

RESPONSIBILITY & AUTHORITY

The Upper Delaware Council is unique in the world of river conservation and management. It represents the formal partnership of local, state, and federal governments and agencies who have joined together to manage the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, a true national treasure. The Council's existence evolved from special provisions of the 1978 legislation which designated the Upper Delaware River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. This legislation called for the development of a management plan, to include a program providing for the coordinated implementation and administration of the plan. To that end, the Upper Delaware Council was formed.

What sets this River Management Plan apart from others is the commitment to local land use controls and voluntary actions by landowners to protect the resources on their private property as opposed to federal ownership of the land in the river corridor.

Though its members are local governments, and state and federal agencies, and though it coordinates river management efforts on behalf of these members under a long-term cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, the Council is incorporated in the State of 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.



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UPPER DELAWARE COUNCIL

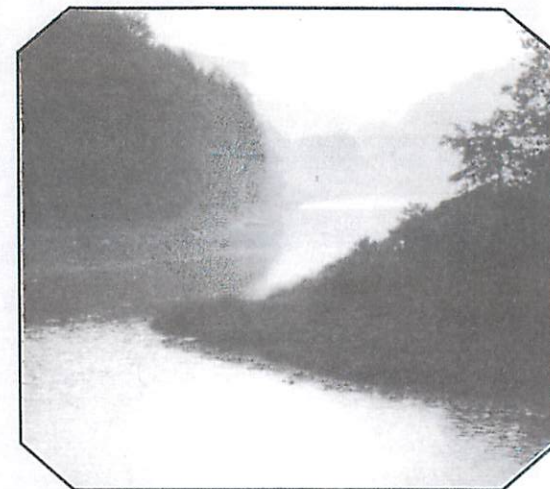


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ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 1993

OCTOBER 1, 1992 — SEPTEMBER 30, 1993

A partnership for land, water, and people
working together to conserve the
Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River
in New York and Pennsylvania

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



My term as Chair of the Upper Delaware Council has raced by so quickly it seems as if someone has played a trick and simply ripped pages from the calendar. I proudly accepted the gavel from George Fluhr in January and thought then that the forthcoming year would allow me an excellent opportunity to lead the efforts to preserve and enhance the fine qualities of the Upper Delaware River that enabled it to be designated a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System in 1978. At the end of my term, I became keenly aware that planning ahead for twelve months is a very short term goal, and that we as residents and concerned citizens need to study and plan for years and generations to come.

The Upper Delaware Council has positioned itself to take an ever greater role in preserving the quality of life in this beautiful area. The dedication with which my fellow representatives serve continues to fill me with pride. Their support as well as that of the Council staff has been most appreciated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry H. Richardson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Larry H. Richardson
Town of Cochection
Chair, 1993

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: F.Y. 1993

Fiscal Year 1993 was an especially gratifying year for the Council because of the signing of Executive Order #169 by Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, ensuring that all New York State agencies will act consistently with the Upper Delaware River Management Plan.

The Council awarded eight more Technical Assistance Grants, totaling \$25,000, to member towns and townships in the corridor to assist them with carrying out the River Management Plan. Since 1988, the Upper Delaware Council has awarded 49 grants totaling \$302,372.00. The 1993 grants are:

- The Town of Delaware for a Water Conservation Education Program.
- Town of Highland to provide Training in Water Quality Monitoring.
- Town of Cochection to fund Development of a Master Plan for the Cochection Erie Railroad Station Project.
- Shohola Township to develop an Informational Map of the Township.
- Lackawaxen and Westfall Townships to fund the updating of their respective Comprehensive Plans.(Two grants)
- Town of Delaware to update their Master Plan and Amend their Zoning Law.
- Town of Lumberland for a feasibility study of Bicycling in the Upper Delaware Corridor.

The following is a sampling of other noteworthy successes this year:

- Conducted several HAZMAT Spills Response Seminars for area officials.
- Developed, produced, and distributed the Visitors Information Map and Guide.
- Completed initial documentation for the Toxics Identification and Control Campaign.
- Provided comment and support for the DRBC's proposed non-point source pollution regulations.
- Purchased the UDC headquarters building in Narrowsburg, NY from GTE under very favorable terms.
- Presented awards to fifteen area individuals, towns and organizations at the annual Awards Banquet.
- Conducted first-hand examination of Barnes Landfill site after having commented on closure plan to NYS DEC.
- Facilitated agreement between NYS Dept. of Transportation, the Lumberland Lions Club, the Town of Lumberland, and the NPS concerning cleanup of the Route 97 rest stop.
- Participated in meetings with the PA Dept. of Environmental Resources-Bureau of Forestry, and the NPS for continued management of the canoe-in campground on PA State Forest Lands in Westfall Township.
- Worked with the Town of Delaware and with Lackawaxen Township to find them to be in substantial conformance with the River Management Plan.
- Held a series of workshops on citizen-based water-quality monitoring in cooperation with the New York Audubon Society and the Friends of the Upper Delaware.
- Supported NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation plans for revised schedule of augmented conservation release rates from Pepacton and Neversink reservoirs to improve fisheries management on the Upper Delaware.
- Reviewed and supported Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. plans to build a public park in the hamlet of Mongaup. Theme of the park is the historic D & H Canal.
- Continued to review and comment on proposed regulations, variances, and significant projects which could impact the Upper Delaware River Corridor.

