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### **Far Hills Country Day School Awarded Highest Honor in NJWSA River-Friendly Certification Program**

**Far Hills, NJ** – The New Jersey Water Supply Authority has awarded Far Hills Country Day School (Far Hills) the Watershed (gold) Level for exceptional attention to water quality, water conservation, and wildlife and habitat enhancement, as part of its River-Friendly School Certification Program. Far Hills is the first school to reach this high level of achievement.

To be eligible for this honor, the Far Hills science faculty has implemented projects on campus to educate students about the Raritan River Basin and to encourage them to be good stewards of NJ waterways.

Science teacher, Julie Blanco, said of the award, “The River Friendly gold level certification acknowledges all past earth and watershed-friendly endeavors on our Far Hills campus. It inspires future projects, as well as re-energizes stewardship. Our school-wide effort, from bat boxes that kindergarten students painted for installation on campus, to the butterfly garden, to our Water Day last spring, has paid off. It’s nice to receive recognition for work the students have been doing throughout their science studies, and beyond, at Far Hills.”

The New Jersey Water Supply Authority's Watershed Protection Programs Division was formed in 1999 to administer a systematic source water protection program for the watersheds that the Authority relies upon for its water supply. The Division's primary objectives include the development and implementation of projects that afford protection of the quantity and quality of the source water in the Raritan and Manasquan River Basins, and the Delaware & Raritan Canal and its tributaries for the benefit of the Authority and its customers.

The NJWSA River-Friendly Certification programs are based on those developed by the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association.

Far Hills Country Day School is a PreK-Grade 8 independent school that is guided by a dual mission to provide each child brilliant beginnings for success in the modern world through academic excellence and character development. The school is situated on 54 acres in Far Hills, New Jersey. The campus includes learning gardens, age specific computer labs and media centers, a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center, a large Athletics Center including a climbing wall, outdoor fields and tennis courts, a ropes course, meadows, ponds, and woodlands.

For additional information about the school, please visit our website at [www.fhcds.org](http://www.fhcds.org) or contact Susan Carpenter, Director of Strategic Marketing & Communications at [scarpenter@fhcds.org](mailto:scarpenter@fhcds.org) or 908.766.0622 ext. 1427.