

Raritan Headwaters

Together the Upper Raritan and South Branch Watersheds:

total 470 square miles,
are home to
approximately 900,000
people,

comprise the Headwaters
of the Raritan Basin, the
largest basin entirely
within New Jersey,

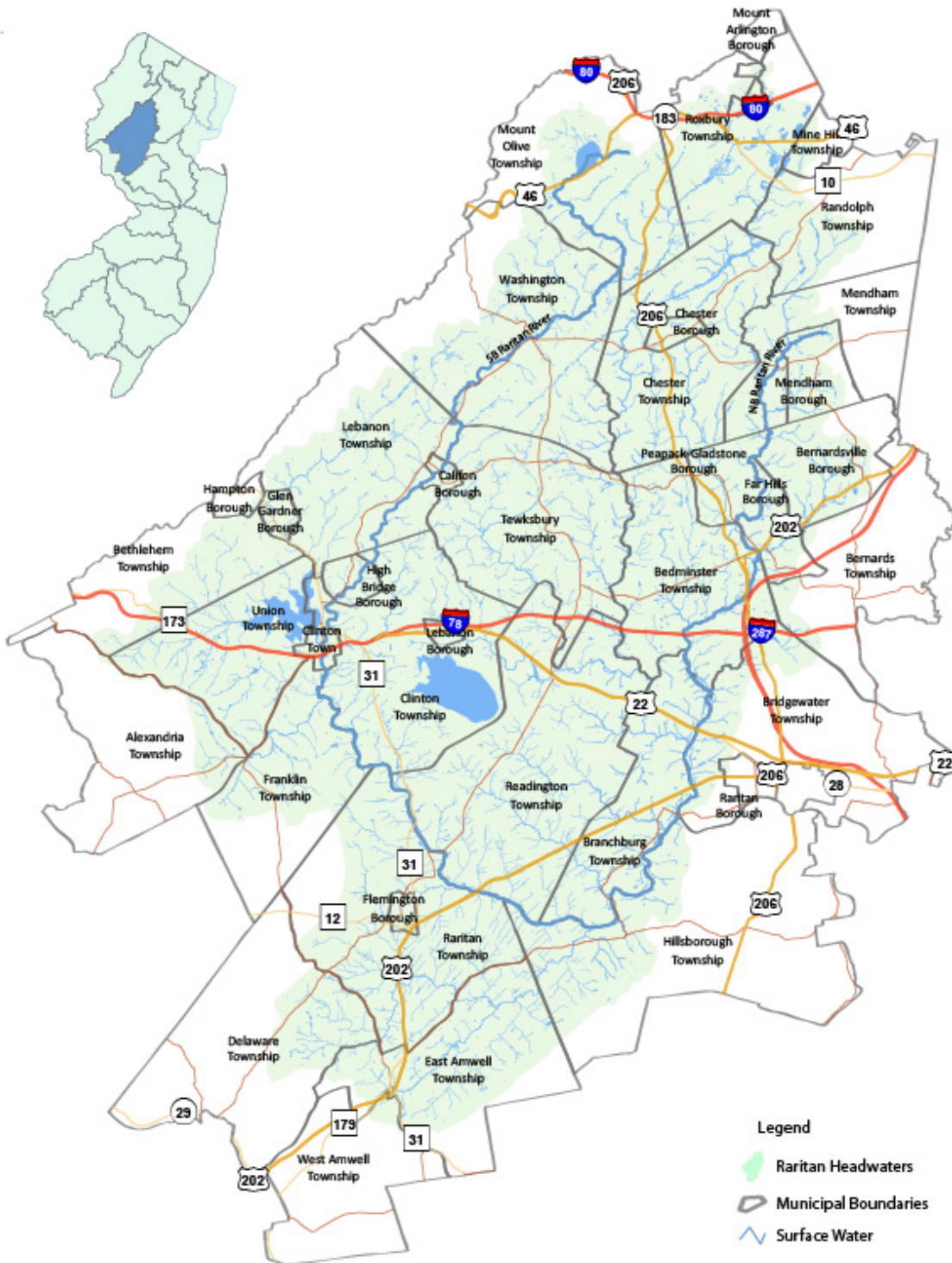
encompass 3 counties:
Morris, Somerset &
Hunterdon

contain all or parts of 39
municipalities,

make up NJDEP designated
Upper Raritan Watershed
Mgt. Area 8 (WMA8),

provide clean drinking water
to more than one million
citizens beyond our region in
New Jersey's urban areas,
and

contribute to the Highlands
Water Supply, which serves
more than half the state's
population.



HEADWATERS are the small swales, creeks and streams that are the origins of larger streams and rivers. Every river begins somewhere... and that somewhere is the network of little streams that blanket the landscape as they merge and flow downstream, becoming a river system. Here in New Jersey, the Raritan River is formed by the convergence of the North and South Branches in Branchburg. The headwaters that form these two Branches, and the mighty Raritan itself, are fed from countless unnamed tributaries upstream in Hunterdon, Somerset and Morris Counties.



Raritan Headwaters Association

Since 1959, the South Branch Watershed Association and the Upper Raritan Watershed Association have served as effective advocates for conservation throughout the 39 communities that make up the Raritan Headwaters watershed. The synergy created by formally uniting these two organizations will allow our new association to be the leading voice for the protection of precious water resources and natural systems.

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The merger of the South Branch and Upper Raritan Watershed Associations is strengthening protection of New Jersey's water supplies. Our new name reflects our location (the region that gives life to the Raritan River), our focus (water) and our commitment to working with stakeholders to protect this very special watershed area.

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