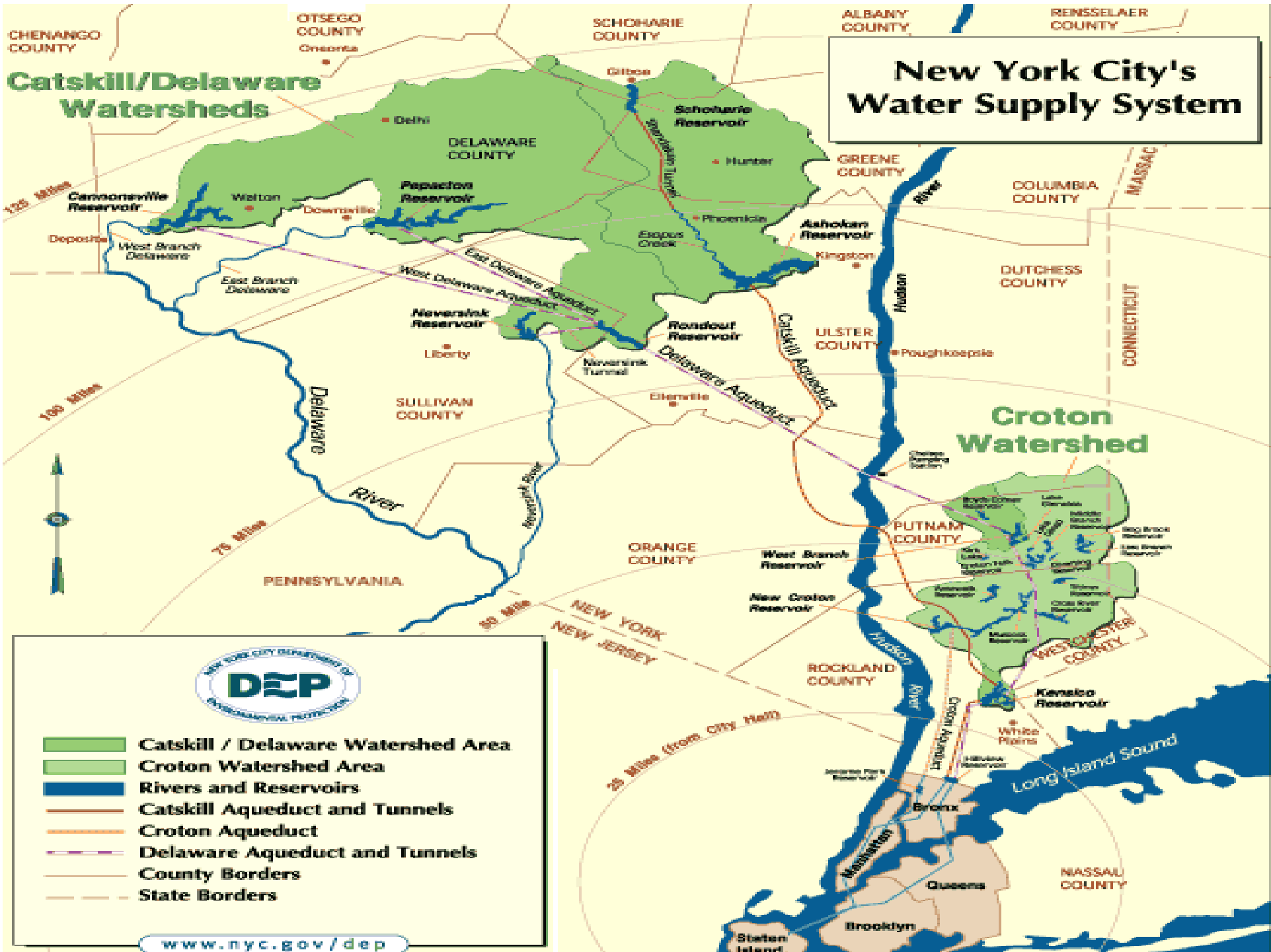




A Watershed Model for Water Quality Services and Rural Economies in New York State

