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Upper Delaware Council Marks 25th Anniversary

As the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) marks its 25th anniversary in 2013, the non-profit organization dedicated to coordinating the efforts of local, state, and federal partners to conserve the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River has much to celebrate.

The UDC officially began its operations on February 22, 1988.

Creation of the UDC as an alternative to wholesale federal management of the 73.4-mile, 55,575.5-acre Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor that the U.S. Congress added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System in 1978 was the structural foundation of the River Management Plan finalized in 1986.

"The Council must be the driving force behind this plan; it must maintain an active presence in the river valley, and it must be the primary entity through which local, state, and federal agencies resolve their differences and agree upon joint actions affecting the river valley," the guiding document states.

Throughout the past quarter-century, the Upper Delaware Council has firmly established itself as a forum, facilitator, advocate, and watchdog in the conservation of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River's diverse resources, and the protection of the valley's home rule authorities and private property rights.

25 UDC Accomplishments

1) Serving for 25 years as the nucleus of a rarely legislated local-state-federal partnership management model for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River in New York and Pennsylvania, and providing the mechanism for UDC representatives, citizens, municipal leaders, and business interests to seek direct responses from state, federal, and river basin agencies involved in the river's management.

2) Gaining federal protections for the river while guarding against any excessive land takeover by limiting the National Park



LAND, WATER, PEOPLE: Since 1988, the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River has been managed under a successful partnership. (UDC File Photo by David B. Soete)

Service to acquiring 124 acres on a willing seller basis, unlike in a traditional national park. No land in the river corridor has ever been condemned. Local land use controls are retained in recognition that our property owners and communities are the best stewards of the river.

3) Performing substantial conformance reviews, providing technical assistance, and issuing comment letters on members' zoning ordinances, amendments, significant projects, and proposed development plans that would affect the river corridor to facilitate optimum adherence to the Land and Water Use Guidelines and the goals of the River Management Plan.

4) Awarding a cumulative \$720,397 in competitive Technical Assistance Grants to participating members from 1988-2013 to help subsidize 210 non-construction projects.

5) Publishing since 1988 "The Upper Delaware" newsletter about the environment and people of the Upper Delaware River Valley, currently available bi-annually

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Upper Delaware Profile: David Dean

David M. Dean makes no apologies for holding strong opinions and expressing them in the appropriate forum.

Dean was appointed on Oct. 17, 2011 as the Town of Deerpark's representative to the Upper Delaware Council (UDC).

"I came here with some pretty hardcore positions and I haven't changed. What I want is for the UDC to understand how important it is that control of this river valley stays in local hands, and it behooves the federal government to keep in mind that they are our guest," he says.

The 62-year-old is the fourth generation of his family to call Deerpark home.

In fact, the Town of Deerpark 1863 School House Museum is currently featuring a new exhibit titled, "Where We Came From: The William Dean Family, A History and Genealogy" focusing on their ties to the logging and sawmill industries.

Dean grew up as the oldest of three siblings born to George and Elsie Dean. His father was a builder and land developer.

Through fifth grade, Dean attended a four-room schoolhouse in Sparrowbush then graduated from Port Jervis High School (PJHS) in 1968.

He studied architecture and land use at the University of Miami for two years before entering the work force as a draftsman and survey crew member.

When a draft notice came, Dean opted to enlist in the U.S. Navy and served as a Machinist Mate from 1971-72, stationed in the Great Lakes region, before receiving a medical discharge.

"I traveled around the country doing odd jobs. I've seen some great places, but my heart is in my home," he says.

Dean married wife Michele, who hailed from Middletown, NY, on Sept. 11, 1977.

He worked for 10 years as a project manager for a Connecticut developer until the Northeast traveling got tiresome.

A little over 15 years ago, Dean went into business for himself. Dave and Michele are partners in Dispoz-A-Blade LLC, which distributes a line of German tooling products that feature sharpened, disposable blades used primarily by woodworkers and furniture makers to finish lumber.

Dean was introduced to the product by a friend who owned a sawmill. The company has over 10,000 customers that they find through machinery dealers, trade shows, specialty magazine advertising, and word of mouth. The couple are the sole employees and also have real estate ventures.

Dean had served on the Town of Deerpark Planning Board for 13 years before being approached to serve on the Town Board. He fulfilled a one-year vacant term then won election three years ago to



David M. Dean, Town of Deerpark, NY

a full, four-year term.

Dean said he answered the call of public service for a simple reason: "If you're not willing to step up, you have no right to criticize."

With such deep roots in the community, Dean has a genuine interest in helping his neighbors as a councilman.

"My priority is to try to keep the community accessible but still rural. I'm a strict conservationist but not a preservationist. I'm for the wise use of resources," he says.

When Dean's former PJHS Earth Science teacher and fellow waterfowl hunter Phil Chase decided to retire on Sept. 1, 2011 after serving 17 years as Deerpark's UDC representative, Dean volunteered to take the position.

"My focus has always been and will always be private property rights. The land belongs to the people who pay the taxes. They are the best stewards," Dean says.

"I see the UDC's role as the rudder to guide the use of the corridor with input from the surrounding towns. I want to maintain local home rule and not capitulate to federal rule," he adds.

Noting that he isn't opposed to responsibly sharing the Upper Delaware, Dean recalls, "My memories of the river were a pair of sneakers, cut-offs and an innertube. We'd see one or two canoes maybe. It was a wild place and we had it to ourselves."

In his free time, Dean is a sportsman who enjoys fishing and hunting. He's a member of the Cahoonzie Hunting Club and the Town of Deerpark Republican Committee.

Dean likes to tool around with Michele in their BMW sports car, take short excursions, and spend time with his beloved daughters, Alyson Rutigliano, a lab technician at Orange Regional Medical Center; and Erin Dean, a visual manager for the Forever 21 clothing store, both of whom reside in Middletown.

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UDC Elects Officers and Names 2013 Roster

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) board elected Damascus Township, PA Representative Jeffrey R. Dexter as its 2013 chairperson at the organization's annual meeting held Jan. 3.

A swearing-in ceremony officiated by Pennsylvania State Senator Lisa Baker (20th District) took place to start the Feb. 7 business meeting, followed by a public reception with a 25th anniversary cake.

Jeff Dexter began his Council service in January 2010 as a first alternate before he assumed the role of Damascus's UDC representative two years later. He was elected as the UDC's vice-chair in 2012.

As chairman of the Damascus Township Board of Supervisors on which he has served since 2006, Dexter was influential in the Wayne County municipality's vote on July 21, 2008 to join the UDC.

