

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.

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

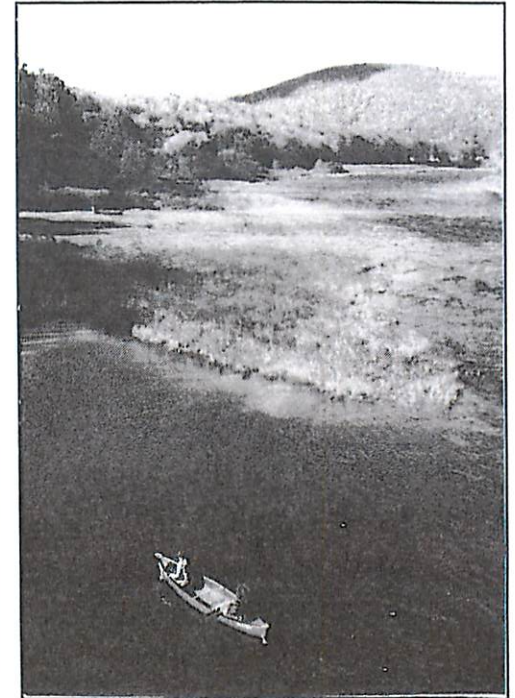
On the cover. Viewed from the vantage point of the Kellams-Stalker Bridge, two paddlers on a fall outing guide their canoe into an inlet of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. (Photo by David B. Soete, UDC Senior Resource Specialist, October 1999)

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Annual Report



Fiscal Year 1999

October 1, 1998 to
September 30, 1999

The View from the Chair...

Phil Chase

1999 UDC Chairperson
Town of Deerpark, NY



It's easy to be optimistic concerning the future of our watersheds in the 21st century. The UDC, with 20 environmental and governmental groups, recently took part in planning and implementing a three-day conference in Philadelphia. This "Flowing Toward the Future: 21st Century Visions and Directions" conference was attended by over 475 participants.

Leadership was provided by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) when they initiated a series of "Flowing Toward the Future" Regional Basin Workshops last spring. How times have changed for the better since the late 1960's when the emphasis at that time was to dam the Delaware for Tocks Island Reservoir.

Here in the Upper Delaware corridor, our River Management Plan seems to isolate and protect us from Sparrowbush to Hancock. But in reality, the quality and quantity of our Delaware waters are directly related and greatly influenced by out-of-the-corridor New York City headwater reservoirs.

And far downstream below our corridor, our anadromous shad have found a much cleaner and hospitable river. Yet last spring, down river shad counts showed the population to be but one-sixteenth that of 1998. Perhaps ocean harvest methods must also be scrutinized.

By the UDC travelling to Trenton and working with the DRBC and their Flow Management Technical Advisory Committee, an excellent relationship has become established. In the year 2000, consultants hired by the DRBC will evaluate the headwater reservoir releases of Cannonsville, Pepacton, and Neversink.

Data collected from the "Flowing Toward the Future" process will be the catalyst for other consulting recommendations. Many of these recommendations, if put into action, will strengthen our own corridor as well as the entire watershed.

I believe that we are on the verge of some exciting watershed improvements in the early part of the 21st century.

Technical Assistance Grants

Since 1988, the Upper Delaware Council has awarded \$430,841 in Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) funding for 105 eligible projects by member towns and townships or their counties, including nine grants totaling \$21,400 in FY99. Contact the UDC for more details on this annual program.

Town of Fremont, NY - Update Town Subdivision Regulations. TAG: \$3,900.

Town of Highland, NY - Inventory and Produce Database of Signs in Town. TAG: \$3,400.

Town of Lumberland, NY - Town Cemetery Inventory and Index. TAG: \$3,300.

Town of Deerpark, NY - Update Subdivision Regulations. TAG: \$3,100.

Shohola Township - Develop Regulations for Haul Roads and Landings. TAG: \$2,000.

Town of Highland, NY - Update Comprehensive Plan and Master Plan. TAG: \$1,800.

Town of Delaware, NY - Index Subdivision Regulations, Zoning, and Flood Damage Prevention Laws. TAG: \$1,600.

Town of Tusten, NY (The Eagle Institute, subcontractor) - Write Corridor-wide Eagle Management Plan for Upper Delaware. TAG: \$1,300.

Town of Tusten, NY - Print Land Use Regulations in Book Form. TAG: \$1,000.

UDC Activity Highlights (Oct. 1998 - Sept. 1999):

» Testified before a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee July 13 on behalf of legislation to authorize construction of the Mongaup Visitor Center.

» Supported the National Park Service's application for FY 2000 funding through the Dept. of Transportation to cover the Visitor Center's preliminary design work.

» Served on the coordinating committee to implement "Flowing Toward the Future" projects, which included: compiling existing regional management plans; co-hosting two May 5 Regional Basin Workshops in Narrowsburg; attending a four-state Governors' Summit Sept. 29 in Camden, NJ, and assisting with a Delaware River Watershed Conference Nov. 15-17 in Philadelphia.