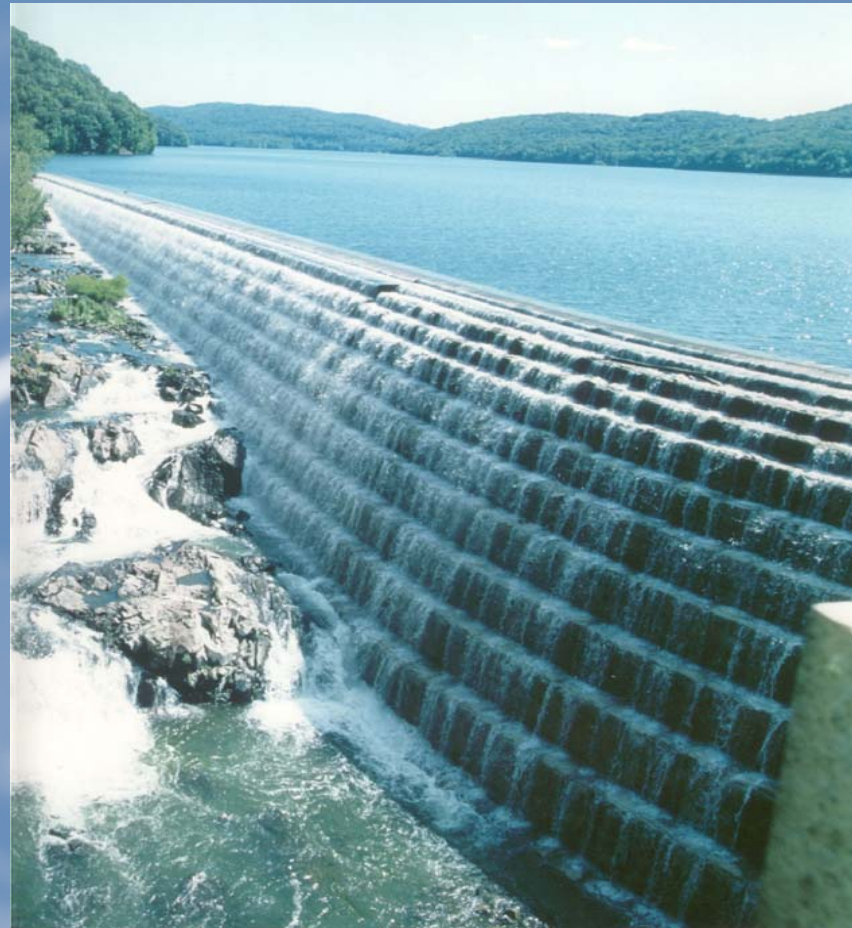
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Watershed Agricultural Council



NYC Water Supply

- 9 million water consumers
- 1.3 billion gallons of water per day
- 8 counties
- 2,000 square miles
- 19 reservoirs



WAC Mission

The Watershed Agricultural Council will support the economic viability of agriculture and forestry within the New York City Watershed region while protecting water quality and promoting land conservation.

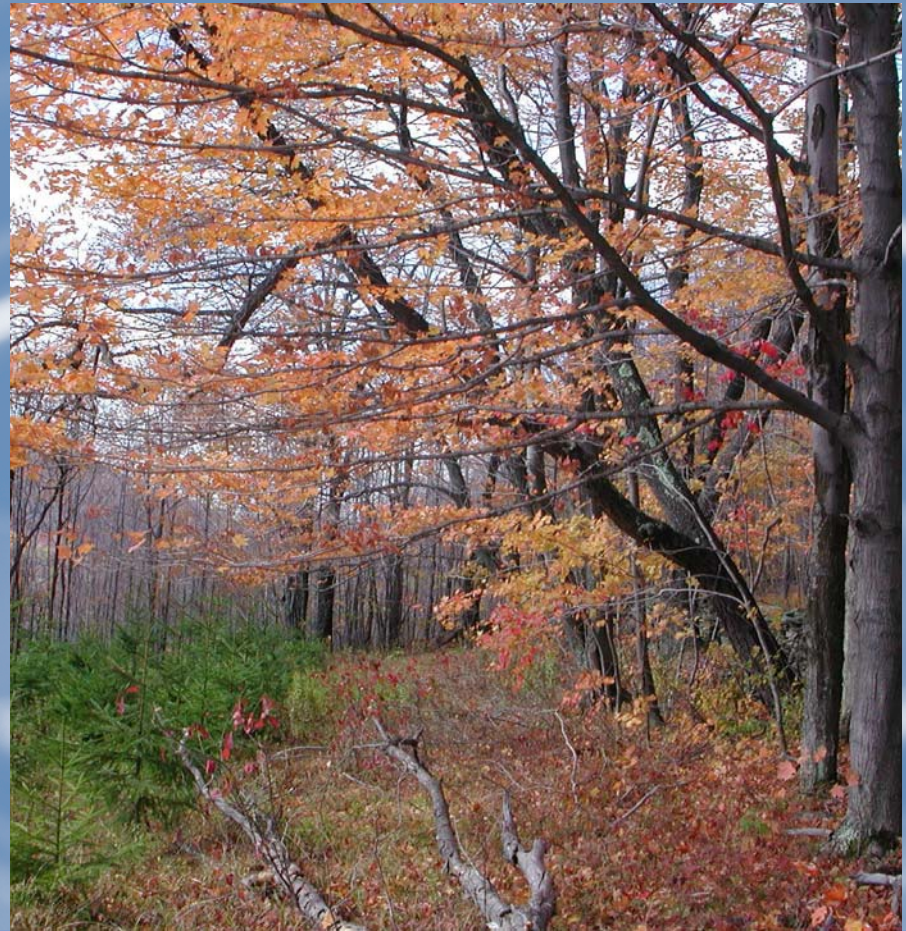


Watershed Forestry Program

A well-managed forested landscape provides the best water quality protection. Empowering forestland owners with knowledge of good conservation practices leads to active and wise land management, yielding clean water.

