Upper Delaware Council



Annual Report Fiscal Year 1992

OCTOBER 1, 1991-SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

Accomplishments — F.Y. 1992

In F.Y. 1992 the Council concluded its fifth year of operation. This is an important milestone because the documents that guide the Council's operations must be reviewed and renewed every five years. Fiscal Year 1992 saw development of the second Five-Year Operating Program which outlines a plan of work for the next half decade, and adoption of a new five year cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, which extends the Council's operating authority through F.Y. 1997. Other actions taken during F.Y. 1992 include:

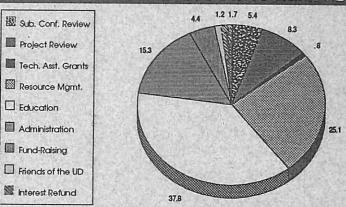
- The Council awarded five technical assistance grants totaling \$10,836 to local towns and townships to assist them with carrying out the River Management Plan. During the five years that the Council's grants program has operated, 41 grants totaling \$277,372 have been awarded.
- The Council established the Friends of the Upper Delaware, a volunteer program to carry out environmental improvement projects in the river corridor. The group gives property owners, residents, and visitors the opportunity to participate directly in protecting the river and its surrounding landscape. As part of this program, over fifteen groups and individuals have adopted streams and highways throughout the river corridor under state Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Stream programs.
- The UDC enjoyed its first success at raising funds from private sources. The Council received a \$20,000 grant from the J.M. Kaplan Fund to conduct a Toxics Identification and Control Campaign to identify potential sources of toxic pollution that may threaten the water quality and ecology of the Upper Delaware River corridor. Funds were also raised under the Friends of the Upper Delaware program.
- The Council sponsored a conference titled "Tourism as an Economic Development Tool in the Upper Delaware Basin." The conference initiated the Council's program to use the river as the environmental and economic centerpiece for compatible economic development.
- Through public comments, the UDC strongly opposed a proposal by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to introduce salmonids into the Delaware River watershed. The state later dropped introduction plans, citing public comments as one reason for its decision.
- The Council took a lead role with local, county, state, and federal agencies in planning for, and coordination of, responses to hazardous materials spills in the corridor.
- The Council presented awards for outstanding community service to 33 groups and individuals during F.Y. 1992.
- In cooperation with several other agencies, the UDC co-sponsored a conference convened by the Pocono Streams Project on alternative wastewater treatment systems.
- The Council, NPS, and local citizens worked with the NY/PA Interstate Bridge Commission to upgrade the funding priority of Pond Eddy Bridge and propose authorization of a \$500,000 design study on rehabilitating it.
- The Council's programs took on an international focus when members and staff met with Oleg Chervyakov, Director of Russia's new Vodlozero National Park, as part of an exchange program for park professionals.
- The UDC submitted comments to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection requesting that agreement be reached on the Cannonsville Dam valve. The city and state later reached agreement that will result in installation of the valve, needed to improve fisheries management in the Delaware and its West Branch.

Revenues and Expenses-F.Y. 1992

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NPS Cooperative Agreement . J.M. Kaplan Fund Grant . Friends of the Upper Delaware Contributions . Interest Income . Other Income .	
Total Revenues	\$330,622

EXPENSES							
Program or Function	Special Projects	Program Services	Personnel	Fees & Services	Operations	Interest Payable	Total by Function
Sub. Conf. Review	v \$ -0-	\$ 7	\$ 8,115	\$ 3,847	\$ 3,171	-0-	15,140
Project Review	-0-	20	15,418	3,729	4,124	-0-	23,291
Tech. Asst. Grants	(2,758)	-0-	1,748	1,669	1,493	-0-	2,152
Resource Mgmt.	-0-	8,092	46,311	8,055	8,145	-0-	70,603
Education	-0-	31,542	40,575	23,673	10,254	-0-	106,044
Administration	-0-	65	25,641	12,798	4,378	-0-	42,882
Fund-Raising	-0-	155	1,461	9,946	776	-0-	12,338
Friends of the UD	-0-	265	399	2,200	644	-0-	3,508
Interest Refund	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	4,819	4,819
Total	\$ (2.758)	\$40.146	\$139 668	\$65 917	\$32 985	\$4.910	\$290 777

