)
- \* White/Red Clay (59%)
- \* Christina River (45%)

CONTAMINANT POTENTIAL					OBSERVED DATA	
VULNERABILITY RATING	INCREASING VULNERABILITY	Contaminant(s) not present in sufficient quantities in Source Water Area to cause concern.	Contaminant(s) present in significant quantities in Source Water Area but monitoring data indicates no or minimal releases.	Contaminant(s) could be present at levels of concern. No or insufficient monitoring. Additional information may be required.	Data indicate that contaminant(s) are present in sufficient quantities in Source Water Area to cause concern. (Permitted Discharge or Non-Permitted Release).	Normally occurring contaminant(s) detected in source (raw) water at levels > 50% of the MCL, but < 100% of the MCL. Synthetic contaminant(s) found above Detect Level, but below the MCL. Active treatment may be in place.
		INCREASING CONTAMINANT POTENTIAL				DETECTION
		3	4	5	6	6
		2	3	4	5	7
VULNERABILITY RATING	INCREASING VULNERABILITY	1	2	3	4	6
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SUSCEPTIBILITY SCALE						
LEAST		MODERATELY			MOST	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Not	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Exceeds Standard

Figure 5. Source water susceptibility determination matrix

# Christina Basin Water Quality Management Strategy *Base Map*



How to fund?

Stormwater Utilities





The EPA Region 3  
Source Water Collaborative ... Is Back!