The Cochecton, NY native graduated from Narrowsburg Central School in 1967 and earned a 1971 Bachelor's degree in Resources Management from the College of Forestry at Syracuse University, including one year of study at SUNY Alfred Agriculture and Technical College.

Retired after 33 years working in the Arizona State Parks System, Dexter is the Volunteers-in-Mission Team Leader for disaster recovery projects through the Damascus Methodist Church, the sponsor's representative to the Northeast Council of the Boy Scouts of America for Troop 122 in Damascus, a member of the



UDC BOARD: In attendance at the UDC's Feb. 7, 2013 monthly meeting in Narrowsburg were, seated from the left: Secretary-Treasurer John B. Niflot; Chairperson Jeffrey R. Dexter; and Vice-Chair Andrew Boyar. Standing from left to right are: Alan Henry; Carol Collier; David Dean; Harold G. Roeder, Jr.; Nadia Rajsasz; Fred Peckham; Susan Sullivan; Patricia Jeffer; Carla Hahn; Tony Ritter; Larry H. Richardson; and Brian Stuart. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

Penn State Extension Agricultural Board for Wayne County, is active with the Damascus Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and belongs to numerous local historical societies.

Jeff and his wife, Linda, are the parents of three children, Bethany, Jonathan, and Kari. The couple resides in a log home they built in Damascus.

2013 UDC Vice-chairperson Andy Boyar re-joined the board in January 2010 after becoming his town's first representative from March 15, 1990 when the Town of Highland joined the Council under his leadership as town supervisor, through the

UDC alternate representative positions he held from 1991 to 1993.

Boyar was re-elected as Highland's town supervisor in 2010 after having previously held that office for 13 years starting in 1981. He is a former chairman of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors.

In addition to being a member of the UDC's Water Use/Resource Management Committee, the Eldred resident currently serves as president of the Trout Unlimited Upper Delaware Chapter; trustee and officer for the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum; and is a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers and Ducks Unlimited.

Jack Niflot was elected as 2013 UDC secretary-treasurer for his 12th, non-consecutive term. He filled the position from 1997-99 and 2005-2012. Niflot was first appointed to the UDC as an alternate in 1994 and became the town's representative in 1997.

The Mileses resident has served as a councilman on the Fremont Town Board since 1994.

Niflot is a founder, the current president, and newsletter editor of the Basket Historical Society of the Upper Delaware Valley, which operates a seasonal museum in Long Eddy, and is also secretary-treasurer for the Fremont Center Community Church.

Personnel changes to the UDC's membership roster shown on page 2 include the resignations of Alex Cena on Nov. 1, 2012 as Westfall Township representative and Jim Rodgers in January 2013 as Town of Fremont alternate after both re-located; the retirement at the end of 2012 of Jay Shafer as Town of Lumberland alternate; and the Town of Tusten's Jan. 2013 elimination of a second alternate position held by Kevin McDonough.

O'Dell Hired as Resource Specialist

Travis G. O'Dell of Long Eddy, NY began employment as Resource Specialist for the Upper Delaware Council on Oct. 9, 2012.

The UDC hired O'Dell after conducting a three-month search process to fill the vacancy created by the Sept. 30 retirement of David B. Soete after 23 years on the job.

O'Dell graduated from Roscoe Central School in 2003. He earned an Associate in Applied Science degree in Fishery and Wildlife Technology in 2005 and a Bachelor of Technology degree in Wildlife Management in 2007 from the State University of New York at Cobleskill.

The 27-year-old had been self-employed as a carpenter while seeking a local position in the conservation field.

He held internships or was seasonally employed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Wetland Studies & Solutions of Chantilly, VA; the New York Power Authority in Gilboa; Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory in Fort Collins, CO; HDR Inc. in Nanuet, NY; and Upper Delaware Campgrounds in Callicoon.



Travis G. O'Dell

Since 2010, O'Dell has lived on a 100-acre family farm located in the Goulds settlement in the Town of Hancock.

He and his wife Kayla, a program coordinator for foster care services based in Oneonta, are the parents of a daughter, Lilyana Ray, born on July 26, 2012.

O'Dell is a hobby farmer, raising Icelandic sheep, pastured pigs, and free-range chickens. He enjoys fishing, hunting, kayaking, and hiking, and is a member of the Basket Historical Society of the Upper Delaware Valley.

in print to nearly 9,500 subscribers and online in full color.

6) Hosting a groundbreaking Mar. 18, 1989 symposium on the "Upper Delaware River's Recreational Future" in Matamoras, PA which discussed management techniques to improve such issues as litter, trespass, human waste, visitor conflicts, alcohol abuse, water pollution, overfishing, wildlife disturbance, and lack of adequate facilities that had compelled the original call for federal assistance in protecting the special river.

7) Stopping the construction of three hydropower dams on Shohola Creek that would have damaged state game lands and a bald eagle hacking area; and opposing wastewater discharges from the Rosencrance Landfill in Beach Lake, PA that led to the proposal being withdrawn early in the permitting process.

8) Creating a unique "Certificate of Compatibility" program in 1989 that provided an enforceable agreement directly between property owners from towns and townships that weren't yet UDC members and the National Park Service, assuring that they would never be forced to sell their land to the federal government as long as it was voluntarily managed in accordance with the River Management Plan.

9) Sponsoring "The Delaware River: Flowing to the Future" from Nov. 12-14, 1989 in Matamoras, PA that attracted 125 guests, for which published proceedings remain available and former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall was keynote speaker. Panel discussions included: River Recreation; Supply, Storage & Hydropower; Predicting and Governing River Flows; and The Future of the River.

10) Publishing, updating, and distributing 174,600 copies to date of a "Visitor Information Map & Guide for Touring the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River: NY and PA" since 1989. Other UDC publications include a "Design Handbook for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River" from 1990; Annual Reports; and Local Officials Directories for the river valley communities.

11) Partially funding and participating in a Time-of-Travel Dispersion Rate Study coordinated by the Delaware River Basin



Commission in 1991 to help predict the movement of river pollution flows in the event of a toxic spill.

12) Leading the campaign to elevate the priority and secure \$4 million to replace the Lordville-Equinunk Bridge after it was closed to traffic in Feb. 1984 due to a failing abutment, demolished in Nov. 1986, and subject to detours until construction of a new bridge finally opened in 1992.

