

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 in 1988.

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. The Council membership 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 to the extent allowed by law.



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

On the cover: Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct, which links Lackawaxen, Pa. to Minisink Ford, NY, celebrated its Sesquicentennial anniversary in 1998. Constructed by John A. Roebling in 1848, the Aqueduct is the oldest existing wire suspension bridge in the U.S. and a popular National Park Service visitation site in the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River region. (Photo by David B. Soete, UDC Senior Resource Specialist)

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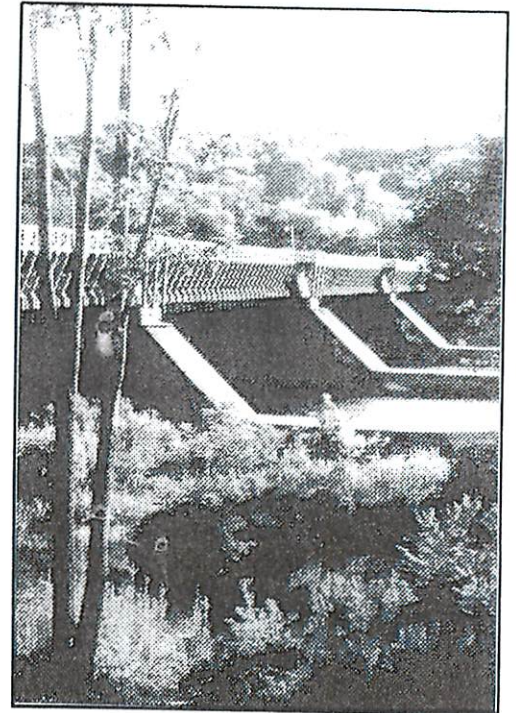
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Upper Delaware Council

Annual Report



Fiscal Year 1998

October 1, 1997 --
September 30, 1998

The View from the Chair...

Alan Bowers

1998 UDC Chairperson
Westfall Township, PA



As I see it, the main duty facing a chairperson of an organization such as the Upper Delaware Council is to keep things proceeding in an orderly fashion.

For me this has been easy for two reasons. First, the cooperation of each member has been tremendous and cheerfully given. Secondly, I believe that the UDC possesses the finest staff we could hope for. Their professionalism and work ethic is what really keeps us rolling along. We all owe them our thanks.

The main highlight of my year as chairperson can best be summed up as a period of relative quiet. By this, I mean that over the past 12 months there have been no major controversies or bones of contention.

This I attribute not to any great skill of my own but to the maturing of the Council as a whole.

Many of the questions faced at its inception have been answered through the collaboration of the member towns and townships.

Working together, we have taken the River Management Plan and applied its guidelines and principles to reach consensus.

I am sure that in the future, unforeseen issues will arise, but I have faith that the UDC will meet those head-on and strive to do what's best for the river and the corridor.

Technical Assistance Grants

Since 1988, the Upper Delaware Council has awarded \$409,441 in Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) funding for 96 eligible projects by member towns and townships or their counties, including 12 grants totaling \$22,000 in FY98. Contact the UDC for more details on this annual program.

Town of Cochection, NY - Update Subdivision Regulations. TAG: \$3,000.

Town of Deerpark, NY - Re-draft Zoning Law. TAG: \$3,000.

Town of Tusten, NY - Update and print Subdivision Regulations. TAG: \$2,800.

Town of Lumberland, NY - Establish an Historical Markers Program and produce a pamphlet. TAG: \$2,600.

Town of Highland, NY - Re-write Zoning Code. TAG: \$2,600.

Town of Delaware, NY - Conduct a town-wide Sign Inventory and amend Zoning Law. TAG: \$2,400.

Town of Fremont, NY - Update Zoning Law and Planned Unit Development procedures. TAG: \$2,100.

Town of Highland, NY (The Eagle Institute, subcontractor) - Produce a 12-panel Eagle Watch brochure. TAG: \$1,400.

Shohola Township, PA - Revise Township Map and Guide. TAG: \$1,200.

Town of Cochection, NY - Print revised Zoning Law. TAG: \$600.

Town of Lumberland, NY - Convene three training sessions on administration of land use laws. TAG: \$300.

Town of Lumberland, NY - Print new Subdivision Law. TAG: \$200.

Major UDC Accomplishments in FY98:

◆ Celebrated the Upper Delaware Council's 10th anniversary with gubernatorial citations from New York State and Pennsylvania, a Reunion Picnic & Raft Trip theme, exhibits, and a publicity campaign.

◆ Entered into a third Five-Year Cooperative Agreement with the National Park Service to extend the UDC's operations and funding to Sept. 30, 2002.

◆ Published 25,000 revised edition copies of the "Visitor Information Map and Guide for Touring the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River."

◆ Adopted a "Position Paper on Flows" to contribute to a pending Flow Needs Analysis of the Delaware River and its major tributaries to be overseen by the Delaware River Basin Commission's Flow Management Technical Advisory Committee.

