

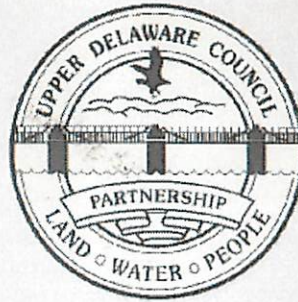
Responsibility & Authority

The Upper Delaware Council is unique in the world of river conservation and management because 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 in the 1978 legislation which designated the Upper Delaware River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and called for development of a management plan and 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 is the commitment to local land use controls and voluntary actions by landowners to protect the resources on their own private property, as opposed to federal ownership of the land in the river corridor. Rather, the Council operates under a long-term cooperative agreement with the National Park Service.

The Upper Delaware Council is classified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, and is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.



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

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Annual Report

**Fiscal Year 1994
October 1, 1993 --
September 30, 1994**

From the Chair...



Since 1988, the Upper Delaware Council has grown in size as well as in stature. It has been an honor for me to serve as Chairman to an organization that is well-respected and nationally-known for its uniqueness and effectiveness.

I sincerely believe that the few townships who are still not members of the Council will come to realize that it will be in their best interest and the best interest of their residents to become part of the decision-making process in the Upper Delaware River valley. We on the Council will continue to protect the non-member river towns from land acquisition or condemnation and other fears that have been propagandized since the formation of the Council. And, we will continue to leave the "Welcome Mat" out.

During my years as a member representing the Town of Delaware, one of the first towns to join, I have seen many new towns join our ranks, and have seen how both the towns, the Council, and ultimately the river valley itself has benefitted. We of the UDC know what our purpose is, and are guided by that in our work.

It would be great to have 100% membership, and it would be nice to see that happen sooner rather than later. But in the meantime, the Upper Delaware Council will continue to help protect non-member towns as if they were members. We hope to someday soon have the addition of their wisdom for our mutual benefit.

Edward C. Sykes
Town of Delaware
1994 Chairman

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: FY 1994

Fiscal Year 1994 was in many ways a transition year for the Upper Delaware Council (UDC). For the first time ever, a full-time communications/public relations position was created. It was filled by the hiring of Nancie Robertson in February. Karl Werkheiser had been brought on board the UDC staff in the first part of the fiscal year in a newly-created part-time bookkeeper position. The use of outside consulting firms was cut back. Also, the Council began moving more in the direction of being proactive, rather than reactive. The Council awarded eight Technical Assistance Grants, totaling \$23,500, to member towns and townships in the corridor to assist them with carrying out the provisions of the River Management Plan. Since 1988, the Upper Delaware Council has awarded 57 grants totaling \$325,872. The 1994 grants include:

- Shohola Township:** To update and upgrade the 1975 Shohola Township Comprehensive Plan.
Town of Delaware: To prepare and adopt an Update of the Town's Master Plan and amendments to the Town's Zoning Law and Town Subdivision Law.
Town of Highland: To prepare a bald eagle education program and brochure including eagle watching etiquette, history, a map, and a sighting report form; to prepare a bird identification guide to help river users identify and report breeding and migratory bird populations of the Upper Delaware River corridor. (Two grants)
Town of Lumberland: To conduct a water conservation education program in the elementary schools; to conduct a feasibility study of the NYS Scenic Byways Program and its applications in the Upper Delaware River corridor; and to prepare a bicycling guide and map for the Towns of Tusten, Highland, and Lumberland. (Three grants)
Lackawaxen Township: To investigate hazards presented by railroad infrastructure in the Township.

Here is a brief look at some of the Council's other accomplishments in FY94:

