

Responsibility & Authority

The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. is unique in the world of river conservation and management because it represents a formal partnership of local, state, and federal governments and agencies which 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 (UDC) 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 UDC is classified as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). It is incorporated in the Commonwealth of PA and registered to do business in NYS as well. 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: A young camper waits eagerly to paddle as his counselor readies his kayak at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Hancock Fishing Access on the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. (Photo by UDC Resource Specialist David B. Soete)

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Fiscal Year 2003

October 1, 2002 to
September 30, 2003

Technical Assistance Grants

Since 1988, the Upper Delaware Council has awarded \$517,691 in Technical Assistance Grants funding for 143 projects by member towns and townships or their counties. Ten grants totaling \$26,400 were approved in FY 2003:

Towns of Lumberland and Tusten (jointly) - \$4,667 to develop a ridgeline zoning overlay district.

Shohola Township - \$4,083 to develop a ridgeline zoning overlay district.

Westfall Township - \$3,500 to review and amend existing zoning and subdivision ordinances to alleviate any conflicts over the last 12 years.

Town of Lumberland - \$2,900 to compile a written history of the town's river corridor hamlets of Mongaup, Pond Eddy, and Hillside.

Town of Cochection - \$2,367 to review the current Town Zoning Law, and make modifications and amendments as required.

Town of Delaware - \$2,267 to update and print the Town Zoning Map using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology.

Town of Highland - \$2,000 to inventory the Enhanced-911 program, and update address records and 911 emergency service maps.

Town of Fremont - \$1,733 to sponsor a public workshop with conservation planning expert Randall Arendt on techniques for regions to control growth, protect viewsheds, and preserve agricultural land.

Town of Highland - \$1,500 to research and develop or modify local laws to regulate ridgeline development and further restrict clear-cutting.

Town of Deerpark - \$1,383 to publish 120 copies of the town's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan.

2003 Annual Awards Ceremony

The Upper Delaware Council's 15th Annual Awards Ceremony was held on April 27, 2003 at Central House Resort in Beach Lake, Pa. with 105 guests in attendance. David E. Hess, director of the Office of Policy Development and Research for the Pennsylvania Senate and former Secretary of the PA Department of Environmental Protection, served as keynote speaker. Awards were presented in the following categories:

Distinguished Service Award....**Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman**, retired Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Awards.....**Robert Maas, Steve Crum, Jason Hettler, Anthony Lupardo, Thomas Loewke, Troy Parucki, Vincent Boyd, Jason Mattice, and David Hulse** (Town of Highland Sherman House Fire Rescue, April 19, 2002); and **Andrew and Matthew Boyar** (York Lake Rescue, July 13, 2002)

Outstanding Community Achievement Award.....**Shohola Township**
Cultural Achievement Award.....**Mary Curtis**
Recreation Achievement Award.....**NPS Upper Delaware S&RR**
Partnership Award.....**Calkins Creek Growing Greener Project**
Community Service Award.....**Shohola Creek Watershed Conservancy**
Volunteer Award.....**Kenneth Baim**
Special Recognition.....**Richard Egan**, Delaware River Sojourn
Special Recognition.....**Narrowsburg Eagle Fest**
Special Recognition.....**Joel Robinson**, NYS Department of Transportation
Special Recognition.....**Dr. Richard Tortoriello**, DRBC
Oaken Gavel Award.....**Lewis J. Schmalzle**

Upper Delaware Council Objectives for Fiscal Year 2004

- ◆Refine the role of the UDC in terms of its services and desired leadership issues.
- ◆Maintain vigilance in reviewing local projects, ordinances, variances, and zoning appeals, as well as federal and state permit and license applications, to determine any potentially adverse environmental impacts on the river corridor.
- ◆Request an increase in the UDC's annual allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior, contributions from NYS and PA, and grants to address the UDC's long-term financial needs. Make a recommendation regarding the vacant staff position.
- ◆Monitor a proposal to install a high-voltage electric transmission line on the Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way paralleling the Upper Delaware River.
- ◆Comment on the Environmental Assessment for the proposed NPS Mongaup Interpretive Center, and support funding requests for final design and construction.
- ◆Co-sponsor a public conference on river flows, releases, and fisheries to raise awareness of the diverse demands on the use of the Upper Delaware River.
- ◆Work with the states of NY and PA to obtain economic development funding for UDC member towns and townships.

