

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: The Ten Mile River Stone Arch Bridge, built in 1896 and owned by the County of Sullivan, NY, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in April 2000. It subsequently suffered heavy damage during a fierce rainstorm flood in August, but will be repaired. (Photo by David B. Soete, UDC Senior Resource Specialist)

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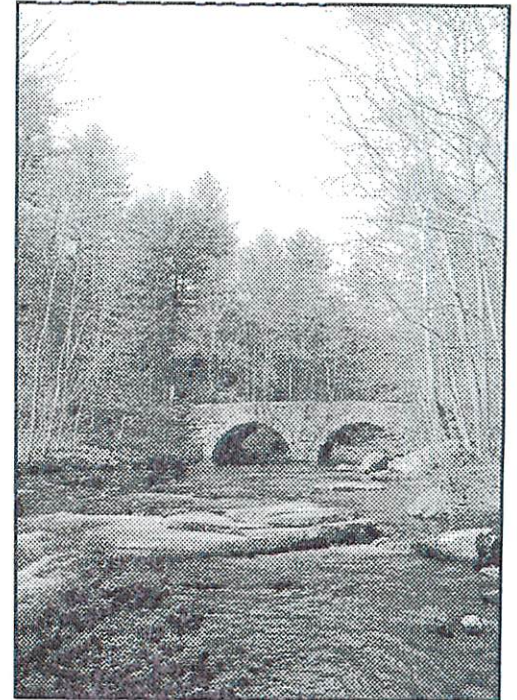
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Upper Delaware Council Annual Report



Fiscal Year 2000

October 1, 1999 to
September 30, 2000

The View from the Chair...

Harold G. Roeder, Jr.
2000 UDC Chairperson
Town of Delaware, NY



All in all, 2000 was a good year for the Upper Delaware Council - not because I happened to be chairman, but because of the efforts of all the Council members and the excellent UDC staff. While many good and worthwhile endeavors took place in 2000, "what happened?" turned out to be a milestone in the history of the UDC.

After Council members made some trips and had some meetings with the "powers that be," New York State stepped forward to help fund projects for our NY member towns. These are "bricks and mortar" type projects that the UDC has wanted to fund, but has been unable to do so. This is the first time either state has provided such funding. I'm very grateful to Senator John Bonacic and Assemblyman Jake Gunther for their leadership and help. This is a beginning, and I can only hope that the future will bring more of the same, on both sides of the river.

Another worthwhile endeavor was a meeting I had the chance to attend with a delegation from China who had come to America to study parks. As it turned out, I ended up assisting National Park Service Assistant Superintendent Sandy Schultz in the effort to explain how this park unit works. What a thrill for me to be able to stand up and tell them that one of the essential ingredients here is the fact that the land along the shores of the river is owned privately. Furthermore, the Upper Delaware management is a partnership between the government and the people.

If I had the chance to make a wish for the UDC, I would stretch it a little and ask for two. First, that the townships in PA which are not yet a part of the UDC would "try it out." The UDC is about looking after people's rights and private land rights as much as it is about looking after the river that flows through this valley. My second wish is that the UDC will have many, many fruitful years ahead, well deserved.

Finally, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Bill Douglass, the UDC Executive Director, and his staff, Carol Coney, Laurie Ramie, and David Soete, as well as to every Council member, for your kind support over this past year.

Technical Assistance Grants

Since 1988, the Upper Delaware Council has awarded \$451,241 in Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) funding for 112 eligible projects by member towns and townships or their counties, including seven grants totaling \$20,400 in FY 2000. Contact the UDC for more details on this annual program.

Town of Deerpark, NY - Update the Town Comprehensive Plan. \$5,900.

Town of Fremont, NY - Update the Town Zoning Law. \$4,000.

Westfall Township, PA - Revise the Township Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances. \$3,600.

Town of Lumberland, NY - Commission an engineer's preliminary layout to relocate the Town's salt

storage facility. \$2,100.

Shohola Township, PA - Digitize the Township Zoning Map using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data. \$2,000.

Town of Highland, NY - Update miscellaneous Town Codes and Local Ordinances. \$1,600.

Town of Tusten, NY - Revise the Town Zoning Maps and Boundaries. \$1,200.

UDC Activity Highlights in FY 2000:

» Accepted a designation by Senator Bonacic and Assemblyman Gunther to administer a first-ever \$50,000 "Funding Initiative to Benefit New York State River Valley Towns" program for projects to enhance economic development, promote tourism, and improve river access in the UDC's eight NY member towns.

» Celebrated President Bill Clinton's signing of the Mongaup Visitor Center bill into Public Law 106-119 on Dec. 3, 1999 after testifying before a U.S. Senate subcommittee on Oct. 13 in support of the legislation.

» Provided input to the consultants conducting the "Strategy for Resolving Interstate Flow Management Issues in the Delaware River Basin" assessment study.