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES AT A GLANCE



STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES

	Year Ended Sep 30, 1992		Year Ended Sep 30, 1991
	Actual	Budget	Actual
Revenues:			
NPS Cooperative Agreement (Incl. Interest)	\$300,141	\$300,000	\$300,413
J.M. Kaplan Fund	20,000	20,000	-0-
Friends of the Upper Delaware	1,215	1,215	-0-
Interest Income	4,676	9,000	6,215
Other Income	4,590	10,000	8,567
Total Revenues	\$330,622	\$340,215	\$315,195
Expenses:			
Personnel	\$139,668	\$133,562	\$132,738
Fees and Services	65,917	68,500	69,707
Program Services and Special Projects	37,388	81,820	59,784
Operations	32,985	28,674	27,925
OtherInterest Refund to NPS	4,819	11,000	6,215
Total Expenses	\$280,777	\$323,556	\$296,369
Revenues in Excess of Expenses	\$ 49,845		18,826
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 31,264		\$ 12,438
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 81,109		\$ 31,264

Objectives for Fiscal Year 1993

he Council's new Five-Year Operating Program and work plans set forth a detailed agenda for F.Y. 1993. For the most part, F.Y. 1993 will be a year of building and strengthening existing programs. Significant actions planned during the upcoming fiscal year include the following:

- The Council will continue its coordination role with local, state, and federal agencies to improve communications, planning, and training involving potential hazardous materials incidents. Key elements will include holding inter-agency workshops, reviewing existing plans, conducting a table-top exercise, and building an improved working relationship with Conrail.
- Continuing with the tourism/economic development theme of F.Y. 1992, the Council will hold its fourth annual conference targeting local and regional businesses, individuals, and government officials.
- The Council will acquire and remodel the office building in which it now resides. This will improve working conditions, increase productivity, and free up substantial funding in future years for new staff and programs.
- In cooperation with the Audubon Society of New York State, Inc., the Council will sponsor a series of workshops on citizen-based water quality monitoring for volunteers in Council Adopt-A-Stream programs. The workshops will educate and train volunteers in biological water quality monitoring, provide valuable data on water quality, and get people directly involved in protecting their neighborhood rivers and streams.
- The Council will continue its review of substantial conformance for member towns and townships, land development permits, land use regulations, ordinances, amendments, and enforcement actions. The UDC will continue to review land acquisition and other management activities by the National Park Service.
- The Council will continue to expand its Friends of the Upper Delaware Program and use it as the vehicle to promote participation in state Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Stream programs. The goal is to double the number of miles of streams and highways adopted in 1992.



In F.Y. 1992, 15 streams and 20 miles of highway were adopted through the UDC's Friends of the Upper Delaware Program. The Council's goal is to double these numbers in F.Y. 1993.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

The Upper Delaware Council has just completed its fifth year of work. In 1988, the Council was challenged to protect the Upper Delaware River's 74 miles for present and future generations. The towns and townships which agreed to participate added a caveat: the plan had to protect the rights of those who live along the river as well. Fortunately, the challenge posed by the resulting compact which we call the Management Plan was accepted with enthusiasm by the governments, the agencies, and many dedicated local citizens. Hundreds of proposals, ranging from small projects of individuals to million dollar government projects, have been examined in the light of local zoning and river impacts. Communications from the Council have made a significant difference in the outcome of projects, regulations, and legislation. And protection has been maintained for both the river and local rights.

The work of the Council affects many persons and groups including area residents, recreationists, businesses, those who drink Delaware River water, and government bodies at all levels. Because of the variety of these constituencies, decisions taken by the Council require a constant balancing act. For every criticism leveled that a recommendation has not gone far enough in one direction, there has been another that the decision's impact will go too far. But the balance has been maintained and the UDC has become respected both locally and nationally.