13) Analyzing the transportation of hazardous materials for the creation of a watershed risk assessment in 1991, working with Conrail and the Delaware Riverkeeper Network to compile a 1997 "Emergency Response Guide for Local Officials" outlining procedures for railroad mishaps which was supplemented by local responder training exercises and drills along the train tracks in Deposit, Lackawaxen, and Sparrowbush, and arranging meetings with subsequent railroad owner Norfolk Southern Corp. and operator Central New York Railroad.

14) Sponsoring public forums and workshops throughout the region, including "Delaware River Headwaters: Water for Millions" 10/29-30/90; "Tourism as an Economic Development Tool in the Upper Delaware River Basin", 4/7/92; "Regional Ecotourism", 12/7/94; "Upper Delaware Fisheries Conference", 4/20/96; "Eel Weirs Forum", 4/14/99; "Siting Cell Towers in the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Corridor", 7/9/01; "Battling the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid", 11/5/03; "Land and Water Use Guidelines Workshop", 3/26/08; and "Working with the River Management Plan", 3/24/12.

15) Organizing a "Friends of the Upper Delaware" group from 1992-1996 in which citizen volunteers participated in Adopt-a-Highway, Adopt-a-Stream, and Green-Watch programs; water quality monitoring; and an "I Walked the Upper Delaware" tour series, among other activities.

16) Educating foreign delegations from the Vodlozero National Park in Russia on July 31, 1992 and from the Sichuan Province of China on Oct. 25, 2000 about the Upper Delaware region during their fact-gathering visits; as well as co-hosting U.S. National Park Service Director Fran Mainella on river and land on July 23-24, 2005; and meeting Pennsylvania Governor

Tom Corbett during his Upper Delaware River kayak trip on Aug. 23, 2012.

17) Undertaking a Toxics Identification and Control Campaign that resulted in a 300-page report released in 1995 that took the UDC three years to complete and was funded by a \$20,000 J.M. Kaplan Fund grant to locate existing and potential toxic sites in the Upper Delaware watershed and advocate for their clean-up.

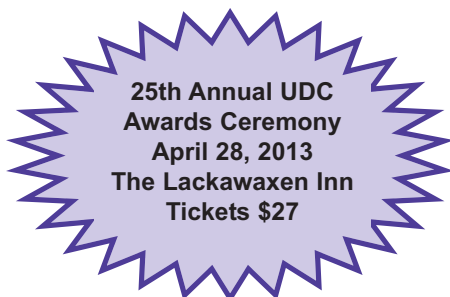
18) Convincing the National Park Service to tailor its reporting requirements for Upper Delaware businesses based on their objections to the 1995-96 switch from Commercial Use Licenses to Incidental Business Permits after appealing it to the federal level in Washington, D.C.

19) Prevailing upon the City of New York to install a new release valve system for the Cannonsville Reservoir in 1997 and adopting a "Position Paper on Flows" on Feb. 5, 1998 offering 14 recommendations for the optimal balance of flows and releases from the Delaware River Basin Reservoirs to meet the diverse needs of river users and the aquatic community, while closely reviewing throughout the years Flexible Flow Management Program variables, flood response and mitigation strategies, fisheries plans, and making requests for emergency thermal stress relief when necessary.

20) Joining the grassroots committee that succeeded in drafting a corridor management plan to nominate the majority of New York State Route 97 for designation as the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway through legislation approved by Gov. Pataki on Aug. 6, 2002 and working closely with the non-profit organization on enhancement projects.

21) Opposing the \$1.62 billion New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. (NYRI) proposal, first raised in October 2003 by Canadian firm Pegasus Power Systems and officially dismissed by the Public Service Commission on April 21, 2009, to site a High-Voltage, Direct Current power line that would transmit electricity largely over railroad rights-of-way 190 miles from Marcy to Rock Tavern, with a unifying battle fought on the local, state, and national level in which the UDC testified in Washington and Albany, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Senator Bonacic to study NYRI impacts, participated in Communities Against Regional Interconnect meetings, and approved resolutions against NYRI and the U.S. Department of Energy's proposed Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Corridor that was also ultimately withdrawn.

22) Being tapped by NYS Senator John J. Bonacic to administer a cumulative \$390,000 in Aid to Localities initiatives from



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UDC Offers New Upper Delaware Map & Guide

In mid-April, the Upper Delaware Council will begin distributing 35,000 copies of its "Visitor Information Map and Guide for Touring the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River: New York & Pennsylvania."

Supplies of the popular UDC brochure first published in 1989 and last updated in 2008 had long been depleted but fell victim to budgetary restraints.

The Council committed to publish a new version in 2013 as a public service to coincide with its 25th anniversary year.

The four-color Visitor Guide features a comprehensive, 17 x 22-inch fold-out map of the Upper Delaware River region newly created by National Park Service GIS Technician Kathy Commisso with assistance from Jamie Myers of NPS Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

Twelve informational panels offer tips on river safety, conservation, recreation, fishing, boating, camping, eagle watching, hunting, tourism, emergency phone numbers, directions, and agency contacts.

There is also a new chart of river accesses that identifies the amenities offered at each public area, and numerous reminders that the majority of land in the Upper Delaware Valley is privately owned and should be treated with due respect.

The brochure offers listings of merchants located within the river corridor boundaries

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Twin Spruce Lodge, Equinunk, PA



under the visitor-oriented categories of Accommodations; Bait & Tackle; Liveries and Campgrounds; and Restaurants/Food.

Eighteen of those businesses gave voluntary contributions totaling \$925 to help

offset the UDC's printing costs.

To request a free brochure or to obtain supplies to distribute, please contact the UDC office at (845) 252-3022 or info@upperdelawarecouncil.org.



COMMON WATERS: The Delaware River Partnership known as Common Waters held a forum October 11, 2012 at The Nurture Nature Center in Easton, PA to celebrate five years of collaboration and plan future projects. Forty-seven people participated in break-out sessions on: Crossing Boundaries; Planning and Community Sustainability; Economics; Marketing & Communications; and Science & Natural Resources. Gerald J. Kauffmann, director of the University of Delaware Water Resources Agency, noted in his keynote address that the river contributes \$25 billion annually in socioeconomic value and is responsible for over 600,000 jobs. Visit www.commonwatersfund.org for more information. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

NY Sporting License Changes Proposed

Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled on Feb. 20 "NY Open for Fishing and Hunting", a plan to streamline hunting and fishing licenses and reduce license fees to support tourism opportunities.

The proposal is part of 30-day amendments to the 2013-14 Executive Budget.

It would simplify the current license structure to foster recruitment and retention of resident and non-resident hunters, anglers and trappers. It would make permanent a free marine fishing registration, which was scheduled to expire at the end of 2013.

