

LOCATION AND GEOGRAPHICS

The Babb Creek Watershed is located in North Central Pennsylvania, occupying the southern part of Tioga County and a small portion of northern Lycoming County. All of Duncan Township and portions of Delmar, Shippen, Morris, Liberty, Bloss, Covington and Charleston Townships are in the watershed. The northern boundary of the watershed lies approximately 2 miles south of the borough of Wellsboro. It is bounded on the east by the village of Arnot and on the west by the east rim of the Pine Creek Gorge, known throughout the State as "Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon".

The watershed is an area of approximately 129 square miles, 65% of which is State Forest and sparsely populated woodland. The remaining 35% is agriculture and rural residential land with small communities scattered throughout. Farming is generally restricted to the northern upland regions of the watershed.

The village of Morris, formerly a center for the lumber and coal mining industries, is located at the mouth of Wilson Creek in the southern part of the watershed. The once populous mining towns of Antrim and Arnot lie in the center and eastern edge of the watershed respectively. In the western section, along the East Branch of Stony Fork Creek is the village of Stony Fork and at the mouth of Babb Creek, in the southwest corner, is the village of Blackwell.

Pennsylvania Traffic Route No. 287 bisects the watershed from north to south and is its primary traffic artery. U. S. Route 15 also runs north and south 2 miles west of the watershed.