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES

	Year Ended 9/30/93	Year Ended 9/30/92
Revenues:		
NPS Cooperative Agreement (Incl. Interest)	\$300,000	\$300,141
Restricted Grants		
J.M. Kaplan Fund	—0—	20,000
The Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc.	8,000	—0—
State of N.Y. Division of Military and Naval Affairs	5,000	—0—
N.Y.S. Electric and Gas Lighting Rebate	595	—0—
Friends of the Upper Delaware	165	1,215
Interest Income	1,853	4,676
Rent Forgiveness (GTE prior year)	11,293	—0—
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>3,476</u>	<u>4,590</u>
Total Revenues	\$330,382	\$330,622
Expenses:		
Personnel	\$138,234	\$139,668
Fees and Services	55,939	65,917
Program Services and Special Projects	48,783	37,388
Operations	41,811	32,985
<u>Other—Interest Refund to NPS</u>	<u>1,373</u>	<u>4,819</u>
Total Expenses	\$286,140	\$280,777
 Revenues in Excess of Expenses	 \$44,242	 \$ 49,845
Other Changes in Equity		
Capital Expenditures	(\$63,063)	
Capital Expenditures Capitalized	63,063	
Net Change in Fund Equity	44,242	49,845
Fund Equity—Beginning	81,109	31,264
Fund Equity—Ending	\$125,351	\$81,109

UDC MEMBERSHIP — F.Y. 1993

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>
Town of Hancock	George H. Frosch	
Town of Fremont	George Rosenberger	Walter G. Sipple
Town of Delaware	Andrew Ziegler (part-year)	Lloyd Heller
	Edward C. Sykes (part-year)	
Town of Cochetton	Larry Richardson	Nicholas Michaels
Town of Tusten	Charles Wieland	C. Fred Tegeler
Town of Highland	Albert Norris	Andrew Boyer (1st Alt.)
		Bernard Kozykowski (2nd Alt.)
 Town of Lumberland	 Thomas Hill	 Paul Brennan
Town of Deepark	Francis E. Hartmann	Robert Cunningham (1st Alt.)
		John Wulff (2nd Alt.)
Lackawaxen Township	Edward DeFebo	John S. McKay
Shohola Township	George J. Fluhr	Andrew Bartsch
Westfall Township	Phil Fitzpatrick (part-year)	Alan Bowers (part-year)
	Alan Bowers (part-year)	Joseph C. Banach (part-year)
 State of New York	 Bruce MacMillan	 Fred Gerty
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Marian H. Hrubovcak	David Lamereaux
Delaware River Basin Comm.	Gerald M. Hansler	David B. Everett
U.D. Citizens Advisory Council	Martin Borko	LaRue Elmore
<u>PARTNER</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>
National Park Service	John J. Reynolds (part-year)	John T. Hutzky
	Barbara J. Griffin (part-year)	

OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994

As the Upper Delaware Council embarks on its seventh year, it is looking to build and strengthen its ties to communities on both sides of the river with increased communications and proactive stances on issues affecting the river corridor. To that end, here is a sampling of some of the goals and tasks the Council has set for the upcoming year:

- Continue to monitor water quality and flow issues and to recommend appropriate action when indicated. In addition, the Council will continue to participate at meetings of the DRBC's Water Quality Advisory Committee.
- Increase the capabilities of officials at every level of government and of local emergency response personnel to respond to and recover from hazardous materials incidents in the Upper Delaware River Valley.
- Monitor regulatory and enforcement activity of landfills and sewage treatment plants that could directly affect the river corridor, and to take appropriate action when necessary.
- Pursue development of a river recreation planning and management process and continue to review and make recommendations on the NPS annual recreation plan.
- Revitalize and reactivate the Friends of the Upper Delaware volunteer program by increasing activity in existing programs, in addition to launching several new activities to increase volunteer membership and participation.
- Continue renovations and alterations to the UDC headquarters, including upgrading and improving the telephone and computer systems.
- Assess the feasibility of establishing a scenic byway program to add to the Council's existing driving tours program and to broaden the recreation/tourism industry in the region.
- Finalize the Toxics Identification and Control Campaign report.
- Encourage Berlin, Buckingham, Damascus and Manchester Townships to join with their eleven neighboring riverfront NY and PA towns and townships as active members of the Council.
- Finalize initial substantial conformance review for the Town of Cochetton.
- Participate in the preparation of an economic development/tourism plan for the Upper Delaware region consistent with the RMP.
- Continue to advocate cleanup and removal of contents of the Cortese Landfill and coordinate with all appropriate agencies.
- Continue awarding Technical Assistance Grants to member towns/ships to further implementation of the River Management Plan.
- Continue to provide reviews and comments on Class I and Class II projects, variances, and ordinance challenges.