» Convened a Special Forum on Eel Weirs April 14 to promote a dialogue between river user constituencies and to clarify existing NYS regulations.

» Obtained a seat on Pennsylvania Power & Light's (PP&L) Lake Wallenpaupack Re-licensing Team.

» Requested inspections and test results from remediation projects at the Barnes Landfill (Town of Highland) and the Cortese Landfill Superfund site (Town of Tusten), and monitored clean-up of contaminated soils at the former Tri-State Diesel/O&R property (Town of Lumberland).

» Commented on the National Park Service Washington office's Proposed Rulemaking which would convert existing Incidental Business Permits to Commercial Use Authorizations.

» Researched and conducted a site visit relative to the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation's Interim Management Plan for a Primitive Access Site in the vicinity of the Lower Mongaup River.

» Registered concern over a proposal by the PA Fish and Boat Commission that would require boat rental businesses to obtain annual livery operator permits.

» Supported the National Park Service's applications to

install Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River directional signage on Interstate Routes 84 and 17 (86).

» Favored legislation that would permit New York State to join the Northeast Dairy Compact.

» Invited NYS DEC Endangered Species Unit Leader Peter Nye to address conflicting state policies on the Late Canada Goose Hunting Season and to discuss the status of Bald Eagles in the Upper Delaware.

» Monitored the June 1 takeover of Conrail holdings in the Upper Delaware by Norfolk Southern Corp. and helped update the contact information in Conrail's "Emergency Response Guide."

» Reviewed and commented on Columbia Gas Transmission's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Millennium Pipeline project.

» Attended the annual meeting of the NY-PA Joint Interstate Bridge Commission, and acted on a resolution by Shohola Township regarding repair or replacement alternatives for Pond Eddy Bridge.

» Made formal comments on new ordinances, amendments, and developments in the Towns of Delaware, Highland, Tusten, Hancock, Fremont, and Cochection via the Project Review Committee in FY99.

» Monitored Orange & Rockland Utilities' divestiture of hydroelectric holdings on the Mongaup River to Southern Energy-New York as of June 21.

» Submitted a successful nomination to the Pennsylvania Organization of Watersheds and Rivers (POWR) to highlight the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River in its first "Pennsylvania's State of the Rivers Report" released in Nov. 1999.

» Co-sponsored the D&H Canal Trek and Symposium, NPS Towpath Trail Clean-up, Water Snapshot '99, and the 5th Annual Delaware River Sojourn.

» Obtained Internet access and assured Y2K compliance for all equipment in the UDC's business office.

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...Wm. McAllister CPA/Holly Hubert

1999 UDC ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

The 11th Annual Awards Banquet was held April 25, 1999 at Woodloch Pines in Hawley, Pa. Congressman Don Sherwood (10th Congressional District-PA) delivered the keynote address.

Distinguished Service Award.....**The Hon. Joseph M. McDade**
Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Awards.....**Mary Anne Danielsen and David Sauro**
 (July 4, 1998 rescue); **William Asnip, Donald de la Pena, Sr., Donald de la Pena, Jr., Daniel Morris, Paul Bjorklund, and Barbara Moreau** (June 26, 1998 rescue)
Community Service Awards.....**Henry McKean and Carl Vogt** (individuals)
Trout Unlimited Upper Delaware Chapter (organization)
Outstanding Community Achievement Award.....**Lackawaxen Township, Pa.**
Volunteer Award.....**Delaware Highlands Conservancy**
Cultural Achievement Awards.....**Kitty Womer** (individual)
D & H Transportation Heritage Council (organization)
Recreation Achievement Award.....**Michael Padua, Sweetwater Guide Service**
Partnership Award.....**National Park Service Celebrate '98 Team**
Awards of Recognition.....**Peter Becker, Cal Hite, Bill Harkness**
Oaken Gavel Award.....**Alan Bowers**

UDC Awards publicly recognize those individuals, organizations, communities, and agencies that have contributed to the protection and enhancement of the Upper Delaware River Valley.

