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Upper Delaware Council Begins Operations

Fitzpatrick Elected Chairperson; Members Select Representatives

The Upper Delaware Council formally began operation February 22, as representatives from eight towns and townships, New York, Pennsylvania, and the Delaware River Basin Commission formally voted to begin work. The decision climaxed over nine years of planning activity, and it came nineteen years after the river was first authorized for study by Congress.

The Council established its operation, elected officers, approved bylaws, and established meeting dates at its organizational meeting. The UDC also signed the agreement with the National Park Service under which the UDC is designated as the coordinating agency through which the Upper Delaware management plan will be implemented. Under the agreement, the National Park Service and the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council, serving in an *ex officio* capacity, will be partners in all Council activities.

Officers Elected

Representatives present chose Westfall Township delegate Phil Fitzpatrick, a Matamoras businessman and former chair of the Conference of Upper Delaware Townships (COUP), as its first Chairperson.

Elected Vice-Chairperson was Hancock representative George Frosch, a member of the Hancock Planning Board who has long been active in river management issues.

Bruce Selneck, a member of the Shohola Township Planning Commission and the town's former COUP representative, was elected the organization's first Secretary-Treasurer.



Deerpark delegate Frank Hartmann chairs the election of officers at February Council meeting.

Officers will serve until the annual meeting in January 1989.

Other Representatives

Other members of the initial Council are the New York Towns of Delaware (Supervisor Bill Dirie is representative and Ed Sykes, Sr., is the alternate); Lumberland (Supervisor Tom Hill is the representative); and Deerpark (Town Board Member Bob Levin is representative and Planning Board Member Frank Hartmann is alternate).

The third Pennsylvania Township on the Council is Lackawaxen, represented by Edward DeFebo with

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The Chairman's Perspective

Spring is here. The Upper Delaware River and its valley are beginning the annual renewal associated with this season. The snow has melted, the leaves are greening, the sap is boiled and the fishermen are again in evidence throughout the area. Soon the canoes will bear the "summer folk" downstream. It is also the beginning of increased protection for the Upper Delaware.

The Upper Delaware Council is established and has begun the work of implementing the River Management plan. Policies are being considered and adopted. The search for staff has begun. The participating towns and townships are working to secure the future of our wonderful river. The goal remains to enable the people who live in the valley to prosper while enhancing the qualities that make this a special place to live.

Potential threats abound. Proposals are being made that may lead to inappropriate development, over-development, wildlife and aquatic habitat destruction, and the loss of wetlands. The State of New Jersey proposes to introduce salmon into the Delaware system, a decision that may have a profound impact on the unique rainbow trout fishery of the upper river.

As there are threats, there are also opportunities. The Delaware River Basin Commission's recent adoption of the river management plan means that

the agency's future permitting activities will help to prevent projects that could damage the river corridor or be in conflict with the plan. Closer to home, two UDC committees--Resource Management and Water Use--are recruiting interested citizens to assist them in evaluating such resource management programs as river recreation, cultural resources, fish and wildlife.

The planning is complete. Management has begun.

As the work of the UDC progresses, it will become evident that the Council is the best means for protecting local interests in the course of managing the Delaware. The *Sullivan County Democrat*, in an editorial on February 12, 1988, noted that for those towns "who want to have some say...in their own fate, it (the UDC) is the only game in town. Towns that ignore the process... will find themselves without a voice in the decision-making meetings to come."

Those "decision-making meetings" have begun. Support your town and township officials in their decision to participate in the Council. If your town or township is not on the UDC, urge your representatives to join.

Phil Fitzpatrick
Chairperson

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Officers

Chairperson.....Phil Fitzpatrick
Vice-Chairperson.....George Frosch
Secretary-Treasurer.....Bruce Selneck

New York Town Members Representatives

Hancock.....George Frosch
.....Myron Knight, Alternate
Delaware.....Bill Dirie
.....Edward Sykes, Sr., Alternate
Cochecton.....Richard Gutzzeit
Lumberland.....Thomas Hill
Deerpark.....Bob Levin
.....Frank Hartmann, Alternate

Pennsylvania Township Members Representatives

Lackawaxen.....Edward DeFebo
.....Ross Rosencrance, Alternate
Shohola.....Bruce Selneck
.....George Fluhr, Alternate

Westfall.....Phil Fitzpatrick
.....Doug Hay, Alternate

State and State/Federal Members

NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation.....Bruce MacMillan
.....Frederick Gerty, Alternate
PA Dept. of Environmental Resources.....Roger Fickes
Delaware River Basin Commission.....Gerald M. Hansler
.....Robert V. Everest, Alternate

Staff

Office Secretary.....Kathy Johnson
Consultant.....Hoffman, Williams, Lafen & Fletcher
.....Arlington, Virginia

UDC Forms Committees

The Upper Delaware Council formed four working committees at its March 4 meeting to oversee details of the organization's program and administration. The committees--Project Review, Resource Management, Water Use, Operations--will cover all aspects of the Council's responsibilities, including the key areas of substantial conformance and project review. All committee actions are subject to the approval of the full Council.