The proposal would: reduce by 11 the number of licenses available while maintaining all current hunting and fishing privileges; drop the prices for a hunting license from \$29 to \$22 and for a fishing license from \$29 to \$25; reduce license fees for non-residents; make fishing licenses valid for one year from the date of purchase; and fold certified trapping privileges into the hunting license at no additional fee.

A national survey found that more than \$8.1 billion in economic activity is created as a result of sporting activity in New York.

Upper Delaware Council Activity Highlights

Highlights of Upper Delaware Council (UDC) activities and river valley issues from mid-September 2012 to mid-March 2013, not mentioned elsewhere in this bi-annual issue, include:

FEDERAL SEQUESTER

The federal sequestration which took effect on March 1 trickled down to impact the UDC by mandating a cut of \$12,750 from the non-profit organization's budget six months into the current fiscal year.

The \$85 billion worth of automatic, across-the-board spending cuts to federal government defense and domestic programs for 2013 resulted in a loss of \$164,000 from the National Park Service (NPS) Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River's \$3.2 million budget. NPS applied that same 5% cut to the annual funding allocation it provides under its Cooperative Agreement with the UDC.

The UDC intends to zero out a \$10,000 budget line for capital expenditures and spread the \$2,750 balance across discretionary spending categories such as office supplies, building and equipment repairs, and subscriptions or fees.

The Park Service's preliminary plan was to leave open the full-time position of Facilities Manager; not hire three seasonal employees intended for protection, interpretation, and maintenance jobs this summer; and reduce its local law enforcement grants to four communities.

The sequester reportedly aims to cut \$1.2 trillion in federal spending over the next eight years through FY 2021.

PRESENTATIONS & MEETINGS

The Buckingham Township Planning Commission invited the UDC to discuss the implications of Council membership at their Sept. 20, 2012 meeting. Executive Director Laurie Ramie, board members Jeff Dexter of Damascus Township and Fred Peckham of the Town of Hancock, and NPS Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Superintendent Sean McGuinness provided information and answered questions posed by commission members and Township Supervisor Kurt Mueller.

The Water Use/Resource Management Committee hosted presentations: on Oct. 16, 2012 by Len Grover (formerly) and Jamie Knecht of the Wayne Conservation District on Pennsylvania's Floodplain Monitoring Program; on Feb. 19 by Dr. Peter Kolesar and Jim Serio on Alleviating Thermal Stress on the Upper Delaware; and on Mar. 19 by Dennis DeMara and Lorne Possinger of the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) on the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) grant eligibility.

Special meetings, teleconferences or webinars in which UDC staff participated included a Nov. 27, 2012 update by the U.S. Geological Survey on their water census work for the Department of the Interior's Delaware River Basin Water SMART initiative, noting that 30 scientists are developing a hydrological watershed model to evaluate water stressors such as population growth, land use change, and climate variability on water resources within the basin. A final report is due by March 2015.

The Town of Tusten's proposal to create a RiverWalk as part of its Big Eddy Waterfront Revitalization Project was the subject of a Nov. 28, 2012 public hearing.

The UDC was invited to serve on the Wayne Tomorrow! Sustainability Committee's Subcommittee for Natural Resources that met on Jan. 9 to help update Wayne County's comprehensive plan.

A Jan. 30 meeting of the New York State Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) discussed the topic of invasive worms, advising anglers to dispose of their baitworms rather than dumping them on the ground.

Resource Specialist Travis O'Dell joined a Common Waters team to participate in bi-weekly sessions starting Feb. 12 of the Climate Solutions University, Model Forest Policy Program, which aims to assist watershed participants to identify ways to address climate change issues in their communities.

RESOLUTIONS & LETTERS

2012-10: Approving FY 2013 Technical Assistance Grants, 10/4/12



SWEAR TO UPHOLD: Pennsylvania State Senator Lisa Baker (20th District) congratulates Damascus Township Representative Jeff Dexter after administering his oath of office as the 2013 Upper Delaware Council chairperson to kick off the Feb. 7 monthly meeting. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

2012-11: Hiring a Resource Specialist, 10/4/12

2013-01: Awarding "The Upper Delaware" FY 2013 Printing Contract to Courier Printing Corp. of Deposit, NY, 1/3/13

2013-02: Authorizing Agreement with Eckersley and Ostrowski, LLP of Scranton, PA for Audit/Accounting Services in FY 2013, 1/3/13

2013-03: Authorizing Annual Signature of Corporate Resolutions and Bank Cards for UDC Officers and Executive Director, 1/3/13

2013-04: Endorsing Pace University Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program, 1/3/13

2013-05: Approving Adoption of Updated Bylaws, 1/3/13

2013-06: Accepting the Quote of Courier Printing Corp. to Print the UDC Visitor Information Map & Guide Brochure, 2/7/13

2013-07: Supporting the Lordville Thermal Stress Relief Protocol, 3/7/13

The UDC approved a Nov. 1, 2012 letter of support for the Equinunk Watershed Alliance's Coldwater Heritage Partnership planning grant application.

PROJECT REVIEWS

The UDC attended an Oct. 25, 2012 area variance hearing by the Town of Delaware Zoning Board of Appeals for the Friedland property on River Road; reviewed Lackawaxen Township's amended zoning ordinances in November; attended a Town of Fremont public hearing on a minor subdivision application at Red Barn Campground in Hankins on

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Nov. 28, 2012; hosted an informational meeting with Town of Delaware officials on Jan. 15 to discuss their zoning amendments and map changes, with the full Council approving a comment letter on the final revisions Mar. 7; and reviewed a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation permit application filed in February by Eagle Creek Hydro Power LLC to install a new minimum flow turbine-generator on the Mongaup River's Rio Dam.

On Nov. 20, 2012, the UDC and National Park Service met with PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) District Mining Office personnel in Wilkes-Barre to discuss the DEP's conditions to grant Holbert Brothers Bluestone Co.'s Oct. 4, 2011 permit application for a 40-acre expansion of its bluestone quarry in Lackawaxen Township.

The DEP committed to uphold the River Management Plan's intention to allow minor surface operations as an appropriate land use in the designated river corridor by limiting Holbert to concurrent operations of two active acres of bluestone and aggregate mining at a time, with two acres each for ancillary use, followed by reclamation before moving on to the next parcel.

With these assurances in place, the UDC withdrew its request for a public hearing on the non-conforming use, as did NPS and the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

The Project Review Committee was in the process at press time of streamlining the forms given to municipalities to advise the UDC of their significant projects, variances, and challenges.