Revenues and Expenditures -- Fiscal Year 1999

REVENUES

NPS Cooperative Agreement.....	\$300,000
Contributions.....	0
Interest Income.....	8,921
Other Income.....	0
Total Revenues	\$308,921

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	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0			\$ 0
Project Review	24,371	2,716	7,748			34,835
Technical Assistance Grants (Net)	9,363	20,405	2,643			32,411
Water Use/Resource Mgmt.	51,709	5,226	14,906			71,841
Public Affairs/Education	53,711	23,047	19,885			96,643
Fund Raising	679	93	264			1,036
Friends of the Upper Delaware	0	0	0			0
Interest Due NPS				\$3,391		3,391
Hazardous Materials	0	0	0			0
Administration	38,845	5,123	14,612			58,580
Total Expenses	\$178,678	\$56,610	\$60,058	\$3,391		\$298,737
Capital Expenditures					\$23,987	23,987
Total Expenditures	\$178,678	\$56,610	\$60,058	\$3,391	\$23,987	\$322,724

Statement of Fund Balances

	Year Ending 9/30/99	Year Ending 9/30/98
REVENUES		
NPS Cooperative Agreement	\$300,000	\$300,000
Restricted Grants	0	0
Contributions	0	0
Interest Income	8,921	12,198
Other Income	0	875
Total Revenues	\$308,921	\$313,073
EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$178,678	\$171,474
Special Projects & Program Services	56,610	58,499
Operations	60,058	56,486
Interest Refund--NPS	3,391	4,408
Total Expenses	\$298,737	\$290,867
Revenues in Excess of Expenses	\$10,184	\$22,206
TRANSFER		
Capital Expenditures	(\$23,987)	(\$4,240)
Capital Expenditures Capitalized	23,987	4,240
Net Change in Fund Equity	10,184	22,206
Fund Equity--Beginning	227,227	205,021
Fund Equity--Ending	\$237,411	\$227,227

UDC Membership (Oct. 1, 1998 to Sept. 30, 1999)

1999 Officers: Chair Phil Chase; Vice-Chair John McKay; Secretary/Treasurer Jack Niflot

MEMBER

Town of Hancock
 Town of Fremont
 Town of Delaware
 Town of Cochection
 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
 (CAC charter expired Feb. 6, 1999)
 National Park Service (partner)

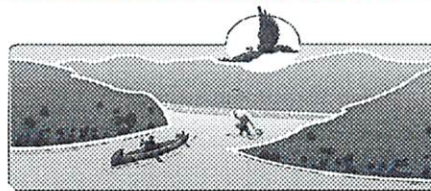
REPRESENTATIVE, ALTERNATE(S)

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

Changes: UDC Water Use/Resource Management Committee member and former CAC alternate Geraldine Howson died on April 10, 1999. DRBC Alternate David B. Everett retired on July 1, 1999. Cochection Alternate Nick Michaels moved from the area.

Upper Delaware Council Objectives for Fiscal Year 2000

- ☛ Initiate a review of the River Management Plan's first 10 years and conduct a 2.5-year evaluation of the UDC's current Five-Year Operating Program (FY 1998-2002).
- ☛ Request state allocations for the UDC's operating budget from New York and Pennsylvania as called for in the River Management Plan.
- ☛ Support the National Park Service's efforts to secure funding for the development of the Congressionally-authorized Mongaup Visitor Center, and provide input during the design and construction phase.
- ☛ Administer the FY 2000 round of Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs) available to UDC member municipalities.
- ☛ Continue to monitor the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) experimental release program for the Cannonsville, Pepacton, and Neversink Reservoirs while actively seeking an improvement to the quality and consistency of these New York City reservoir releases.
- ☛ Review locally significant projects, ordinances, variances, and zoning appeals, as well as federal and state permit and license applications, to determine any potential environmental impacts on the river corridor.
- ☛ Assist the National Park Service in obtaining highway



signage to direct motorists to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River region.

- ☛ Participate in the drafting of a New York State Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan for Route 97.
- ☛ Provide input to appropriate authorities on work plans for roadways and bridges in the river corridor.
- ☛ Offer comment on the NYS DEC's proposed Interim Management Plan for the Mongaup Primitive Access.
- ☛ Represent Upper Delaware interests at meetings of the Delaware River Basin Commission's Flow Management Technical Advisory Committee, particularly with regards to the pending Flow Needs Strategy study.
- ☛ Encourage the development of public accesses and river rest stops in viable locations such as Pond Eddy.
- ☛ Revise and re-print the UDC's Visitor Information Map

& Guide, and update annual publications.

- ☛ Invite public participation in UDC activities via press releases, meeting notices, "The Upper Delaware" quarterly newsletter, literature distribution, public appearances, and sponsorship of the annual Awards Banquet and Summer Raft Trip & Picnic.
- ☛ Convene meetings of the Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee with elected representatives.
- ☛ Co-host the 6th Annual Delaware River Sojourn.
- ☛ Attend meetings of the Upper Delaware River Safety Committee, PP&L Wallenpaupack Re-licensing Team, NY-PA Joint Interstate Bridge Commission, D&H Transportation Heritage Council, Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance, Flowing Toward the Future Roundtable, Delaware River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Cooperative Fisheries Technical Committee, Sullivan Co. Water Quality Coordinating Committee, and Assemblyman Gunther's Watershed Advisory Council.
- ☛ Explore with the DRBC and others the feasibility of uniform Delaware River Watershed signage.
- ☛ Welcome Wayne County townships to join the UDC.