The committees held their organizational meetings in March, and they have begun training, preparation and the recruitment of public advisory members while awaiting the hiring and training of program personnel.

The Council will recruit advisory members for the Water Use and Resource Management Committees, people with particular expertise in a subject area pertinent to the committee's responsibilities or people that represent interests directly affected by committee deliberations. Although non-voting, these members will help to ensure that issues and concerns are fairly represented and that the best available technical advice is presented prior to the committee making a decision.

Project Review

The Project Review Committee, to be chaired by

Lumberland representative Tom Hill, is expected to be the busiest committee. The committee is responsible for recommendations regarding town and township substantial conformance, the review of development proposals, and the review of NPS land acquisition activities. The committee not only will be reviewing development proposals, but also relevant permit applications filed with state and federal agencies for projects in the Upper Delaware area.

Resource Management

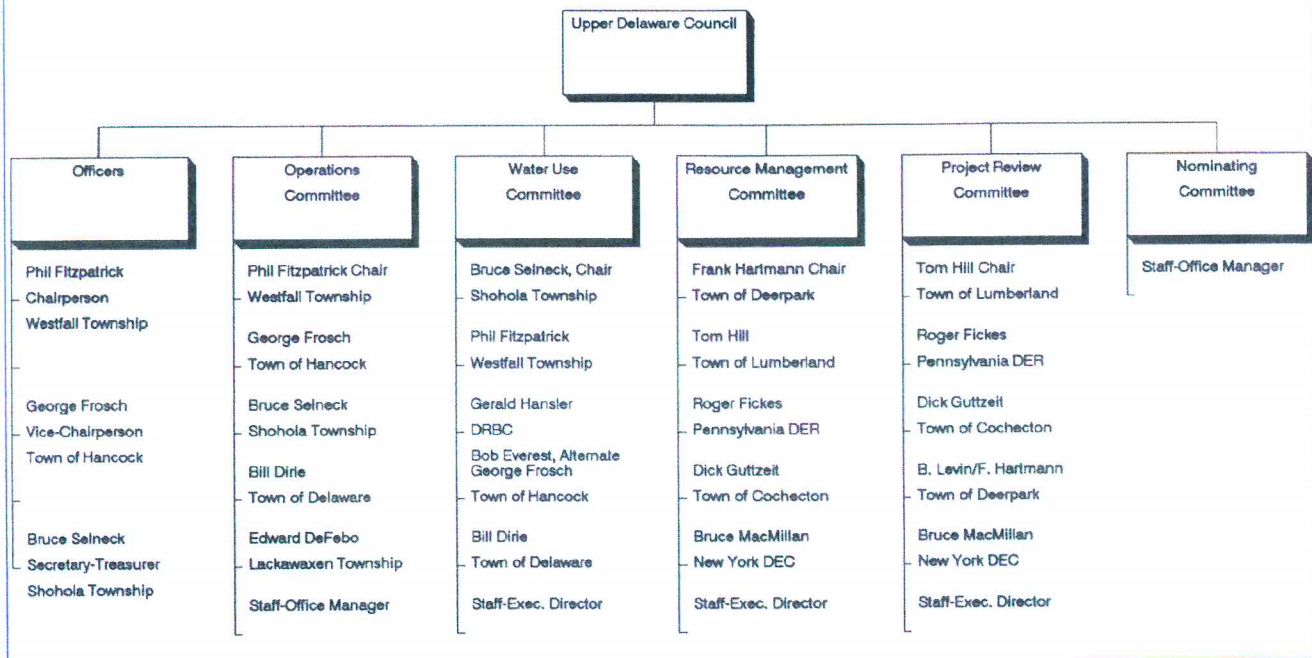
The Resource Management Committee is responsible for Council concerns in five areas--fish and wildlife, water resources, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, and unique landforms. Expected to be of paramount concern are water resource issues such as the protection of water quality, managing the river for optimum flow and temperature, and the cleanup of toxic waste sites. Deepark alternate representative Frank Hartmann will chair this committee.

