

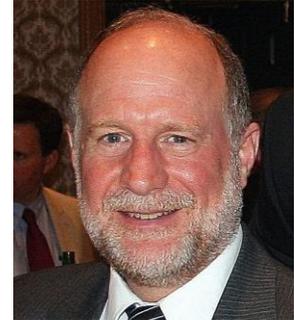
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**WHIPPANY RIVER WATERSHED ACTION COMMITTEE TO HONOR  
DR. GEORGE VAN ORDEN DURING UPCOMING CELEBRATION DINNER**

On Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Birchwood Manor in Whippany, the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee (WRWAC) will recognize Dr. George Van Orden for his years of service, commitment, and dedication to the Whippany River Watershed and the WRWAC. Hanover Township Mayor Ron Francioli has been invited to take part in the tribute as a keynote speaker. “WRWAC could not have selected a more deserving individual to honor this year than Dr. Van Orden,” stated Francioli. “Since the 1980’s, George has been on the forefront of watershed management. His work over thirty years ago to restore the Whippany River to the clean, thriving ecosystem it is today stands out as one of his signature accomplishments in championing water quality. It is one of many.”



*Dr. George Van Orden*

Van Orden worked for the Hanover Township Health Department as the municipal Health Officer and Environmental Health Specialist from 1981 through 2015, when he retired from local government. He currently serves as a volunteer member of the Township’s Board of Health and teaches at the universities of Rutgers and Drew, as well as at the College of Saint Elizabeth.

To learn more about the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee’s October 17th dinner, which will also raise funds to support the non-profit organization’s efforts to preserve, protect, and maintain the land and water resources of the Whippany River Watershed, please visit their website at [www.wrwap.org](http://www.wrwap.org). Tickets for the event are on sale now through October 5<sup>th</sup> by going to <https://wrwap2018dinner.eventbrite.com>. For information on additional opportunities to participate in this event or to pay by check, please visit the WRWAC website.

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