A formal review of the Town of Hancock's land use laws and ordinances to assess their substantial conformance with the Land and Water Use Guidelines got underway following a Feb. 27 UDC meeting with Town Supervisor Sam Rowe.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Ramie and O'Dell participated in Pace University Land Use Leadership Alliance training focusing on watershed management held on Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Nov. 19, and Dec. 12, 2012 in Staatsburg, NY.

O'Dell attended a Penn State University Dirt & Gravel Road Workshop Nov. 14-15 at the Wayne Conservation District in Honesdale, PA; took ongoing training in UDC website maintenance from Dorene Warner of W Design, Barryville, NY; and attended a Municipal Planning Workshop sponsored by the Catskill Watershed Corp. in Delhi, NY on Mar. 1.

UDC DOCUMENTS

The Operations Committee began evaluating the Council's bylaws in January 2012 to assure their continued accuracy and effectiveness with line-by-line reviews as time permitted.

The bylaws were originally approved on Feb. 22, 1988 and revised on Feb. 6, 1992.

Following several drafts, legal vetting, and a 30-day review period with notification to the full Council of the changes, the bylaws were adopted on Jan. 3, 2013 to supersede all prior versions and be codified with the organization's official records.

The UDC's Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report, covering Oct. 1, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2012, was finalized on Dec. 4, 2012 and posted online. It includes a mission statement, management structure, membership roster, staffing, and activity highlights.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The UDC awarded \$32,905 in Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs) on Oct. 4, 2012 for nine projects that will further goals and address needs identified in the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

Combined requests by member municipalities totaled \$44,485. The deadline for project completions is July 26, 2013.

Recipients approved by the full Council based on recommendations made by the Project Review Committee are:

Town of Cochecton, NY - \$7,000 to codify the town's local laws to provide easier access to current, accurate information;

Sullivan County, NY - \$6,205 to improve preservation and interpretation at Sullivan County's Minisink Battleground Park to increase heritage tourism, appreciation of the unique significance of this site as the only Revolutionary War battle fought in the Upper Delaware, and enjoyment of the area's natural resources;

Town of Lumberland, NY - \$5,000 to update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to identify and analyze potential hazards, plan for impacts, and address risk reduction;

Town of Tusten, NY - \$5,000 to complete the town's Zoning Law re-write, and have the book printed and digitally produced;

Town of Deerpark, NY - \$3,600 to update the 2005 subdivision ordinance as a tool to promote safe, orderly growth;

Town of Fremont, NY - \$2,100 to purchase a "Town Clerk Plus" software program with training provided to help the town operate in a more efficient manner;

Damascus Township, PA - \$2,000 to index the township's zoning ordinance with page numbers and electronic links;

Town of Delaware, NY - \$1,500 to render tax maps depicting topography and soil types to more fairly assess and value land within the town; and to develop a website dedicated to the town's cultural history;

Pike County, PA - \$500 to reprint the "Greetings from Pike County" brochure.

Applications for the 2014 TAG round are due by Aug. 30. Visit www.upperdelaware-council.com for guidelines and forms.

State Grants Benefit River Communities

The Pike County Office of Community Planning was awarded \$30,100 from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to develop its concept for a Lackawaxen and Upper Delaware River Greenway, Governor Tom Corbett announced on Nov. 20, 2012.

The greenway will follow the two rivers from the Pike/Wayne border to the Milford Borough river access. The three-year project seeks to expand access for recreation, promote ecotourism, and protect natural areas.

Under that same C2P2 grant program, Shohola Township will receive \$94,000 to rehabilitate and further develop Rohman Park.

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo on Dec. 20, 2012 announced a series of Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Grants.

Sullivan County and Orange County jointly applied for a Pond Eddy Parking Access Study in the Town of Lumberland and acquisition of the Sparrowbush River Access for the Hook Road property in the Town of Deerpark, and were awarded \$243,142 for both projects.

The Town of Tusten's Esplanade Project will receive \$106,400 to construct a linear riverfront park in stages including expansion of the Big Eddy observation deck, improvement of Veterans' Park, and building a walkway from the park, behind the Main Street commercial buildings.

The City of Port Jervis was awarded \$49,045 to develop a Port Jervis Whitewater Kayak Park at Riverside Park below the Port Jervis-Matamoras Bridge, with the hydraulic whitewater features to be located off the main channel of the Delaware River.

On Jan. 15, the Upper Delaware Council presented checks to the Towns of Fremont, Tusten, Highland, and Delaware as final reimbursements from a \$25,000 grant that Senator John J. Bonacic (42nd District) secured in the FY 2009-10 budget for the UDC's eight NYS member towns to improve community facilities or enhance public river access.

From FY 2000 through this latest grant, Sen. Bonacic secured a total of \$390,000 in Aid to Localities funds that the UDC administered on behalf of the NY towns.

Upper Delaware's Water Safety Campaign Gears Up for Summer

By Kevin Reish, U.S. Park Ranger

The efforts of our Water Safety Campaign prevailed and Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River experienced zero drownings in 2012.

We are continuing in our commitment to prevent drownings by extending our campaign into the 2013 season.

We are continuing with the U.S. Coast Guard Life Jacket Observation Study started in 2012 and are examining ways to most effectively use the results; for instance, marketing strategies targeting user groups with low wear rates and altering patrols to target areas that have low wear rates.

We have submitted a grant proposal through the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC). If we are awarded the grant, data from the Life Jacket Observation Study will be used to measure the success of the NSBC "Wear It!" logo, which has been a part of our Water Safety Campaign since its inception.

Because not everyone who drowns on the river falls into the category of being in a boat, we revamped the "Wear It!" logo/message to reflect all river users on the Upper Delaware River.

This revised logo appears on posters placed at commercial liveries, local sporting goods and grocery stores, and at all the



TAKE-AWAY MESSAGE: This signage is on display at the Lander's River Trips Skinners Falls base. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

public river accesses.

Lawn signs were also made utilizing the "Wear It!" logo and successfully distributed throughout the river valley. It didn't take long for these signs to begin dotting all the major arteries into the river corridor.

We are working on our messaging through social media. We now have a Facebook page and have made considerable progress on our website for water safety information.

We are looking into creating videos and posting them to an Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River YouTube page. Widgets, Quick Response codes, and various apps are also being considered.

We have an agreement in place with local movie theaters to run a public service announcement on water safety.

We are working with local radio stations to develop water safety podcasts and get "on air" time to discuss water safety. The water safety podcasts will be broadcast throughout the summer on local radio stations.