Water Use

Water use differs from water resources management in that water use is oriented toward river recreation, while water resources management deals

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1988 Organization Chart



Meet Three of Your UDC Representatives

(Management plans are written and carried out by people. For too long, however, these pages have been filled too much with technical information about the river plan and too little about those who are responsible for making it work. In this and succeeding issues, we will remedy this shortcoming by introducing you to the representatives to the Upper Delaware Council. -- Editor)

Phil Fitzpatrick

Phil Fitzpatrick is Chairperson of the Upper Delaware Council. A native of Long Island, Phil, his wife Judy, and their three children live in Matamoras in Westfall Township, which he represents on the Council.

As Chairman of the Conference of Upper Delaware Townships during 1987, Phil led the organization through the period of plan approval and oversaw the preparation of draft administrative, policy and planning documents now being considered for approval by the Council.

A longtime fly fisherman, Phil has followed fishery issues on the Delaware for years through his fishing club, the Fontinalis Fly Fishermen, and he contributed that understanding to the river valley through his participation as a member of the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council since 1985.

"My involvement in this issue is for the benefit of my children and their children. I want them to have a place where they can go to fish, and where they can see what a river



system not spoiled by pollution is all about."

Roger Fickes

Roger Fickes is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's representative to the Council. As Chief of Pennsylvania's Division of Scenic Rivers, he has been the state's key representative to the planning process since 1982.

He serves as the Council's 'window' into Pennsylvania state government, arranging for cooperation between the Council and agencies such as the Fish and the Game Commissions, the Local Government Commission, the Department of Community Affairs, and his own agency, the Department of Environmental Resources.

A landscape architect by train-



ing, Roger has been instrumental in building up the state's river conservation program to one that enjoys broad public support. It is noted for its effectiveness in using existing programs to protect the streams in the state's program.

Roger has also been recognized nationally, as he now serves as President of the National Association for State River Conservation Programs.

About the Upper Delaware, he says that the Commonwealth is excited about the Council and the new river plan. "We view the Upper Delaware as being on the cutting edge of river conservation planning, and we want to be there to lend our assistance to the Council when it is necessary."



Francis (Frank) Hartmann

Frank Hartmann of Sparrowbush, NY, is the Town of Deerpark's alternate representative to the UDC and Chair of the Resource Management Committee. A native of the Town of Cohecton and a mechanical engineer by profession, Frank has served on the Deerpark Planning Board for 22 years, including fifteen years as Chairman.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Frank is an active trustee and former president of the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County and served as president for three years of the New York State Conservation Council, the 300,000 member chapter of the National Wildlife Federation, and the leading conservation organization in New York.

He has served as a member of the Department of Environmental Conservation's Advisory Council and has been involved in many of the most important wildlife issues.

Frank served as a member of the Conference of Upper Delaware Townships for four years and played a significant role in the revision of the river management plan, having chaired the Plan Revision Committee during the summer and fall of 1986.

Frank says he became involved with the river plan so people would be able to hunt and fish in the river valley in the future as they have in the past.

Announcement of Staff Position:

Executive Director

The Upper Delaware Council has announced a staff opening for the position of Executive Director for its Narrowsburg, NY operation. Qualified individuals are invited to apply. The announcement period will close June 10, 1988.

The person filling this position will provide guidance in implementing all program-related Council activities. The Executive Director position requires extensive knowledge of an array of resource management issues, as well as intergovernmental relations at a senior management level. The position requires considerable interaction with federal, state and local officials, news media and the public. It also requires administrative skills in personnel supervision, budgeting, contract management and strategic planning. The Executive Director may represent the Council on occasion in various public capacities. This person will report directly to the Council.

The Executive Director will provide primary technical support on land and resource management activities to the Council. The position will require close contact with county planning offices and town and township planning boards/commissions. There also will be frequent contact with landowners and citizen interests.

During the Council's first year of operation, the Executive Director's primary responsibilities will be establishing the Council's resource management framework and performing the Council's technical reviews regarding the determination of substantial conformance of local laws, plans, and ordinances with the river management plan, and performing technical reviews of development proposals.

The Executive Director must have the ability to carry out a variety of complex resource management

initiatives and programs both directly with Council staff and indirectly through intergovernmental cooperation. The job requires the ability to negotiate with a wide range of interests to accomplish program objectives. It requires strong written and oral communication skills; administrative, supervisory and management skills; and an understanding of relevant resource management issues. A strong working knowledge of land and resource management policies and their impact on local communities is vital.

Minimum Requirements

Minimum qualifications for this position include a B.A./B.S. in a field such as planning, public administration, environmental resources planning and management, natural or social sciences, geography or related area; five years' experience in a senior position in a program based on intergovernmental coordination, or five years' experience in a senior position with a non-profit organization specializing in natural resource management. A Masters Degree and four years' experience is also suitable. A candidate should have a working knowledge of local governments, federal, state and local laws and programs for resource planning and regulation.

