

The Greenwood Lake Commission (GWLC) recently received funding from the New Jersey Highlands Council to revise the existing Restoration Plan for the Greenwood Lake Watershed, which is over 10 years old. Not only does it need to be updated, but after the Restoration Plan was approved by US EPA and NJDEP in 2006, these agencies started to institute guidelines that rank watersheds higher for potential funding if they have an approved Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), which includes nine necessary elements. This project will convert the existing Restoration Plans into a WIP eligible for future funding.

Princeton Hydro has teamed up with the GWLC to collect data from the lake and tributaries and gather information from residents about the state of Greenwood Lake and its watershed in order to update the Restoration Plan into a 9-element WIP. Crucial information involves inputs of nutrients into the lakes, public works projects that may have altered some inputs, improvements made to treat inputs, areas where improvements can still be made, etc. A representative from Princeton Hydro will attend the March 4, 2019 West Milford Environmental Commission meeting to briefly explain the project, answer questions, and receive feedback on stormwater issues that affect Greenwood Lake to incorporate into the WIP. Members of the Greenwood Lake Commission will be present, in addition to several other individuals who have a vested interest in this project. The meeting, which will be held at 7:00 pm in the main meeting room at the West Milford Municipal Building, 1480 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ, 07480, is open to the public.