

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: An angler tries his luck fishing for shad in the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River near Narrowsburg, New York. The Upper Delaware River supports outstanding cold- and warm-water fisheries. (Photo by David B. Soete, UDC Senior Resource Specialist)

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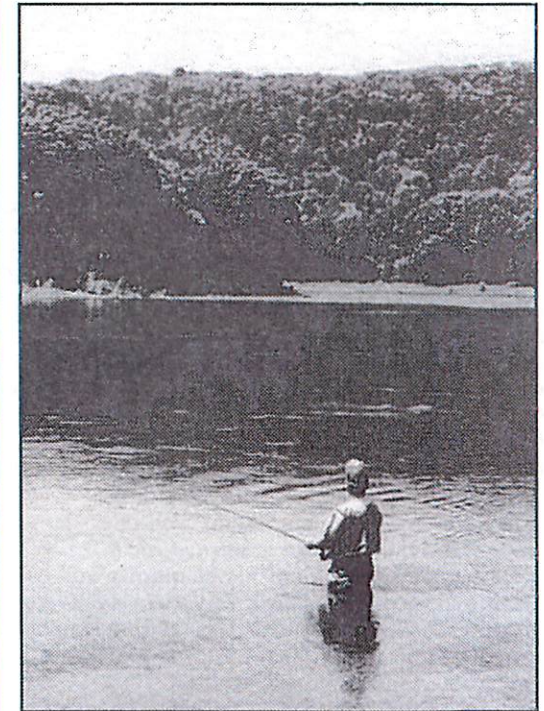
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Annual Report



Fiscal Year 2001

**October 1, 2000 to
September 30, 2001**

The View from the Chair...

Larry H. Richardson

2001 UDC Chairperson
Town of Cocheton, NY



As so often happens when we try to get deeper involved with a project of personal interest, *time* has a way of running faster than we can keep up. And that's a bit how I feel as I look back at my past year as UDC Chairperson.

It was a great pleasure to be chosen by my peers to be the first person to honor the Chair for the second time, having served as Chairperson also in 1993.

Among the many significant activities undertaken by the Upper Delaware Council, none can be more important than the River Management Plan Retreat the members held on September 29, 2001 at the Beach Lake Inn, Beach Lake, Pa.

Council members and invited guests who were involved with the drafting of the final version of the River Management Plan were able to get a "feel" for the thinking that went into this terrific document. We learned that the *Plan* is a working document and meant to be interpreted by the Upper Delaware Council and its associates. If all parties agree, certain activities may be undertaken without being specifically written.

The major challenge for the Council has been -- and continues to be -- balancing the ever growing and changing needs of the Delaware River users with the private property owners' rights, and to protect and enhance the quality of the River as well as its surrounding environment. *Thank You.*

Technical Assistance Grants

Since 1988, the Upper Delaware Council has awarded \$470,841 in Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) funding for 121 eligible projects by member towns and townships or their counties, including nine grants totaling \$19,600 in FY 2001. Contact the UDC for more details on this annual program.

Town of Lumberland, NY - Identify and inventory historic barns 50 years and older within the town to develop a permanent index. \$3,200.

Town of Deerpark, NY - Develop a Town of Deerpark informational web site. \$3,000.

Town of Highland, NY - Prepare and print a revised GIS-based zoning map. \$2,900.

Town of Deerpark, NY - Prepare and print a revised GIS-based zoning map. \$2,500.

Town of Lumberland, NY - Update town regulations for campgrounds. \$2,500.

Town of Delaware, NY - Create and print a town directory and brochure listing land use regulations and local laws. \$1,500.

Town of Tusten, NY - Print maps and install signs depicting the boundaries of the town's new Wellhead Protection Overlay District. \$1,400.

County of Sullivan, NY - Conduct a macroinvertebrate (aquatic insects) survey of the East and North Branches of Callicoon Creek. \$1,400.

Town of Cocheton, NY - Establish standards for dog compounds and kennels. \$1,200.

UDC Activity Highlights in FY 2001:

» Organized a Sept. 29, 2001 retreat for UDC board members to gain historical perspective on the evolution of the 1986 *River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River* through discussions with an invited panel of original crafters.

» Administered on behalf of Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblyman Jacob E. Gunther III the \$50,000 "Funding Initiative to Benefit New York State River Valley Towns" which provided \$6,250 grants to each of the UDC's eight NY member towns for projects to enhance economic development, promote tourism, and improve river access.

