

## Be a **NIMBY** for the NIANTIC

Being called a NIMBY is not usually a good thing because it stands for **Not in My Back Yard**. This phrase is often used for folks that seem concerned about something only when it is near their property. But in this case, we want you to be a NIMBY and remember the....

### Niantic In My Back Yard

If you live in the Niantic Watershed, which includes parts of East Lyme, Waterford, Salem and Montville, then drainage from your site ends up in local streams such as Latimer's Brook, Stony Brook, and Oil Mill Brook. These all drain to the Niantic River and eventually into Long Island Sound.

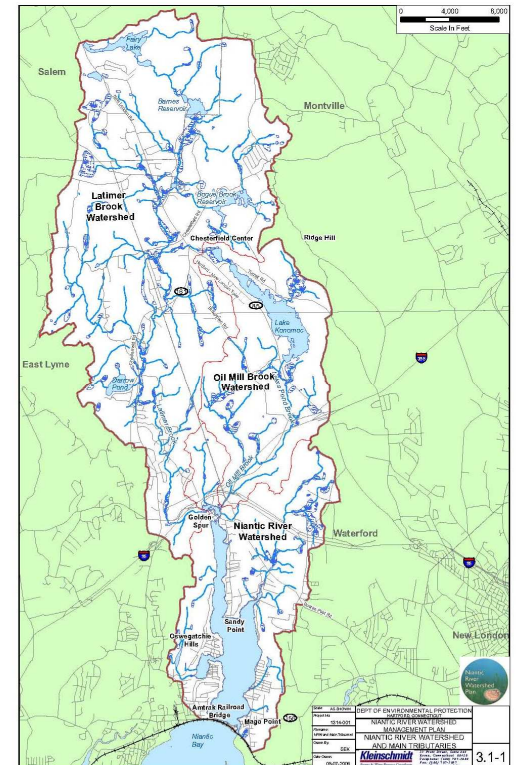
This means we are ALL responsible for what happens in our local streams and rivers as well as the sound. It also means we can all do our part in helping the Niantic River and all its ponds, streams, brooks and wetlands.

**For more information,  
check out the Niantic River  
website:**

[www.nianticriverwatershed.org](http://www.nianticriverwatershed.org)

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### Niantic River Watershed



### Latimer, Oil Mill and Stony Brook

## Need some ideas?

**Native Plantings** – Native plantings are best suited for our local environments, typically requiring less care, chemicals and water. They also provide important habitat for native wildlife

**Rain Barrels** – Capturing your rainwater with a rain barrel is just plain good sense. It saves water and reduces thermal water pollution.



**Rain Gardens** – As rainwater flows down roofs and across driveways or other impervious surfaces it can pick up any of the pollutants that have been deposited there. A rain garden is an attractive way to treat this runoff and show-off your gardening skills at the same time.



**Increasing Pervious Surfaces** – When it is time to pave or repave that driveway, consider using materials such as pavers or porous concrete to help increase infiltration.



This helps reduce runoff, recharges the groundwater and filter pollutants.

**Mulch, Mulch, Mulch** – Using mulches reduces watering needs and helps keep your plants healthy. It also slows down stormwater run-off, helps stabilize open soil and can assist in removing waterborne pollutants. There is a wide variety of mulch types available to satisfy any gardener's landscaping needs.

**Test That Soil** – No IQ test needed here! Testing your soil periodically guarantees that you only add to the soil what it needs to help your plants grow. This helps reduce excess nutrient run-off and keeps your garden looking its best.

**Vegetative Buffers** – Keeping or adding native vegetation along sensitive resources such as wetlands watercourses or the coastline protects these areas from soil erosion, filters pollutants, maintains wildlife habitat and keeps the water cooler.

**Clean up after Rover** – Pet waste, especially in fairly densely populated areas can add excess nutrients and bacteria to local surface and groundwater. Pick up after your pet and dispose of it properly and helps keep the water clean.

**Compost** – Here is a win-win deal! Don't throw away all that yard waste and vegetable scraps. Turn it into a nutrient-rich natural fertilizer for your garden. Compost bins are available at most garden centers or you can build one yourself.



**Proudly declare your NIMBYism for the NIANTIC!!**

