

Founded in 1992, the Center for Watershed Protection was established with the idea of creating a nonprofit organization dedicated to research and education on various watershed topics. With a focus on protecting streams, lakes, and estuaries, the organization grew over the years to become a national leader on stormwater management and watershed planning.

The Center has continued to maintain the basic premise that watersheds are a logical focus point for environmental efforts, and our services have expanded to include membership and watershed services along with research and education.

Our **organizational goals** include:

- furthering application of the watershed approach
- inspiring and empowering others to take action
- continually testing and refining our practices
- working to ensure regulations are effective

Our audiences include our members, local governments, and other stakeholders throughout the country that are interested in developing and applying solutions for cleaner water and healthier natural resources.

With our headquarters located in Ellicott City, Maryland, additional offices are located in Charlottesville, Virginia and Ithaca, New York.

A timeline of some significant accomplishments include:

1992	Center for Watershed Protection, Inc. established as a nonprofit organization
1993	First grant from the Environmental Protection Agency
1994	Headquarters moves to Silver Spring, Maryland
1996	Spencer P. Ellis Award, Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects
1998	Rapid Watershed Planning Handbook published, one of the first documents of its kind
1998	Headquarters moves to Ellicott City, Maryland
1999	National Education and Environmental Training Foundation's, Land Use and Planning Award

## History and Accomplishments

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2000	Better Site Design Handbook is published and in future years become an av
2000	First Watershed Institute in Reisterstown, MD
2000	Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association, Professional Achie
2000	Study Web Award for the Center's website www.cwp.org
2002	Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination manual is produced establishing r
2002	Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organization's Standards for Excellence
2007	Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance Charity Seal
2007	A new strategic plan is written that embraces a national concept for the Cen
2008	Maryland Distance Learning Association, Distance Learning Course of the Y
2009	The Board of Directors vote to establish a new membership arm of the Cent
2009	Webcast Series begins
2010	Launch of professional membership program, the Association of Watershed