- ✓ Worked with Lackawaxen Township to find them to be in substantial conformance with the Land and Water Use Guidelines in the River Management Plan.
- ✓ Presented testimony to the Pennsylvania Transportation Commission in support of the continued use and maintenance of the Pond Eddy Bridge over the Upper Delaware River connecting Shohola and Westfall Townships and the Town of Lumberland, a critical link for fire protection and emergency response purposes.
- ✓ Co-sponsored a one-day "Rural Community Planning" workshop for local officials and citizens, in cooperation with the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council.
- ✓ Continued work on clarifying and resolving the strand issue. The Council sponsored a one-day meeting involving New York State and Pennsylvania enforcement and policy officials, National Park Service personnel, and representatives from local municipalities to openly discuss the process of getting a uniform code for the issues surrounding the strand relating to the Upper Delaware River Corridor.
- ✓ Continued to participate with area emergency management agencies and the National Park Service on river evacuation plans in the event of an emergency situation as a follow-up to the HazMat training sessions the UDC sponsored in FY 1993.
- ✓ Participated at several local events, including the Narrowsburg Riverfest, Orange County Dazzle on the Delaware, and the Hancock Bluestone Festival, and provided information about the Council's mission and programs to area residents and visitors.
- ✓ Developed, produced, and distributed a revised edition of the "Visitor Map and Guide for Touring the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, New York and Pennsylvania" brochure.
- ✓ Presented awards to 23 area individuals, towns, townships, organizations, and agencies at the UDC's annual Awards Banquet.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

"It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations."

UDC STAFF

Executive Director.....William Douglass
 Public Relations (part-year).....Nancie Robertson
 Resource Specialist.....David Soete
 Secretary.....Carol Coney
 Bookkeeper(part-time).....Karl Werkheiser
 Consultant (part-year).....Hoffman Williams
 Lafen & Fletcher

AWARDS -- FISCAL YEAR 1994

Distinguished Service Award.....Francis E. Hartmann
 Oaken Gavel Award.....Larry H. Richardson
 Volunteer Award.....Matthew J. Freda
 Cultural Achievement Award.....Cochecton Preservation Society;
 Shohola Railroad & Historical Society
 Community Service Award.....Huguenot Fire Company,
 Town of Deerpark, and the National Park Service
 Outstanding Community Achievement Award.....Town of Highland, NY
 Best Friend Award.....Tom Van Orden
 Recreation Achievement Award.....Ten Mile River Enterprises
 Certificates of Merit.....State of New York;
 Pennsylvania Game Commission
 Awards of Recognition.....Robert White; Assemblyman Jake Gunther;
 Senator Charles Cook
 Special Awards.....Micheline Cavallacci; Brigit Gulino;
 Joseph Toohey; David Hulse;
 Laurie Ramie; GTE; Jan Cheripko;
 Congressman Maurice Hinchey

Revenue and Expenses -- Fiscal Year 1994

REVENUES

NPS Cooperative Agreement.....\$300,000.00
 Contributions.....10.00
 Interest Income.....5,245.00
 Other Income.....3,093.00
Total Revenues.....\$308,348.00

EXPENDITURES

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Special Projects/ Program Services</u>	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Interest Payable</u>	<u>Investment in Plant</u>	<u>Total by Function</u>
Substantial Conformance	\$ 5,340.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 1,928.00	--0--	--0--	\$ 7,878.00
Project Review	21,489.00	2,489.00	7,885.00	--0--	--0--	31,863.00
Technical Assistance Grants (Net)	1,967.00	20,743.00	712.00	--0--	--0--	23,422.00
Water Use/Resource Mgmt.	43,097.00	4,434.00	13,716.00	--0--	--0--	61,247.00
Public Affairs/Education	52,727.00	42,449.00	22,595.00	--0--	--0--	117,771.00
Fund Raising	203.00	24.00	74.00	--0--	--0--	301.00
Friends of the Upper Delaware	20.00	2.00	6.00	--0--	--0--	28.00
Interest Due NPS	--0--	--0--	--0--	\$4,584.00	--0--	4,584.00
Toxic Identification	4,653.00	610.00	1,721.00	--0--	--0--	6,984.00
Administration	21,999.00	2,728.00	8,752.00	--0--	--0--	33,479.00
Total Expenses	\$151,495.00	\$74,089.00	\$57,389.00	\$4,584.00	--0--	\$287,557.00
Capital Expenditures	--0--	--0--	--0--	--0--	\$9,672.00	9,672.00
Total Expenditures	\$151,495.00	\$74,089.00	\$57,389.00	\$4,584.00	\$9,672.00	\$297,229.00