» Championed a policy of balanced river releases, in UDC correspondence and at meetings of the Delaware River Basin Commission's Flow Management Technical Advisory Committee, while continuing to comment on the DRBC's "Strategy for Resolving Interstate Flow Management Issues in the Delaware River Basin" study.

» Assisted in the preliminary presentation of the draft Route 97 Enhancement Concept plan for the "Upper Delaware Scenic Byway" to the New York State Scenic Byways Advisory Board and sought clarification on potential areas of impact, such as the bluestone industry.

» Facilitated a March 28, 2001 meeting between Norfolk Southern railroad company representatives and local emergency management personnel to discuss safety and communication issues.

» Received notice of being awarded a two-year, \$5,000 William Penn Foundation grant for participating as a non-profit organization in the Watershed Advisory Council, assisting the DRBC to develop a new Comprehensive Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin.

» Served on the Mongaup Interpretive Center Advisory Group to have direct input in the design and planning of the center to be sited in the Town of Deerpark.

» Observed the July 2001 opening and use of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's new Interim Primitive Mongaup Access in the Town of Lumberland.

» Convened a series of workshops pertaining to the siting of wireless communication towers in the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor.

» Supported a grant application to draft a feasibility study and master plan for a proposed Delaware River Water Trail from Hancock, NY to Trenton, NJ.

» Submitted comments and recommendations to the DEC regarding the revised New York State Open Space Conservation Plan.

» Shared information on the function and membership benefits of the UDC to supervisors of the non-participating Berlin Township, PA based on their inquiry.

» Joined the National Park Service in welcoming a delegation of park officials from China to tour the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Oct. 24, 2000.

» Co-sponsored: "From the Ice Age to the Information Age: An Upper Delaware Symposium" on May 5; the 7th Annual Delaware River Sojourn on June 15-23; and Water Snapshot 2001 on April 20-29.

» Hosted a successful UDC Raft Trip and Summer Picnic on August 4 to foster public interaction with the resource.

» Provided input to the NY-PA Joint Interstate Bridge Commission on its work schedule for eight Upper Delaware River bridge crossings.

» Reviewed the script for a documentary, "Down the Upper Delaware with Paul Kargo: A Sojourn Through Time and Place" produced by Blue Ridge Communications.

» Began disbursing funds from the former Friends of the Upper Delaware group to benefit educational projects.

» Issued written comments on new ordinances, amendments, and development proposals in the river valley.

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
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 Public Relations Specialist.....Laurie Ramie
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2001 UDC Annual Award Winners

The 13th Annual Awards Banquet was held April 22, 2001 at The Waterfront Banquet Room at Ehrhardt's, Hawley, Pa. Mike Stevens from WNEP TV-16 delivered the keynote address.

Distinguished Service Award..... Bruce MacMillan
Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Award..... James J. Hanson, Jr., Mark Cooke and Christopher Hall
Outstanding Community Achievement Award..... Town of Tusten, NY
Partnership Award..... Route 97 Scenic Byway Committee
Community Service Award..... Pike County Conservation District
Cultural Achievement Award..... Frank V. Schwarz
Recreation Achievement Award..... Scenic Delaware River Paddling Club
Volunteer Award..... Donald Downs
Awards of Recognition..... Senator John J. Bonacic, Assemblyman Jacob E. Gunther III, Clarke Rupert, Kurt and Luitgard Mueller, and Karen Bliss
Oaken Gavel Award..... Harold G. Roeder, Jr.

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 2001

REVENUES

NPS Cooperative Agreement.....	\$300,000
Contributions.....	0
Interest Income.....	19,179
Other Income.....	0
Total Revenues	\$319,179

EXPENDITURES

	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Special Projects/ Program Services</i>	<i>Operations</i>	<i>Interest Payable</i>	<i>Investment in Plant</i>	<i>Total by Function</i>
Substantial Conformance Review	\$ 676	\$ 71	\$ 204			\$ 951
Project Review	31,773	3,299	9,512			44,584
Technical Assistance Grants (Net)	9,586	18,155	2,872			30,613
Water Use/Resource Mgmt.	57,031	5,924	17,078			80,033
Public Affairs/Education	50,024	22,505	14,981			87,510
Fund Raising	229	24	70			323
Friends of the Upper Delaware	23	502	6			531
Interest Due NPS				\$6,227		6,227
Administration	45,173	4,691	13,525			63,389
Total Expenses	\$194,515	\$55,171	\$58,248	\$6,227		\$314,161
Capital Expenditures					\$2,878	2,878
Total Expenditures	\$194,515	\$55,171	\$58,248	\$6,227	\$2,878	\$317,039