The Upper Delaware Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer. It is the policy of the Upper Delaware Council to employ persons without discrimination based on age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex or marital status.

Qualified individuals should send a resume and cover letter to: Phil Fitzpatrick, Chairperson, Upper Delaware Council, P. O. Box 217, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. The deadline for applications is June 10, 1988.

Volunteers Wanted

The UDC wants you!

The Resource Management and Water Use Committees are recruiting interested people to serve on the committees as public advisory participants.

Advisory members, serving in a non-voting capacity, are needed to give the committees additional expertise on technical matters of resource management and to assure that a broad point of view is represented when considering complex issues.

Resource Management Chair Frank Hartmann says that his committee is particularly interested in recruiting representatives from valley heritage, fishing, hunting, conservation and wildlife organizations as well as experts in fish and wildlife, cultural resources, and water resources management.

Water Use Chair Bruce Selneck points out that the

river management plan calls on the committee to recruit "public and private persons with diverse perspectives and knowledge of the river." His committee is interested in recruiting members from canoeing organizations, river safety groups, conservation groups, livery associations, fishing organizations, law enforcement organizations and others who can contribute to the development of law enforcement, safety, management and education programs outlined by the water use program.

If you or your organization is interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact the UDC office in Narrowsburg at (914) 252-3022.

We need you!

Zane Grey House Protection Underway

Emergency Services Funded; Good News on Water Quality

NPS Superintendent John Hutzky reports that appraisal is underway for protection of the Zane Grey House in **Lackawaxen Township**, and that actual purchase of the site could take place by mid-summer.

Superintendent Hutzky says the appraisal is for the house, its immediate property and the museum pieces stored within it. The home of the legendary author is regarded by many as one of the most important historical site in the river valley, second only to the Roebling Bridge, already purchased and restored by the National Park Service.

The present owners of the house are in favor of selling to the NPS, but progress was stalled until the river management plan was finalized. Funds for purchase and restoration were obtained by Pennsylvania Congressman Joseph M. McDade. A plan for restoration of the grounds and building and display of its memorabilia will be prepared, following which restoration will commence.

Congress Reviews Bill To Extend Authorization of Advisory Council

The House Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks heard testimony in Washington April 14th on H.R. 3880, a bill to extend by ten years the authorization of the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Committee. The bill, sponsored by Upper Delaware Congressmen Joseph M. McDade (PA), Matthew F. McHugh and Benjamin A. Gilman (NY), was introduced to guarantee the public's right to participate in the management plan. Subcommittee Chairman Bruce Vento of Minnesota indicated his intent to seek quick approval of the bill.

Testimony in support of the legislation was presented by the three Congressmen, UDC Chair Phil Fitzpatrick, CAC member Sanburn Sutherland, and NPS Washington representative Johnny Rogers. Fitzpatrick was pleased with the day's events, saying that "We are gratified that the subcommittee and our Congressional delegation have seen fit to maintain the continuity of our new management plan. I am especially pleased that the National Park Service again delivered on one of its promises in the plan by supporting this legislation. I look forward to continuing our partnership."

Lumberland Joins UDC

Lumberland became the eighth town member of the Upper Delaware Council on January 14th, when the Town Board voted 5-0 to participate in Council functions. The Board named Supervisor Tom Hill as its representative.

DRBC Adopts River Plan

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) officially adopted the Upper Delaware river management plan as part of its comprehensive plan on March 23rd. In so doing, the Commission became the eleventh member of the Upper Delaware Council.

Adoption by the DRBC is considered a success for river conservation, since the plan calls on the agency to administer its permitting programs in a manner consistent with the river management plan.

Ambulance Service Funded

The National Park Service recently began fulfilling another one of its commitments made under the river management plan when it signed a five-year agreement with the Eldred American Legion Ambulance Service to underwrite part of its costs for river-related emergency calls. The funding may be drawn upon for incidents when NPS calls the service directly or when it is apparent that the call is for a river-related emergency.

The new agreement also involves mutual sharing of training exercises. Similar agreements are being negotiated elsewhere in the river valley.

Shohola Township Law Enforcement and Trash Removal

Shohola Township has decided to go into the law enforcement business this year, thanks to a grant for law enforcement funding made by the National Park Service. The funding pays for police equipment and personnel used within the river corridor.

The township also has accepted an NPS grant to pick up trash along the river.