These are just some of the measures we are using as part of our water safety program. Please visit www.nps.gov for more information.

Visitation Statistics Reported for 2012

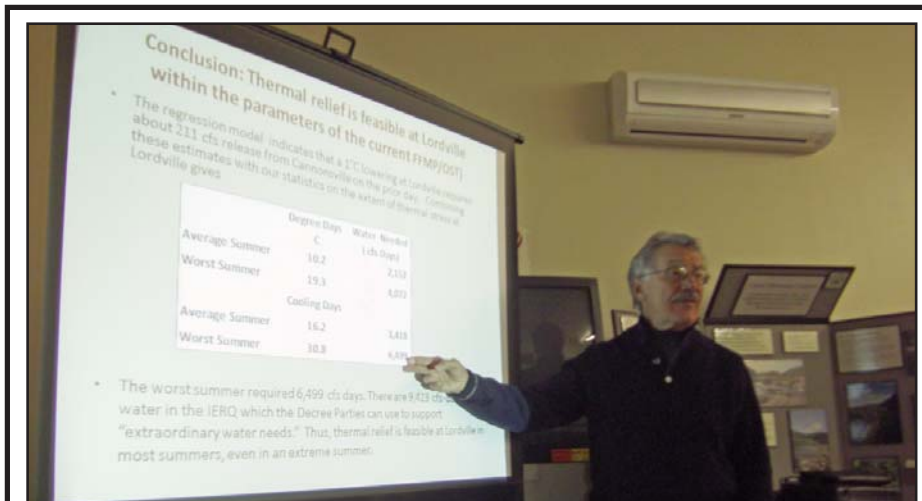
From October 2011 to September 2012 (Federal Fiscal Year 2012), 263,254 visitors enjoyed boating (62%), fishing (7%), and swimming (4%) in the Delaware River, touring the historic Roebling Bridge (24%) and the Zane Grey Museum (2%), and stopping by the Narrowsburg Visitors Center (1%).

The Upper Delaware only counts visits to the river and to federally-owned or leased property for these statistics.

The majority of visitor contacts were made at the Skinners Falls, Ten Mile River, Lackawaxen, and Mongaup access sites, and through canoe and vehicle patrols.

The National Park Service also announces the availability of a new report, "Delaware River National Wild and Scenic River Values", which substantiates the Outstandingly Remarkable Values identified by Congress when establishing the Upper Delaware in 1978.

The cultural, ecological, geological, recreational, and scenic value statements, punctuated by stunning color photography and graphics, were developed by regional experts to provide a strong foundation for the future management and protection of the Delaware River Basin system. The report is available at www.nps.gov or by calling (570) 729-8251.



HELP FOR FISH: Columbia University Professor Emeritus Dr. Peter Kolesar of Eldred, NY describes at the Feb. 19 Upper Delaware Council's Water Use/Resource Management Committee meeting the "Thermal Stress Relief Protocol" that he and Jim Serio of Hancock, NY have developed to guide the release of precisely targeted pulses from the Cannonsville and Pepacton reservoirs during sustained bouts of hot weather to provide relief for coldwater species like trout without impacting other river uses. The UDC unanimously adopted a resolution on Mar. 7 urging the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court Decree parties to adopt the scientific model on a one-year experimental basis into the new flows management program that will take effect June 1, 2013. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

Natural Gas Regulations Still Pending

A moratorium on natural gas drilling in the Delaware River Basin and New York State effectively continued at press time.

Delaware River Basin Commission Executive Director Carol R. Collier reported at the Upper Delaware Council's Feb. 7 meeting that the commissioners and their technical staffs have been meeting privately to discuss the regulations that were originally published on Dec. 9, 2010 and revised on Nov. 8, 2011, but she had no news to share on any plans for a vote.

Similarly, New York State missed two deadlines of Nov. 29, 2012 and Feb. 27, 2013 to act on its high-volume, hydraulic fracturing regulations.

The extension of the rulemaking process necessitates additional public hearing and comment opportunities.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Joseph Martens said on Sept. 20, 2012 that many of the 80,000 comments submitted by that date focused on potential public health impacts from this industrial process.

To assure "the most thorough review possible", Martens asked NYS Health Commissioner Dr. Nirav Shah to undertake a professional assessment of the DEC's health impact analysis in consultation with outside experts. No date has been given for completion of that study.

"The review will also ensure the strongest possible legal position for the Department given the near certainty of litigation, whether the Department permits hydro-fracking or not," Martens explained.

Subsequently, the DEC received over 204,000 additional comments that must be reviewed and addressed.

A Jan. 10 letter by National Park Service (NPS) Northeast Regional Director Dennis R. Reidenbach to the DEC contained 25 pages of specific comments, including that "the NPS again requests a conditional prohibition on surface development activities for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Corridor and other National Park System units and affiliated areas and requests appropriate setbacks for those areas to protect nationally-recognized significant resources and values."

On Mar. 7, the New York State Assembly voted 95 to 40 to ban fracking until at least May 2015 to allow for independent health studies. The action would require a Senate companion bill and sign-off by Governor Andrew Cuomo to take effect however.

Spring/Summer 2013



SIX-MONTH DETOUR: The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation closed the Skinners Falls, NY-Milanville, PA Bridge on Dec. 15, 2012 after an inspection revealed safety concerns with support beams. It is due to reopen by May 3 following repairs. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

Aging Bridges Causing Problems

Three Upper Delaware River bridges require emergency repairs in order to retain or restore their posted weight limits.

Work to replace 12 steel stringer beams on the 1904 Pond Eddy, NY-Pond Eddy, PA Bridge at an approximate cost of \$75,000 was due to be completed by April 1 by Fahs Construction. Vehicular traffic was restricted to certain hours on the single-lane span. The recent work follows up on a \$493,000 emergency replacement of 64 stringers that took place in May 2011 to enable maintaining the 7-ton load limit. The New York-Pennsylvania Joint Interstate Bridge Commission has scheduled the Pond Eddy Bridge for eventual replacement, despite the objections of preservationists who protest the design scope, cost and favor rehabilitation of the national- and state-recognized historic structure.