Forestry Program

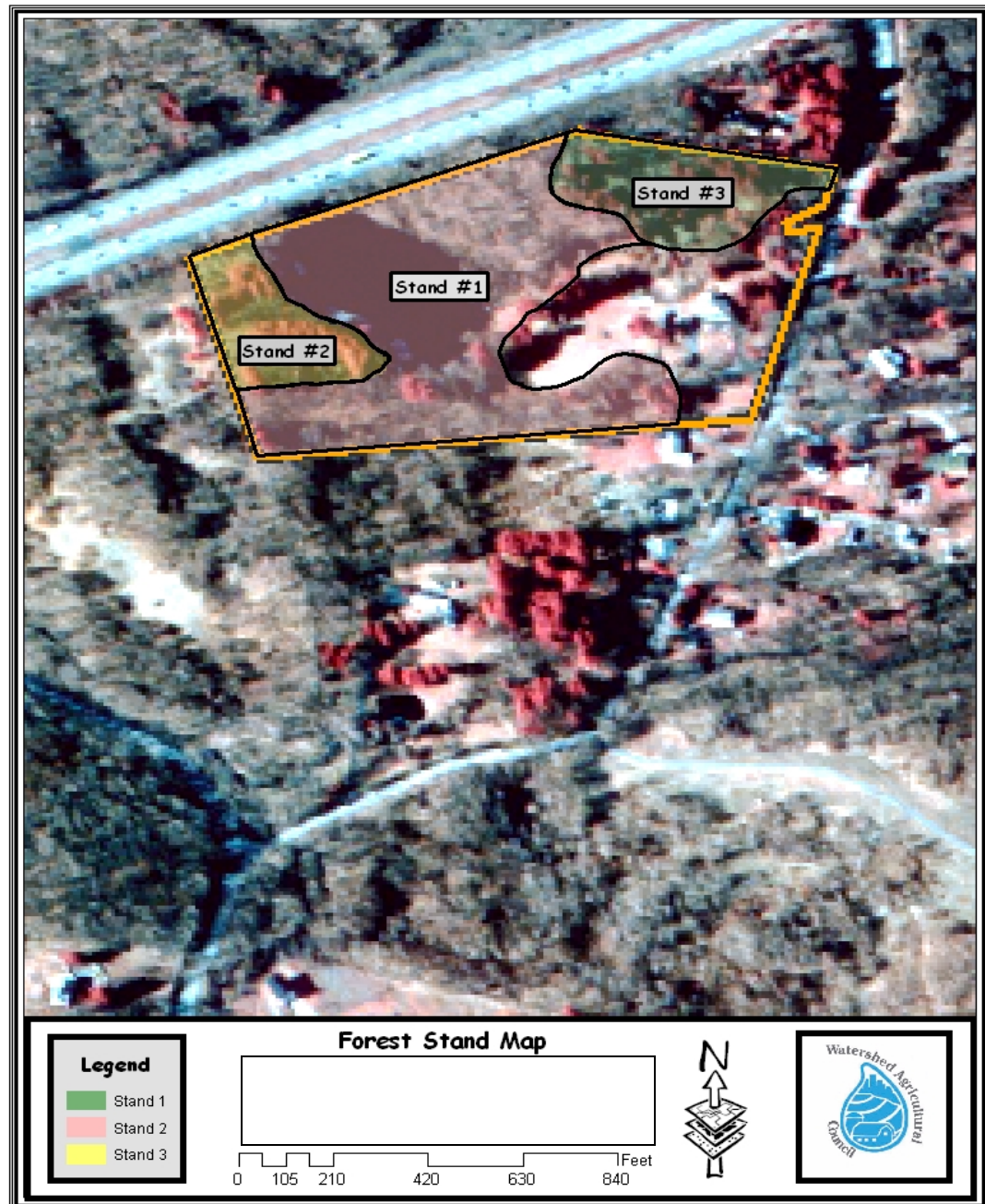
- 75% of the watershed is forested.
- 25% of the private forestlands in the watershed have forest management plans – 4 times the national average



Forest Management

Funding for:

- Forestry Plans and BMPs
- Riparian area management
- Stewardship practices



Program Accomplishments to Date

- Number of Forest Management Plans **664**
- Total Acreage **110471.1 acres**
- Actual Forest Land **85802.9 acre**
- DEP Funding **\$675,517.90**
- USFS Funding **\$41,400.51**

Management Assistance Program

Projects Include:

- Invasive Species Control
- Timber Stand Improvement
- Tree & Shrub Planting
- Wildlife Habit Management
- 102 Total Projects (2006-2008)
- 1600 acres treated

Economic Projects Underway

- Woody Biomass
- Marketing and Utilization
- Forest Banking

Forestry Program Collaborators and Funders



Catskill Center



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Catskill Mountain Foundation

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