» Actively participated in the drafting of a Corridor Enhancement Plan to nominate Route 97 for designation as a New York State Scenic Byway.

» Participated as organizers and presenters at the Delaware River Watershed-wide Conference held Nov. 15-17, 1999 in Philadelphia as the culmination of the "Flowing Toward the Future: 21st Century Directions for the Delaware River and its Watersheds" process.

» Accompanied the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency project manager during an inspection of the capped Cortese Landfill Superfund site in the Town of Tusten, and sought updates on test wells monitoring at the closed Barnes Landfill in the Town of Highland.

» Supported the goals of the Delaware River Basin Commission's Flood Advisory Committee to improve flood forecasting, warning, and loss reduction activities for the Delaware River Basin.

» Appealed to the PA Dept. of Transportation and NY-PA Joint Interstate Bridge Commission to explore the creation of a public river access following construction of the new Pond Eddy Bridge.

» Called for consideration by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to drop the legal catch size limits

for striped bass in the Delaware River.

» Issued recommendations on the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation's proposed Interim Management Plan for a Delaware River Primitive Access Site in the Town of Lumberland.

» Participated in deliberations of the PPL Lake Wallenpaupack FERC permit relicensing team.

» Assisted in the coordination of NYS Dept. of Transportation Environmental Initiative agency meetings to discuss potential enhancement projects for Route 97.

» Arranged meetings of the UDC's Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee with NYS Senator John J. Bonacic and PA Representative Jerry Birmelin to update them on UDC activities and discuss issues of concern.

» Helped coordinate an Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River NY-PA paddle exchange ceremony on August 25 as part of the "Rivers 2000 National Pass the Paddle" event.

» Began distributing 25,500 copies of the newly revised "Visitor Information Map and Guide for Touring the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River" in May.

» Requested the implementation of a plan for the long-term upkeep of the PA DCNR canoe-in campground area in Westfall Township based on increased usage.

» Made formal comments on new ordinances, amendments, and developments in the river valley towns and townships via the Project Review Committee.

» Began analysis of the UDC's fiscal needs to devise a long-term operational strategy.

» Co-sponsored the 6th Annual Delaware River Sojourn and Water Snapshot 2000.

» Welcomed a record turnout of guests for the UDC Raft Trip (219) & Summer Picnic (149) held Aug. 5.

» Published and distributed "The Upper Delaware" quarterly newsletter to a mailing list of over 12,000, and issued numerous media releases for public information.

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 Specialist.....Laurie Ramie
 Office Manager.....Carol Coney
 Bookkeeper...Wm. McAllister CPA/Holly Hubert

2000 UDC ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

The 12th Annual Awards Banquet was held April 30, 2000 at Silvio's at the Jeffersonville Inn, Jeffersonville, NY. The Honorable John J. Bonacic, New York State Senate 40th District, delivered the keynote address.

Distinguished Service Award..... John T. Hutzky
Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Award..... Laurene McKenna
Community Service Award..... Trooper Ben Johnson, and the Towns of Cohecton and Tusten Highway Departments
Outstanding Community Achievement Award..... Town of Fremont, NY
Volunteer Award..... Volunteers-in-Parks river patrollers
Cultural Achievement Award..... Equinunk Historic District
Recreation Achievement Award..... Greater NY Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Town of Tusten, and National Park Service
Partnership Award..... Flowing Toward the Future
Awards of Recognition.. Congressman Ben Gilman and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Richard C. Albert, Peter E. Nye, Paul Kargo, Paula S. Valentine
Oaken Gavel Award..... Philip D. Chase

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 2000

REVENUES

NPS Cooperative Agreement.....	\$300,000
Contributions.....	100
Interest Income.....	12,592
Other Income.....	0
Total Revenues.....	\$312,692

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 Review	\$ 630	\$ 69	\$ 199			\$ 898
Project Review	25,817	2,812	8,144			36,773
Technical Assistance Grants (Net)	9,026	21,381	2,847			33,254
Water Use/Resource Mgmt.	54,340	5,918	17,141			77,399
Public Affairs/Education	48,984	25,271	15,452			89,707
Fund Raising	315	34	99			448
Friends of the Upper Delaware	0	0	0			0
Interest Due NPS				\$3,530		3,530
Administration	46,222	5,034	14,581			65,837
Total Expenses	\$185,334	\$60,519	\$58,463	\$3,530		\$307,846
Capital Expenditures					\$2,240	2,240
Total Expenditures	\$185,334	\$60,519	\$58,463	\$3,530	\$2,240	\$310,086