◆ Participated in the planning and observance of numerous "Celebrate '98" river valley anniversary activities, the 4th Annual Delaware River Sojourn, and "Water Snapshot '98" water quality monitoring.

◆ Convinced the Delaware River Master and DRBC parties to conduct experimental springtime bottom releases from the Cannonsville Reservoir to observe the effects on water quality.

◆ Protested a proposal by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) which would direct Orange & Rockland Utilities to schedule season-long, two-turbine releases on the Mongaup River.

◆ Petitioned NYS Department of Transportation to clean up graffiti at the Hawks Nest on Route 97 and to involve stakeholders in developing plans to scale back rock face on Rt. 97 near Hankins.

◆ Monitored work plans by the NY-PA Joint

Interstate Bridge Commission, particularly the proposed rehabilitation of the Pond Eddy Bridge.

◆ Supported the PA Fish and Boat Commission's exemption of non-commercial, non-motorized boats from registration requirements to use PFBC access on the Upper Delaware and West Branch Rivers.

◆ Facilitated Conrail associates in training Upper Delaware River Valley emergency service providers to implement a new railroad mishap response guide.

◆ Favored New York State joining the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact as a means of securing a uniform milk price for dairy farmers.

◆ Endorsed the issuance of overnight camping permits on any PA State Forest Land and commented on the Bureau of Forestry's Resource Plans for district forest lands in Wayne and Pike Counties.

◆ Passed a resolution supporting Sullivan County's pursuit of "New York State Scenic Byways" designation for State Route 97 provided that commercial traffic and existing speed limits are maintained.

◆ Attended meetings and hosted speakers to gain information on the Millennium Pipeline project.

◆ Investigated President Clinton's American Heritage Rivers Initiative in light of the Delaware River's 1998 nomination.

◆ Completed reviews of zoning ordinances and regulations for Cochection, Lumberland, and Delaware.

◆ Researched regional pesticide and herbicide roadside spraying policies, methods, and chemicals.

◆ Accepted the Pennsylvania Planning Association's 1998 Outstanding Planning Award for Plan Implementation at the Annual Conference Oct. 6.

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 E. Douglass
 Senior Resource Specialist.....David B. Soete
 Public Relations.....Laurie Ramie
 Office Manager.....Carol Coney
 Bookkeeper.....William B. McAllister, CPA

1998 UDC ANNUAL AWARDS

Distinguished Service Award.....Malcolm "Angus" Ross, Jr.
 Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Award.....Zbigniew Weresa
 Community Service Award.....Earl Pardini and Helle Henriksen
 Outstanding Community Achievement Award.....Sullivan First Initiative
 Volunteer Award.....Damascus Manor Community Center, Inc.
 Cultural Achievement Award.....Elaine Giguere
 Recreation Achievement.....NPS Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River staff
 Partnership Award.....New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
 Special Award.....Gerald M. Hansler
 Award of Recognition.....Martin Borko
 Oaken Gavel Award.....Charles Wieland
 UDC Special Tribute Plaque presented to honor the late Tom Hill, Town of Lumberland

The 10th Annual Awards Banquet was held April 19, 1998 at The Club at Villa Roma in Callicoon, NY. New York State Senator Charles D. Cook (40th District) delivered the keynote address. The UDC awards publicly recognize those individuals, organizations, communities, and agencies that have contributed to the protection and enhancement of the Upper Delaware River Valley. Public nominations are encouraged.

Revenues and Expenditures -- Fiscal Year 1998

REVENUES

NPS Cooperative Agreement.....	\$300,000
Contributions.....	0
Interest Income.....	12,198
Other Income.....	875
Total Revenues.....	\$313,073

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	\$ 84	\$ 8	\$ 23			\$ 115
Project Review	25,721	2,999	8,072			36,792
Technical Assistance Grants (Net)	6,551	17,490	1,850			25,891
Water Use/Resource Mgmt.	51,186	5,377	14,472			71,035
Public Affairs/Education	53,295	28,006	19,621			100,922
Fund Raising	566	78	209			853
Friends of the Upper Delaware	51	8	22			81
Interest Due NPS				\$4,408		4,408
Hazardous Materials	137	25	83			245
Administration	33,883	4,508	12,134			50,525
Total Expenses	\$171,474	\$58,499	\$56,486	\$4,408		\$290,867
Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0	\$4,240	4,240
Total Expenditures	\$171,474	\$58,499	\$56,486	\$4,408	\$4,240	\$295,107

Statement of Fund Balances

	Year Ending 9/30/98	Year Ending 9/30/97
REVENUES		
NPS Cooperative Agreement	\$300,000	\$300,000
Restricted Grants	0	0
Contributions	0	0
Interest Income	12,198	11,351
Other Income	875	100
Total Revenues	\$313,073	\$311,451
EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$171,474	\$161,643
Special Projects & Program Services	58,499	55,065
Operations	56,486	58,343
Interest Refund--NPS	4,408	6,640
Total Expenses	\$290,867	\$281,691
Revenues in Excess of Expenses	\$22,206	\$29,760
TRANSFER		
Capital Expenditures	(\$4,240)	(\$36,208)
Capital Expenditures Capitalized	4,240	36,208
Net Change in Fund Equity	22,206	29,760
Fund Equity--Beginning	205,021	175,261
Fund Equity--Ending	\$227,227	\$205,021