The 1902 single-lane Skinners Falls, NY-Milanville, PA Bridge was closed to all traffic on Dec. 15, with the weight limit reduced from 7 to 3 tons, following an inspection that identified safety concerns with support beams. Leeward Construction of Honesdale, PA won the approximately \$389,000 bid, began mobilizing at the site in late March, and expected to complete work by May 3, at which time the detour will end.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation was in the process of awarding a repair bid for the 1954 Narrowsburg, NY-Darbytown, PA Bridge at press time. An in-depth inspection in Nov. 2012 resulted in a reduction of the weight limit to 15 tons until the corroded, steel grate bridge deck can be replaced. Once repairs begin, the bridge will be open to a single lane of traffic during the day, controlled by flaggers. After the repairs are complete on one side, traffic will be moved to the repaired side; however, the bridge will remain a single-lane crossing until at least 2015, when "permanent" repairs begin.

The Environmental Protection Agency expects to release draft results of its "Study of Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Drinking Water Resources" by Dec. 2014, having started the study in 2011. Visit www.epa.gov/hfstudy for an update.

HANCOCK COMPRESSOR STATION

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released an Environmental Assessment (EA) on Mar. 1 for Millennium Pipeline Co.'s application to construct a 15,900 horsepower natural gas turbine-driven compressor station on a 35.8-acre

parcel on Hungry Hill Road in the Town of Hancock, located two miles outside the Upper Delaware River corridor.

FERC staff concluded in the EA that the proposed project "would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment."

The UDC attended the Nov. 15 meeting at which the Town of Hancock Planning Board approved Millennium's site plan.

FERC has a May 30 deadline to render a decision. The company would like to have the facility in service by Nov. 1, 2013.

“Unearthed” Oral Histories Reveal River Impacts

With three branches bonded by a strong identity as river communities, the Western Sullivan Public Library (WSPL) offers a program that captures and shares stories of local people's relationships to the river.

“Unearthed: The Upper Delaware River Oral History Project”, is the creation of WSPL Adult Programming Coordinator Laura Moran, and is available at the Delaware Free Branch in Callicoon, the Tusten-Cochecton Branch in Narrowsburg, and the Jeffersonville Branch.

The 10-year library staffer and Milanville, PA resident won a \$1,900 Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant in the fall of 2011 to initiate her concept.

“It's our responsibility to be stewards of the river, and understand its history and how it has changed over time,” Moran says of her selection for the oral history theme.

The ongoing project trains interviewers to approach interested community residents and record their stories, including how the river may have influenced their lives, for approximately half-hour sessions that are then made available as audio and sometimes video clips for public review.

“We're not historians or editors. We gather the raw material and archive it the way it is. We're just there to catch the story with that person's voice and presence,” says Moran, who took a premiere online oral history course through Baylor University.

A dozen interviews have been completed to date. New training sessions are offered



CATCH THE STORY: Laura Moran received an Adult Program of the Year honorable mention award from the 42-member Ramapo Catskill Library System at the Sept. 14, 2012 annual meeting for “Unearthed: The Upper Delaware River Oral History Project.” (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

each fall in interview techniques and ethics. Digital recorders and flip cameras are available for check-out anytime, even without program participation. Eventually, all of the interviews will be transcribed.

People of all ages and backgrounds are sought to tell their unique stories.

“We're not looking for experts. We want the voices of witness. Some find it easy to

articulate while others require more exploration, but the conversations help to crystallize their feelings about the river. Real relationships have been made between interviewers and subjects,” Moran says.

WSPL brought in a humanities scholar, Professor Jan Quackenbush of Montrose, PA, to help conduct trainings, as well as North American Cultural Laboratory Artistic Director Tannis Kowalchuk of Highland Lake, NY to provide a dramatic “reveal” of the first set of interviews on Mar. 31, 2012, and has worked with Ron Littke from Icehouse Arts as a videographer.

The latest “Unearthed” program on Mar. 23 in Narrowsburg celebrated the digitization of local author Marcia Nehemiah's audio interviews for her book, “Crone Age”.

To find out more about “Unearthed”, call Laura Moran at (845) 252-3360.

Join D&H Canal Group

The D&H Transportation Heritage Council is now accepting individual, non-voting members into the organization.

Those interested in supporting the Council's mission to preserve the history and promote appreciation of the Delaware & Hudson Canal that operated from 1828-1898 with locks from Carbondale, PA to Eddyville, NY and/or the Pennsylvania Coal Company's Gravity Railroad may join for reduced annual dues of \$20.

The Council meets quarterly at rotating locations and maintains a website at www.dhthc.org. To request a membership application, go online or contact D&H THC Treasurer Jane Varcoe at (570) 488-6750.

UDC Plans Anniversary Activities

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) will honor those who have contributed to the Upper Delaware River Valley's quality of life or protected its resources at its 25th Annual Awards Ceremony to be held April 28 at The Lackawaxen Inn, 188 Scenic Dr., Lackawaxen, PA.

The public is invited to help the UDC celebrate its 25th anniversary, which will be acknowledged with a photo retrospective, a quarter-century message delivered by historian George J. Fluhr of Shohola Township, special greetings, a listing of \$25 community sponsorships received, a souvenir gift for guests, and an anniversary cake.

Festivities get underway at 3 p.m. with a reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. A buffet dinner with roast beef and turkey carving stations, chicken marsala, lemon pepper filet of sole, garlic mussels, pork loin with mushroom gravy, baked penne, meatballs, sausage & peppers, a variety of vegetables, potatoes, salads, breads and desserts, will be served at 4 p.m. Presentation of awards will follow.

Tickets are \$27, with advance reservations required by April 19. Please contact Cindy Odell at (845) 252-3022 or cindy@upperdelawarecouncil.org for more information.

The silver anniversary is also being commemorated with a presentation to the Delaware River Sojourn on June 22, exhibits at the July 20 Zane Grey Festival in Lackawaxen and the July 28 RiverFest in Narrowsburg, and an alumni reunion theme at the UDC's August 4 Family Raft Trip (see page 11 for details).

The UDC is exploring the feasibility of hosting a “Strides Across the Delaware” 5K Run/Walk on Sept. 28 in the Lordville, NY-Equinunk, PA area as a land-based complement to its river raft trip. Business sponsors are being sought. If interested, please contact Travis O'Dell at (845) 252-3022 or travis@upperdelawarecouncil.org.

For the first time, Upper Delaware Council t-shirts have been printed. The royal blue shirts, with a white Land-Water-People logo on the chest area and a NY-PA river valley map on the back, are available for sale to raise funds and awareness for the non-profit organization. Visit www.upperdelawarecouncil.org to view an image and to order.

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Fiscal Year 2000 to 2010 for projects by the UDC's eight NY member towns to increase river access and improve town facilities; and successfully nominating the Upper Delaware River's Pike County segment for inclusion on the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation Registry in March 2003 to enable priority grant funding for Shohola, Lackawaxen, and Westfall Townships.