Statement of Fund Balances

	Year Ending 9/30/00	Year Ending 9/30/99
REVENUES		
NPS Cooperative Agreement	\$300,000	\$300,000
Restricted Grant	0	0
Contributions	100	0
Interest Income	12,592	8,921
Other Income	0	0
Total Revenues	\$312,692	\$308,921
EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$185,334	\$178,678
Special Projects & Program Services	60,519	56,610
Operations	58,463	60,058
Interest Refund--NPS	3,530	3,391
Total Expenses	\$307,846	\$298,737
Revenues in Excess of Expenses	\$4,846	\$10,184
TRANSFER		
Capital Expenditures	(\$2,240)	(\$23,987)
Capital Expenditures Capitalized	2,240	23,987
Net Change in Fund Equity	4,846	10,184
Fund Equity--Beginning	237,411	227,227
Fund Equity--Ending	\$242,257	\$237,411

UDC Membership (as of Sept. 30, 2000)

2000 Officers: Chair Harold G. Roeder, Jr.; Vice-Chair John S. McKay; Sec./Treasurer Larry H. Richardson

MEMBER

Town of Hancock
 Town of Fremont
 Town of Delaware
 Town of Cocheton
 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
 National Park Service (partner)

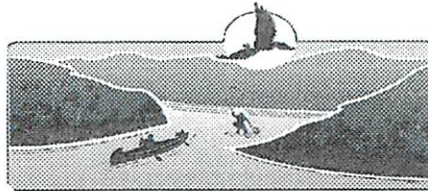
REPRESENTATIVE, ALTERNATE(S)

George H. Frosch
 John B. Niflot, James Greier
 Harold G. Roeder, Jr., Eric J. Nystrom
 Larry Richardson, John Reggero
 Charles Wieland, Richard Crandall
 Lewis Schmalzle, Allan Schadt
 Nadia Rajsz, John LiGreci
 Philip D. Chase, Mel Decker, 1st Alt., James Chandler, 2nd Alt.
 John S. McKay, Per Hansen
 Bruce Seineck, George Fluhr, 1st Alt., Steve Dellert, 2nd Alt.
 Alan Bowers, Diane Banach
 Fred Gerty
 Marian H. Hrubovcak, David J. Lamereaux
 Carol R. Collier
 Marie Rust, Calvin F. Hite

Departing from UDC membership during FY 2000 were: Fremont Alternate Walter Sipple; Lumberland Representative Peter Melnyk and Alternate Paul Brennan; Deerpark 2nd Alternate Robert Cunningham; Lackawaxen 1st and 2nd Alternates Fred Bartsch and Edward DeFebo; Shohola 2nd Alternate Henry Prigge; and State of New York Representative Bruce MacMillan. The Upper Delaware Council thanks these former delegates for their service.

Upper Delaware Council Objectives for Fiscal Year 2001

- Request state allocations for the UDC's operating budget from New York and Pennsylvania as called for in the River Management Plan, and diversify funding sources.
- Initiate planning for the UDC's next Five-Year Operating Program by the end of FY 2001 and undertake a comprehensive review of the River Management Plan.
- Support the National Park Service's efforts to secure construction funds for the Mongaup Visitor Center.
- Participate in the nomination of Route 97 as a New York State Scenic Byway.
- Take appropriate steps to encourage non-participating Wayne County townships to join the UDC.
- Assist in the development of an educational program to convey the importance of the River Management Plan, the function of the UDC, and river stewardship opportunities.
- Analyze pending outcomes of the Delaware River Basin Commission's study, "Strategy for Resolving Interstate Flow Management Issues".
- Seek an improvement to the quality and consistency of releases from the New York City reservoir system.
- Review locally significant projects, ordinances, variances, and zoning appeals, as well as federal and state per-



- mit and license applications, to determine any potential environmental impacts on the river corridor.
- Administer the FY 2001 round of Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs) available to UDC member municipalities.
- Co-sponsor a river valley historical symposium, educational conferences, the 7th Annual Delaware River Sojourn, and the DRBC's "Water Snapshot" annual event for basin-wide water quality monitoring.
- Convene meetings of the UDC Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee with elected representatives.
- Encourage the development of public accesses and river rest stops in viable locations such as Pond Eddy.
- Review and comment on revisions to the NYS Open Space Conservation Plan, the DEC's Mongaup Valley Wildlife Management Area's Unit Management Plan

when released, and PA Bureau of Forestry's State Forest Resource Management Plan, 2001-05.

- Facilitate public participation in UDC activities via news releases, meeting notices, "The Upper Delaware" quarterly newsletter, literature distribution, and sponsorship of the annual Awards Banquet and Summer Raft Trip & Picnic events.
- Attend meetings of the DRBC's Watershed Advisory Council and Flow Management Technical Advisory Committee, Delaware River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Cooperative Fisheries Technical Committee, NY-PA Joint Interstate Bridge Commission, NY DOT's Route 97 Enhancement Advisory Board, Upper Delaware River Safety Committee, PPL Lake Wallenpaupack Re-licensing Team, D&H Transportation Heritage Council, Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance, Sullivan County Water Quality Coordinating Committee, on a regular basis.
- Investigate the development of an Upper Delaware Council web site.
- Explore the feasibility of establishing an Upper Delaware Valley Museum.