UDC Membership (Oct. 1, 1997 to Sept. 30, 1998)

1998 Officers: Chair Al Bowers; Vice-Chair Phil Chase; Secretary/Treasurer Jack Niflot

MEMBER

Town of Hancock
Town of Fremont
Town of Delaware
Town of Cochecton
Town of Tusten
Town of Highland
Town of Lumberland
Town of Deerpark
Lackawaxen Township
Shohola Township
Westfall Township
State of New York
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Delaware River Basin Commission
U.D. Citizens Advisory Council

National Park Service (partner)

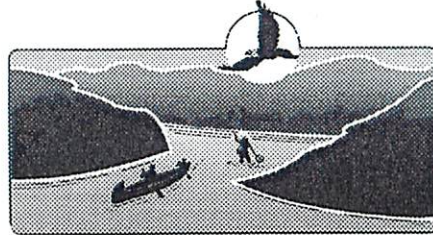
The Upper Delaware Council mourns the September 4, 1998 death of **Edward C. Sykes**, Town of Delaware Representative (1988-91, 1993-96), 1992 Distinguished Service Award recipient, and 1994 UDC Chairperson.

REPRESENTATIVE & ALTERNATE(S)

George H. Frosch
John B. Niflot, Walter Sipple
Harold G. Roeder, Jr., Eric J. Nystrom
Larry Richardson, Nicholas Michaels
Charles Wieland, Richard Crandall / George Burkle (part-year)
Lewis Schmalzle, Allan Schadt
Peter Melnyk, Paul Brennan
Phil Chase, Mel Decker 1st Alt., Robert Cunningham 2nd Alt.
John S. McKay, Edward DeFebo 1st Alt., Brian Stuart 2nd Alt.
Bruce Selneck / George Fluhr, Fluhr 1st, Henry Prigge 2nd Alt.
Alan Bowers, Diane Banach
Bruce MacMillan, Fred Gerty
Marian H. Hrubovcak, David Lamereaux
Carol R. Collier / Gerald M. Hansler, David B. Everett
Bernard Kozykowski / Martin Borko, Peter Wulfhorst 1st Alt., Elizabeth McKenna 2nd Alt. / Geraldine Howson 2nd Alt. (part-year)
Marie Rust, Calvin F. Hite

Objectives for Fiscal Year 1999

- Seek UDC subsidies from New York State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as called for in the River Management Plan, and pursue external grant funding.
- Monitor Congressional funding bill and design plans for the National Park Service's proposed Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River Visitors Interpretive Center.
- Bring PA and NY state agencies together to discuss discordant regulatory policies affecting the Upper Delaware.
- Actively seek an improvement to the quality and consistency of water releases from the New York City reservoirs.
- Convene an Annual Conference on river flows.
- Upgrade the UDC's computer system for World Wide Web access and Year 2000 compliance.
- Take appropriate steps to encourage non-participating Wayne County townships to join the UDC.
- Continue to administer the Technical Assistance Grants program available to member municipalities.
- Facilitate river corridor disaster planning by emergency response personnel.
- Serve on the Delaware River Watershed Initiative Governors' Summit Conference Planning Committee, the 5th Annual Delaware River Sojourn Steering Committee, and



Assemblyman Gunther's Watershed Advisory Council.

- Advocate highway directional signage for the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River region.
- Assess impact of Norfolk Southern Corp.'s takeover of Conrail railroad lines on freight train traffic in the river valley.
- Help develop the Corridor Management Plan needed for Sullivan County's application of Route 97 as a New York State Scenic Byway.
- Encourage the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to prioritize the drafting of the Mongaup Valley Wildlife Management Area Unit Management Plan.
- Provide input to the Departments of Transportation in NY and PA on work plans for corridor roads and bridges.

- Review significant projects, landfill operations or closures, sewage plant management, ordinances, variances, and zoning appeals in participating town/ships and the river corridor, providing technical assistance.
- Monitor federal and state permit and license applications to determine potential environmental impacts.
- Review and comment on the National Park Service's Annual Recreation and Resource Management Plans.
- Track the effectiveness of the American Heritage Rivers program initiated in FY 98.
- Monitor the implementation of the NYS DEC Fishery Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Tailwaters.
- Maintain regular contact with elected legislators by the Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee.
- Inventory UDC publications and assess needs for revisions, reprints, or new educational materials.
- Attend Upper Delaware River Safety Committee and Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council meetings.
- Enhance the UDC's image through the *The Upper Delaware* quarterly newsletter, press releases, public forums, annual raft trip & picnic, and awards banquet.