Watershed Level Response to Environmental Threats

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The Watershed Center

On-the-ground monitoring, planning, & restoration

Water quality advocacy & policy

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Examples:

1) Advocating to decision-making board
2) Helping local government with policy
Advocacy

- Reviewed site plans & decision making process
- Expressed concerns to PC
- Activated Watershed Warriors
- Informed stakeholders
- Attended public meeting & gave comment
- Scheduled meeting with developers
- Supporting grass roots citizen efforts
- Continue to review ZO and MP

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Policy

- Met routinely with staff to discuss coal tar sealcoating products
- Researched ordinance provisions from other communities & answered technical questions
- Translated PAH data from local riverine sediments
- Reviewed draft ordinance language
- Developing messaging & public education campaign
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