For their outstanding cooperation during my tenure as chair in 1992, I sincerely commend and thank the Council representatives and the staff. At the conclusion of a very successful year, and with the completion of the first five year plan, we are reminded not to rest on our laurels by a tiny, seemingly insignificant something like the zebra mussel. The Upper Delaware Council will continue to face challenges large and small, as well as small ones that may become large.

Sincerely,

George Fluhr, Shohola Township

Chair, F.Y. 1992

Responsibility and Authority

The Upper Delaware Council is a formal partnership of federal, state, and local governments responsible for managing the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. The Council's existence evolved from the special provisions of the 1978 legislation which designated the river as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Its role, including management powers and responsibilities, emerged through literally years of debate and consensus-building by local officials and citizens as they helped write, and then re-wrote, the River Management Plan. Simply put, the Council coordinates the management efforts on behalf of its member governments under a long term cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. Though its members are government agencies, the Council is incorporated in Pennsylvania as a non-profit organization. It is classified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Contributions to the Council are tax-deductible.

UDC Membership — F.Y. 1992

MEMBER	REPRESENTATIVE	alternate
Town of Hancock	George H. Frosch	Richard M. Knight
Town of Fremont	George Rosenberger	Walter G. Sipple
Town of Delaware	Edward C. Sykes (Part-Year)	William Dirie (Part-Year)
	Andrew Ziegler (Part-Year)	Lloyd Heller (Part-Year)
Town of Cochecton	Larry Richardson	Richard Guttzeit
Town of Tusten	Eileen Falk (Part-Year)	Richard Lander (Part-Year)
	Charles Wieland (Part-Year)	C. Fred Tegeler (Part-Year)
Town of Highland	Albert Norris	Andrew Boyar
	Berr	ard Kozykowski (Second Alt.)
Town of Lumberland	Thomas Hill	Paul Brennan
Town of Deerpark	Francis E. Hartmann	Robert Cunningham
Shohola Township	George J. Fluhr	Andrew Bartsch
Lackawaxen Township	Edward DeFebo	John S. McKay
Westfall Township	Phil Fitzpatrick	Alan Bowers
Commonwealth of PA	Art Davis	Roger Fickes (Part-Year)
	Marian Hrubovcak (Part-Year)	David Lamereaux
State of New York	Bruce MacMillan	Frederick Gerty
Delaware River Basin Comm.	Gerald M.Hansler	Robert V. Everest (Part-Year)
		David B. Everett (Part-Year)
PARTNER	REPRESENTATIVE	alternate
National Park Service	James W. Coleman, Jr. (Part-Yea Lorraine Mintzmeyer (Part-Yea	
Citizens Advisory Council	Charlie Clapper (Acting, Part-Y Larue Elmore (Part-Year) Martin Borko (Part-Year)	ear) Geraldine Howson (Part-Year) Larue Elmore (Part-Year)

UDC STAFF POSITION PERSONNEL

Executive Director	William Douglass
Administrative Director	Kathy Johnson
Resource Specialist	David Soete
Secretary	Janice Fischer (Part-Year), Carol Coney
Consultant	Hoffman Williams Lafen & Fletcher

Awards - F.Y. 1992

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Distinguished Service Award	Edward C. Sykes
Community Service Citizens for Tusten, Del. Val.	Arts Alliance, Narrowsburg Ch. of Comm.
Outstanding Community Achievement	Town of Highland
Recreation Achievement Greater	New York Council, Boy Scouts of America
Certificate of Merit	Delaware River Basin Commission
Cultural Achievement	Floyd Campfield
Volunteer Award	Geraldine Howson
Oaken Gavel	Thomas Hill
Award of Recognition Robert Bendick, U	pper Del. CAC, Congressman Ben Gilman

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Award of Recognition: Roger Fickes, Glen Clouse, Damascus Township Recycling Committee, Kittatinny Canoes Inc., National Park Service, Janice Fallar.

UDC Good Friends Award: Eileen Abraham, Bill Douglass, The Bunch Family, Frank Hartmann, Phil Fitzpatrick, Paulene Johnson Hofer, Lori McKean, The Miles Family, Peggy and Erin Richardson, Tom Van Orden, Mona and Ed Wilson, Lewis Schwartz.



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