23) Hosting with the National Park Service a Natural Gas Public Informational Forum attended by approximately 700 people on May 21, 2008; continuously reviewing and commenting on draft regulations, amendments, and relevant policies pertaining to natural gas in the Marcellus Shale region; and consistently urging regulatory authorities to prohibit any siting of well pads or ancillary facilities associated with the high impact industrial activity within the designated river corridor boundary as an incompatible use.

24) Playing vital roles in the planning and execution of "Celebrate '98", to mark the 20th anniversary of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, the 30th anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the 100th anniversary of the closing of the Delaware & Hudson Canal, the 150th anniversary of the construction of Roebing's Delaware Aqueduct, the 150th anniversary of the completion of Erie Railroad's Delaware Division; and eight local bicentennials, which all occurred in 1998; as well as "Partnering to Protect the River" campaign in 2008 which added the UDC's 20th anniversary to another decade of recognizing the UDS&RR and NWSRA passages, with an Oct. 25th public expo, a Nov. 8th 30-Year Retrospective program; a postal cancellation; and a 19-page newspaper supplement available at the UDC's website.

25) Sponsoring an annual awards ceremony to bring public recognition to individuals, groups, communities, and agencies that have worked to enhance the river valley or protect its resources; and hosting an annual family raft trip to encourage direct interaction with the river.

UDC 25th Annual Raft Trip

**Sunday, August 4, 2013
Ten Mile River Access to
Luke's Landing, Barryville
\$24 adults
\$14 ages 5-12
Reserve by July 26!**



Enjoy an eight-mile (estimated 4.5-hour) raft trip on the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River from the Ten Mile River Access in the Town of Tusten to Luke's Landing at the Kittatinny Campgrounds Barryville Base.

Rafts, paddles, life vests, and safety instructions are provided. No boating experience is required. Children must be at least five years old and able to swim. Minimum occupancy per raft is four people; maximum recommendation is six. The UDC will match participants who do not have at least a four-some at our discretion.

Bring drinking water, wear sunscreen and foot protection, and dress to get wet. Small coolers (with no glass containers) may be tied into the rafts. Store personal items in waterproof bags. Carry out what you carry on the river!

Rafters will park and check in at the UDC registration table at the Luke's Landing Base (located across NYS Route 97 from Kittatinny's Adventure Center parking lot, 2.5 miles north of Barryville) between the hours of 9-10 a.m. Shuttle buses will transport guests to the Ten Mile River Access to launch their rafts and float downriver at their own pace.

Reservations with advance payment of \$14 for ages 5-12 and \$24 for ages 13 and up are due by July 26. Checks should be made payable to "UDC" and sent to P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. Contact Cindy Odell at (845) 252-3022 or cindy@upperdelawarecouncil.org with any questions.

RESERVATION NAME: _____

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Please list names of all members of your party and ages of any under 18:

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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Upper Delaware News, Views and 'To Do's'

April 20 - Pike-Wayne Earth Day Festival, coordinated by the Pike Wayne Conservation Partnership, 10-3 at PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center, Hawley, PA. Contact (570) 253-7001 or pplpreserves@pplweb.com.

April 27 - 6th Annual Foods of the Delaware Highlands Gala & Auctions, sponsored by the Delaware Highlands Conservancy-Eagle Institute, 5 p.m. at The Settlers Inn, Hawley, PA. Tickets \$125. E-mail info@delawarehighlands.org or call (570) 226-3164 or (845) 583-1010.

June 22-29 - 19th Annual Delaware River Sojourn: "Our Remarkable River", guided paddling, camping, and educational programs. Upper Delaware section: 6/22, Ten Mile River to Zane Grey Access; 6/23, Zane Grey Access to Jerry's Three Rivers Campground; 6/24, River Bend Access to Zane Grey Access on Lackawaxen River. Nights 1 and 2 camping at NPS Zane Grey Museum grounds in Lackawaxen, PA. Visit www.delawareriversojourn.org.

June 29 - BioBlitz, volunteers will join biology experts to identify and catalog every living thing during a 24-hour period on a 63.5-acre riverfront property owned by the Norcross Wildlife Foundation near the

intersection of Routes 191 and 370 in Buckingham Township, PA. Sponsors include NPS Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (contact Don Hamilton at 570-729-7842), Northeast PA Audubon, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, and Delaware Highlands Conservancy.

July 14 - Civil War Train Wreck Commemoration, sponsored by Shohola Railroad & Historical Society and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ellis Camp 124, 1 p.m. at the old Barryville Congregational Churchyard, followed by a walk to the wreck site in Shohola, PA.

July 20 - 9th Annual Zane Grey Festival, sponsored by NPS Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River and Zane Grey's West Society, 10-4 at 136 Scenic Dr., Lackawaxen, PA. Call (570) 685-4871.

July 20 and Aug. 24 - Brant's July 1779 Raid Bus Tours, hosted by Town of Deer Park Museum, 7:45 a.m. at Sparrowbush Firehouse. To reserve and order lunch, call Norma Schadt at (845) 754-8070.

July 20 - Revolutionary War Battle of Minisink Commemoration, 1 p.m. ceremony at The Grave of the Unknown Soldier on Scenic Drive in Lackawaxen, PA (call Pike

County Historian George J. Fluhr at 570-559-7444); Sullivan County Historical Society's 2 p.m. dedication of the Dr. Benjamin Tusten Pavilion at Sullivan County's Minisink Battleground Park in Minisink Ford, PA, guided walking tours of battle scenes, 4 p.m. service at the monument featuring historian Peter Osborne, and a Navasing Long Rifles encampment all weekend. Contact Debra Conway at (845) 252-6660 or FortDelaware@hotmail.com.

July 28 - 23rd Annual Riverfest, coordinated by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., downtown Narrowsburg, NY. Celebrate art, music and ecology of Delaware River. Call (845) 252-7576.

August 4 - Public celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Ten Mile River CCC Camp which operated from 1933-36 on Turnpike Lake off Blind Pond Road near Yulan. Event will take place at TMR Scout Camps. Contact David at dmalatzky@aol.com.

Join NPS rangers at 10:30 a.m. to "Take a Hike": **June 3** - Tusten Mountain; **June 15** - Mongaup River; **July 6** - Minisink Battleground; **July 27** - Bouchoux; **Aug. 10** - Cobey Pond; **Aug. 24** - Damascus Forest. "Take a Hike" brochure: (570) 685-4871.