

DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship Steve Williams



[Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control](#) Secretary Shawn M. Garvin named Steve Williams as the new director to lead the DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship in 2023. Williams has served his entire 38-year career with the Department, including administrator for the DNREC's Watershed and Wetlands Assessment and Monitoring programs, watershed planning and implementation, Watershed Stewardship grants management and federal reporting programs, and staff development.

The Division of Watershed Stewardship's director manages a diverse group of programs that deal with conservation practices, drainage, shoreline and waterway management and protection, surface water quality, shellfish harvesting, fish contamination, dam safety and wetland assessments. These programs are overseen by an extremely qualified staff of 108 full-time positions with an annual operating budget of more than \$36.4 million.

In addition to the Division of Watershed Stewardship, Williams has held positions in the Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances and Division of Water during his long tenure with DNREC. He has also been engaged over the years with the Center for the Inland Bays, Delaware Board of Professional Geologists, University of Delaware Water Resources Center Advisory Panel and many more, including a long stint as an adjunct science professor at Wesley College. Most recently, he has served as an alternate commissioner on the Delaware River Basin Commission. In his free time, Williams is an avid angler and outdoors enthusiast, also giving back to his community through his lifelong service to the Boy Scouts of America.

More information about the DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship can be found at de.gov/watershed.

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