

Membership Form: Clip and Mail

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Updated Information

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Town _____

State _____ Zip _____

Preferred email _____

Phone _____

BRASS is a member based, volunteer oriented organization and appreciates your support.

\$500 Lifetime Membership
(Receives a complimentary BRASS hat.)

- Full Creel \$100
- Atlantic Salmon \$50
- Brook Trout \$25
- Minnow \$10
- Additional donation

\$ _____

Please add my email to "Friends of BRASS" to receive updates about events and volunteer opportunities.



Public review of maps that explain the watershed.



Learning about life in the river.

**BRASS is a Federal Not-for-Profit and
A NYS Charity Bureau organization.**

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Boquet River Association - BRASS



The River Connects Us

BRASS is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to enhancing the quality of water and life in the 280-square mile Boquet River Watershed.

BRASS accomplishes projects through public education, action, and coordination of funding and strategies that combine the skills and services of local volunteers, organizations, governments, and New York State agencies.



Collecting water samples for testing.

The Boquet River Watershed

The Boquet River is the steepest river in New York State, descending more than 2,700 feet in 47 miles, making it prone to flash floods and erosion. Sediment from erosion fills in the air pockets around the rocks where larvae of water insects live and provide food for fish, exacerbates flood conditions and loads excess nutrients into the river and Lake Champlain.

The Boquet watershed drains 280 square miles of the eastern Adirondack Mountains. The headwaters begin on Dix and Dial mountains and collect run-off from Rocky Peak, Giant, Green, Hurricane, Jay, and Poko-Moonshine. The watershed includes the townships of Elizabethtown, Essex, Lewis, Westport, and Willsboro.

According to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the Boquet River Watershed is 93.4% forested, 7.5%



A Paddle Ramble on the Boquet near Wadhams.

BRASS Board & volunteers...

- Publish the annual BRASS Newsletter
- Conduct a River Clean Up day to make our communities cleaner and remind people not to litter.
- Organize tree planting projects in high impact areas along the river to help stabilize the banks and reduce erosion.
- Educate the public about invasive species and Knot weed control.
- Sponsor the Boquet River Fish Fest to help promote the sport of fishing and educate the public about the importance of preserving water habitat resources.
- Conduct annual water testing at 18 established locations along the river to monitor and evaluate water quality.
- Sponsor cutting edge-speakers to provide continuing education on relevant and current river issues.
- Conduct plant inventories every five years in 8 wetlands. We have over 20 years of data.
- Host "Rambles" seasonally to promote river recreation and education.

BRASS Continues to...

- Coordinate with Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) to locate and remove invasive species within the Boquet watershed.
- Submit applications for local and State grants to secure funding to complete priority projects.
- Promote fishing access along the Boquet riverbanks. You can request access maps by calling the NYS DEC at (518) 497-1000.

BRASS Partnerships...

- Stabilized the large bank down on the West side of the river below the old Willsboro Dam.
- Completed a prioritized strategic plan for the watershed and worked with towns to implement priority projects.
- Supported Town Highway Departments with funding for larger culverts that will increase fish passage and help decrease the potential impacts of flooding during storm events.
- Assisted with the removal of the Willsboro Dam in an environmentally sound process.



To learn more about BRASS projects visit www.boquetriver.com