Statement of Fund Balances

	Year Ending 9/30/94	Year Ending 9/30/93
REVENUES		
NPS Cooperative Agreement	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Restricted Grants	--0--	13,595.00
Contributions	10.00	165.00
Interest Income	5,245.00	1,853.00
Other Income	3,093.00	3,476.00
Rent Forgiveness (GTE prior year)	--0--	11,293.00
Total Revenues	\$308,348.00	\$330,382.00
EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$151,495.00	\$138,234.00
Special Projects & Program Services	74,089.00	93,454.00
Operations	57,389.00	53,079.00
Interest Refund--NPS	4,584.00	1,373.00
Total Expenses	\$287,557.00	\$286,140.00
Revenues in Excess of Expenses	\$20,791.00	\$44,242.00
TRANSFER		
Capital Expenditures	(\$ 9,672.00)	(\$ 63,063.00)
Capital Expenditures Capitalized	9,672.00	63,063.00
Net Change in Fund Equity	20,791.00	44,242.00
Fund Equity--Beginning	125,351.00	81,109.00
Fund Equity--Ending	\$146,142.00	\$125,351.00

UDC Membership -- Fiscal Year 1994

MEMBER	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Town of Hancock	George H. Frosch	
Town of Fremont	Scott Haberli	John B. Niflot
Town of Delaware	Edward C. Sykes	Eric J. Nystrom
Town of Cochection	Larry Richardson	Nicholas Michaels
Town of Tusten	Charles Wieland	C. Fred Tegeler
Town of Highland	Lewis Schmalzle	Bernard Kozykowski
		Albert Norris
Town of Lumberland	Thomas Hill	Paul Brennan
Town of Deepark	Francis E. Hartmann (part-year)	Phil Chase (part-year)
	Phil Chase (part-year)	Wayne Decker
		Walt Myers
Lackawaxen Township	John S. McKay	Edward DeFebo
Shohola Township	George J. Fluhr	Andrew Bartsch
Westfall Township	Alan Bowers	Joseph C. Banach
State of New York	Bruce MacMillan	Fred Gerty
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Marian H. Hrubovcak	David Lamereaux
Delaware River Basin Commission	Gerald M. Hansler	David B. Everett
U.D. Citizens Advisory Council	Martin Borko	LaRue Elmore
National Park Service (partner)	Barbara J. Griffin	John T. Hutzky

Objectives for Fiscal Year 1995

With the changes in staffing accomplished during the first half of FY94, the Upper Delaware Council is now poised to add new life to some programs which have been simmering on the back burner, and to become involved with new initiatives currently on the table, while continuing to operate the existing successful functions called for in our Cooperative Agreement with the National Park Service. Some of the tasks identified in the FY95 Committee Work Plans include:

- ✓ Continue to work on clarification of the strand issue.
- ✓ Produce a new brochure for use by landowners and recreationists explaining, in plain language, the rights of those people who use the Upper Delaware River for navigational/recreational purposes and the rights of those people who own land along/under the river.
- ✓ Hold a major conference on the subject of ecotourism.
- ✓ Explore the feasibility of railroad passenger excursions along the river.
- ✓ Aggressively rejuvenate and promote the Friends of the Upper Delaware volunteer organization by creating a quarterly newsletter devoted to Friends' activities and information, conducting quarterly educational meetings featuring a

guest speaker, initiating a monthly walking tour program focusing on the river valley, and continuing to encourage participation in existing Friends' programs.

- ✓ Participate in the planning and development of a Delaware River Sojourn from Hancock to Trenton to be held in June (American Rivers Month).
- ✓ Review and comment on proposals to implement new Delaware River Basin Commission non-point source pollution regulations.
- ✓ Continue to monitor the progress of the drafting of the Unit Management Plan for the NYS DEC's Mongaup Valley Wildlife Management Area.
- ✓ Assess the feasibility of a Scenic Byway program in the river corridor.
- ✓ Attend the NY/PA Joint Interstate Bridge Commission's annual meeting, and the semi-annual meetings of the Upper Delaware River Safety Committee.
- ✓ Continue quarterly publication of *The Upper Delaware* newsletter, which is currently mailed to some 15,000 homes, businesses, agencies, and organizations.
- ✓ Continue project review tasks including: substantial conformance reviews of the Towns of Cochection and Hancock; permits issued by state, regional, and federal agencies; local ordinance amendments, challenges, and variations; and Class I and Class II projects as defined in the River Management Plan.