Statement of Fund Balances

	Year Ending 9/30/01	Year Ending 9/30/00
REVENUES		
NPS Cooperative Agreement	\$300,000	\$300,000
Restricted Grant	0	0
Contributions	0	100
Interest Income	19,179	12,592
Other Income	0	0
Total Revenues	\$319,179	\$312,692
EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$194,515	\$185,334
Special Projects & Program Services	55,171	60,519
Operations	58,248	58,463
Interest Refund--NPS	6,227	3,530
Total Expenses	\$314,161	\$307,846
Revenues in Excess of Expenses	\$5,018	\$4,846
TRANSFER		
Capital Expenditures	(\$2,878)	(\$2,240)
Capital Expenditures Capitalized	2,878	2,240
Net Change in Fund Equity	5,018	4,846
Fund Equity--Beginning	242,257	237,411
Fund Equity--Ending	\$247,275	\$242,257

UDC Membership (as of Sept. 30, 2001)

2001 Officers: Chair Larry H. Richardson; Vice-Chair Alan Bowers; Secretary-Treasurer Lewis Schmalzle

MEMBER

Town of Hancock
 Town of Fremont
 Town of Delaware
 Town of Cochecton
 Town of Tusten
 Town of Highland
 Town of Lumberland
 Town of Deepark
 Lackawaxen Township
 Shohola Township
 Westfall Township
 State of New York
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 Delaware River Basin Commission
 National Park Service (partner)

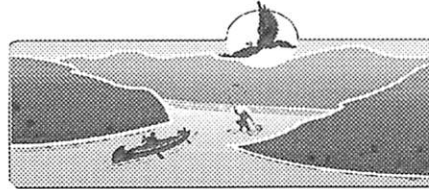
REPRESENTATIVE, ALTERNATE(S)

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

State of New York Representative Fred Gerty retired from the Department of Environmental Conservation in April 2001. A personnel change took place at partnering agency, the National Park Service, as Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Superintendent Cal Hite accepted a new assignment after six years in the Upper Delaware. The UDC mourns the passing of 1989 UDC Chairperson and 1988-93 Town of Deepark Representative Frank Hartmann on Sept. 15, 2001.

Upper Delaware Council Objectives for Fiscal Year 2002

- ◆ Draft the UDC's fourth Five-Year Operating Program covering FY 2003 to FY 2007 and continue the comprehensive 15-year review of the River Management Plan.
- ◆ Request operating funds from New York and Pennsylvania as called for in the River Management Plan, and seek to diversify the UDC's funding sources.
- ◆ Monitor the economic impact of the first eight projects completed under the "Funding Initiative to Benefit New York River Valley Towns" and administer the program in FY 02 if funding is again made available.
- ◆ Advocate improvement to the quality and balancing of releases from the New York City reservoir system.
- ◆ Analyze pending outcomes of the Delaware River Basin Commission's "Strategy for Resolving Interstate Flow Management Issues" study.
- ◆ Serve on the National Park Service's planning team to develop the Mongaup Interpretive Center and support efforts to secure construction funding.
- ◆ Continue to participate on the Route 97 Scenic Byway Committee which has nominated the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway for state designation.
- ◆ Take appropriate steps to encourage non-participating Wayne County townships to join the UDC.



- ◆ Revise and distribute 30,000 copies of the UDC's Visitor Information Map and Guide brochure.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Administer the FY 2002 round of Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs) available to UDC member municipalities.
- ◆ Co-sponsor: the 8th Annual Delaware River Sojourn; a conference on flows/fisheries; and the DRBC's "Water Snapshot" basin-wide water quality monitoring event.
- ◆ Review applications for wireless telecommunications (cell towers) in or adjacent to the river corridor.
- ◆ Convene meetings of the UDC Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee with elected representatives.
- ◆ Encourage the development of public river accesses

and river rest stops in viable locations.

- ◆ Review the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Mongaup Valley Wildlife Management Area's Unit Management Plan upon its release.
- ◆ Facilitate public participation in UDC activities via news releases, "The Upper Delaware" newsletter, literature distribution, and sponsorship of the annual Awards Banquet and Summer Raft Trip & Picnic.
- ◆ 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; NYS Department of Transportation'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; and Sullivan County Water Quality Coordinating Committee on a regular basis.
- ◆ Advocate improvements for bicycle safety and encourage the development of more public hiking trails in the river corridor.
- ◆ Investigate an Upper Delaware Council web site.