- ◆Facilitate a meeting to address maintenance, infrastructure, and emergency response concerns involving freight railroad transportation in the river valley.
- ◆Examine ways to expand funding for the Technical Assistance Grants program.
- ◆Investigate techniques for protecting large open spaces and develop a strategy for how to accommodate development while protecting the river valley's character.
- ◆Encourage the four eligible, non-participating Wayne County townships to consider joining the Upper Delaware Council.
- ◆Serve on the 10th Annual Delaware River Sojourn Steering Committee and assist with the development of a Delaware River Water Trail.
- ◆Provide support to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. in the implementation of its Enhancement Concept for New York State Route 97.
- ◆Revise and reprint the UDC's Visitor Information Map and Guide brochure.
- ◆Develop a comprehensive river user education program in conjunction with the National Park Service, with one facet designed for school children.
- ◆Advance the development of an Upper Delaware Council web site.

Statement of Fund Balances

	Year Ending 9/30/03	Year Ending 9/30/02
REVENUES		
NPS Cooperative Agreement	\$300,000	\$300,000
Restricted Grants	77,500	72,500
Contributions	0	75
Interest Income	2,499	7,631
Other Income	0	0
Total Revenues	\$379,999	\$380,206
EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$202,774	\$201,759
Special Projects/Program Services	151,556	112,015
Operations	60,163	54,740
Interest Refund-NPS	916	2,531
Total Expenses	\$415,409	\$371,045
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	\$(35,410)	\$9,161
TRANSFER		
Capital Expenditures	0	0
Capital Expenditures Capitalized	0	0
Change in Net Assets	\$(35,410)	\$9,161
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$256,436	\$247,275
Net Assets - End of Year	\$221,026	\$256,436

UDC Membership (as of Sept. 30, 2003)

2003 Officers: Chairperson Bruce Selneck; Vice-Chair Nadia Rajsz; Secretary-Treasurer Charles Wieland

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
 National Park Service (partner)

REPRESENTATIVE / ALTERNATE(S)

F. Gerald Mackin / Jim Serio
 John B. Niflot / James A. Greier
 Harold G. Roeder, Jr. / Eric J. Nystrom
 Larry H. Richardson / John Reggero
 Charles Wieland / Richard B. Crandall
 Lewis J. Schmalzle / Allan Schadt
 Nadia Rajsz / John LiGreci
 Philip D. Chase / Mel Decker
 John S. McKay / Fred Bartsch
 Bruce Selneck / George Fluhr, 1st Alt. / Nelia Wall, 2nd Alt.
 Alan Bowers / George R. Jerus
 William J. Rudge / vacant
 Marian H. Hrubovcak / David J. Lamereaux
 Carol Collier / vacant
 Marie Rust / David C. Forney

Membership Changes in FY 2003: Charter UDC Town of Hancock Representative George H. Frosch died on Oct. 12, 2002. F. Gerald Mackin was appointed representative on Dec. 4, 2002. Sam Rowe, Jr. briefly served as Hancock's alternate. Jim Serio took over that position Mar. 5, 2003. In Westfall, George Jerus was appointed alternate on Feb. 4, 2003 to fill a vacancy. In Lackawaxen, Per Hansen departed as second alternate. In Shohola, Nelia Wall replaced Steve Dellert as second alternate.

FY 2003 Revenues and Expenditures

REVENUES

NPS Cooperative Agreement.....	\$300,000
Restricted Grants.....	77,500
Interest Income.....	2,499
Contributions.....	0
Total Revenues	\$379,999

EXPENDITURES

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Special Projects/ Program Services</u>	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Interest Payable</u>	<u>Capital Expenditures</u>	<u>Total by Function</u>
Substantial Conformance Review	0	0	0			0
Project Review	46,049	3,443	13,663			63,155
Technical Assistance Grants (Net)	12,106	25,207	3,592			40,905
Water Use/Resource Mgmt.	77,314	5,779	22,939			106,032
Public Affairs/Education	65,081	22,112	19,310			106,503
Fundraising	2,224	166	659			3,049
Interest Due Park Service				916		916
Total Expenses	202,774	56,707	60,163	916	0	320,560
Capital Expenditures					0	0
Total Expenditures	\$202,774	\$56,707	\$60,163	\$916	0	\$320,560