Water Quality Generally Encouraging

Test results based on samples taken from the river last summer by the Delaware River Basin Commission show that water quality in the river remains good overall. Although sporadic evidence of fecal coliform concentrations showed for the first time near Factory Creek at Equinunk and Halfway Brook at Barryville, overall test results give the river high marks in other ratings. The DRBC again reported high fecal coliform concentrations on both sides of the river near Callicoon Creek, but it is hoped that a sewage treatment plant proposed for construction at this site will alleviate the problem in the future.

The DRBC says more sampling will be done this year to verify problems and trace sources.

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Ross Rosencrance the alternate.

Roger Fickes, Chief of the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Program is the Pennsylvania designee. From New York, Region 3 Regional Supervisor for Natural Resources Bruce MacMillan is the state's representative. Frederick Gerty, the Region 3 Regional Forestry Manager, is his alternate.

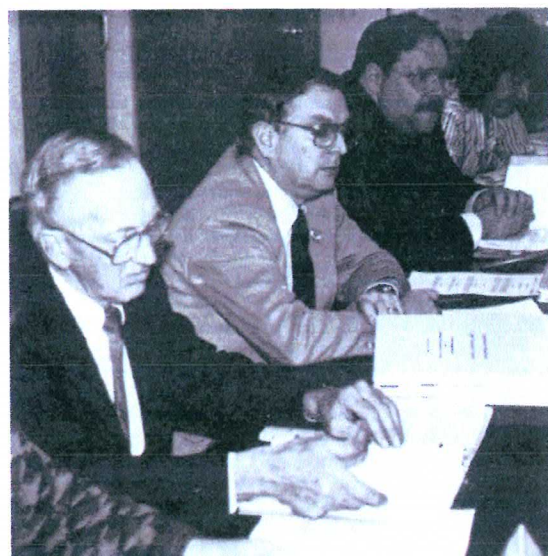
The Delaware River Basin Commission is represented by Executive Director Gerald M. Hansler and

his alternate, Robert V. Everest.

NPS and CAC

The National Park Service will be represented by Mid-Atlantic Regional Director James W. Coleman and his alternate, Superintendent John Hutzky.

The Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council is represented by Larue Elmore.



Top: March meeting; bottom left: Dick Guttzeit, Jim Coleman and Phil Fitzpatrick consider a point; bottom center: Shohola representative Bruce Selneck; bottom right: Hancock representative George Frosch.

Change of Address or Ownership?

If your address has changed or you no longer own property in the Upper Delaware River valley, please help us to maintain the accuracy of our records. Fill in your new address or the name and address of the new owner of your property and return this part of the page to Upper Delaware Council, P. O. Box 217, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. Thank you for your assistance.

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Calendar of River Events

May

5	7:30 pm	UDC Mtng	Tusten Town Hall
17	7:00 pm	Res. Mgmt Committee	UDC Office
17	8:00 pm	Project Review Committee	UDC Office
24	7:00 pm	Operations Committee	UDC Office
24	8:00 pm	Water Use Committee	UDC Office

June

2	7:30 pm	UDC Meeting	Tusten Town Hall
21	7:00 pm	Res. Mgmt Committee	UDC Office
21	8:00 pm	Project Review Committee	UDC Office
28	7:00 pm	Operations Committee	UDC Office
28	8:00 pm	Water Use Committee	UDC Office

July

7	7:30 pm	UDC Meeting	Tusten Town Hall
19	7:00 pm	Res. Mgmt. Committee	UDC Office
19	8:00 pm	Project Review Committee	UDC Office
26	7:00 pm	Operations Committee	UDC Office
26	8:00 pm	Water Use Committee	UDC Office

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with resource management concerns. The Water Use Committee is responsible for the Council's participation in the Water Use section of the river management plan. Issues such as river safety, the placement and development of river recreation facilities, and the education of river users will come before this committee, which will be chaired by Shohola Township representative Bruce Selneck.

Operations

The Operations Committee takes care of the Council's business. Budgeting, planning, personnel management, administrative procedure, and public involvement issues are typical of the functions to be addressed by this committee. One of its immediate tasks is to hire Council staff. UDC Chairperson Phil Fitzpatrick will chair this committee.

Meeting Dates

The Project Review Committee will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the UDC office in Narrowsburg, to be followed at 8 pm by the Resource Management Committee.

The Operations Committee will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the UDC office, followed at 8 pm by the Water Use Committee.

The public is invited to attend all Council meetings. Call the UDC office for additional information.

Need Information?

The UDC office in Narrowsburg (next door to the fire department) can answer questions you may have about the plan and its effects on you and your town or township. The office is open from 8 AM - 4:30 PM. Call us at (914) 252-3022 or write to: UDC, P. O. Box 217, Narrowsburg, NY 12764.

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