

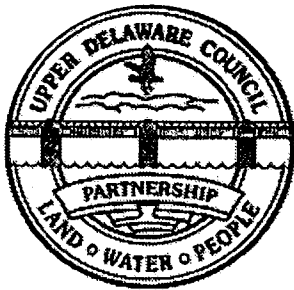
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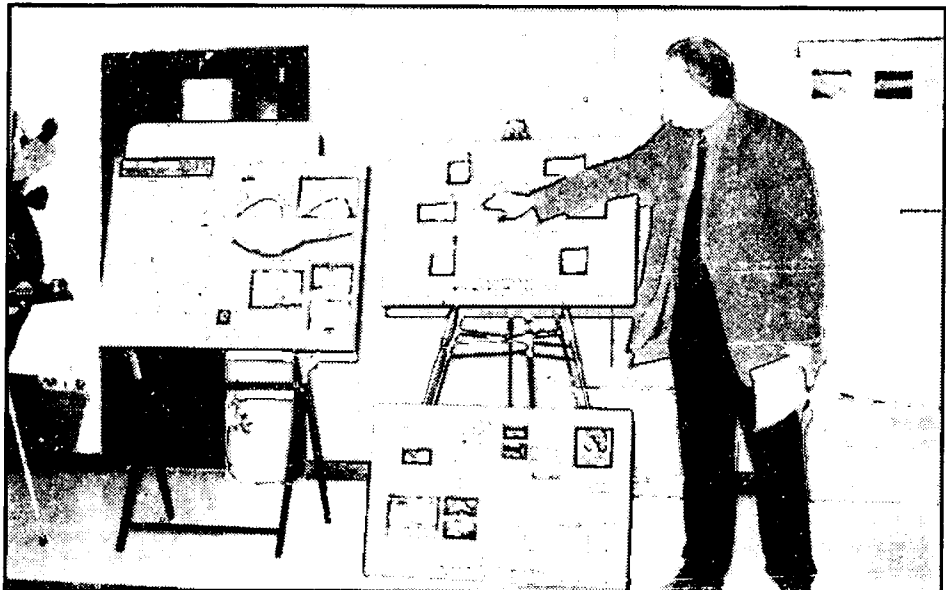
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Randolph Croxton of Croxton Collaborative Architects, PC, describes the general location of the proposed Mongaup Interpretive Center during the first public scoping meeting held on February 21 at Mackenzie Elementary School in Glen Spey, NY. The National Park Service and a team of consultants are developing an Environmental Assessment of the overall 59-acre study site located north of the Hawks Nest in the Town of Deerpark. (Photo by David B. Soete)

NPS Studies Mongaup Interpretive Center Sites

The National Park Service (NPS) Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River recently shared its progress in the development of the proposed Mongaup Interpretive Center with the public.

The Feb. 21 scoping meeting was part of the Environmental Assessment process in which NPS and its consulting team have begun evaluating site conditions to offer recommended design alternatives.

The property, identified in the 1986 River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, is located near the confluence of the Mongaup and Delaware Rivers, seven miles northwest of Port Jervis, along State Route 97 in the Town of Deerpark, Orange County, NY.

Since the 59-acre property is contained in New York State's 11,855-acre Mongaup Valley Wildlife Management Area, NY passed legislation in 1993 to authorize a

99-year lease between the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NPS. President Clinton signed a bill authorizing NPS to construct and operate the facility on that site on Dec. 3, 1999.

Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman (20th District) secured \$791,100 in FY 2001 Department of Transportation Appropriations for the preliminary work now underway. Funding to complete all phases of the estimated \$7 million project will be needed.

While the consultants are tasked with studying the site's topography, hydrology, soils, historical significance, and more, the public plays a role in the process.

"We want you to look over our shoulder at a work in progress," consulting architect Randolph Croxton said. "We have begun to understand the site and its issues. Our analysis is not complete. There will be an

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Most land along the Upper Delaware River is privately owned. Please be considerate and don't litter or trespass. Thanks!

Upper Delaware Profile: James Greier

Town of Fremont Supervisor James Greier may have been born and raised in the East, but his heart lies in the wild West.

As a man who toured with a country and western band, operated a local dude ranch for 25 years, raises horses, favors casual cowboy attire, and counts John Wayne among his idols, Greier cuts a unique figure in the Upper Delaware River Valley.

The 67-year-old "grew up in the hotel business" and resides today on the same property in Obernburg where his grandparents, Anthony and Barbara Tempel, ran a boarding house.

Their 68 acres of land has expanded into the Greier family's 200-acre Little Texas Ranch, which was operated as a year-round, working dude ranch and hotel from 1962 to 1987.

Since then, the Greiers have focused on caring for their stable of approximately 25 Arabian horses, boarding other horses, and farming hay and oats.

Little Texas Ranch will soon enter another public hospitality phase, however, as renovations proceed to re-open as a 200-seat catering hall.

Greier's mother grew up on the Obernburg farm; his father was a New York City police officer. "Jim", the oldest of their four children, resided with his grandparents.

After graduating from Delaware Valley Central School, Greier obtained a mechanical engineering degree in 1955 from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. He worked as a tool and die maker on Long Island for 10 years. It was there that the guitarist/singer started a band called "The Texans," which enjoyed steady gigs in the Catskills hotels and upstate New York.

The nomadic life of a musician on the road didn't interest Greier though. In 1961, he returned to Obernburg and opened Little Texas Ranch in the summer of '62.

Locally, Greier worked for 11 years as a tool and die maker at the Bard Parker plant in Hancock, followed by a four-year stint automating the production system at Dedeco International in Long Eddy. Since 1994, Greier has worked part-time as a machinist at Ike's Auto Parts in Monticello.

He has kept busy in town affairs as well.

Greier served as a town assessor and councilman, and logged four years on the Delaware Valley Board of Education. The long-time Fremont Democratic Committee member decided to throw his cowboy hat in the ring for town supervisor in 1999.

Following that surprise victory over a strong incumbent, Greier was re-elected to a second, two-year term in 2001.

"This is a public service job. I felt I could add some pluses to the lifestyle of the people in Fremont. I wanted to get people



James Greier, Town of Fremont, NY

more involved in town government and make them more aware of what's going on," he says.

One way that Greier facilitates communications - while also making good on a campaign promise - is his publication of a town newsletter several times a year.

Greier sees addressing the amount of tax-exempt property in the town and nurturing the important second home market as among Fremont's most pressing issues. A number of successful grant applications sponsored or supported by the town have enabled beautification projects to spruce up Fremont's hamlets as well.

As the town's alternate representative to the Upper Delaware Council, Greier appreciates the opportunity that Fremont has had to benefit from member privileges, including grant funds, and to be part of a regional initiative.

"The UDC has been a great service to all the river towns," he says. "In fact, I feel we should have more camaraderie between the townships along the river to give the Council more authority and clout."

Greier has been married for 30 years to Rita, a self-employed computer technician whom he met when she visited Little Texas Ranch as a guest. The couple has three kids: James, 28, of Obernburg; Anthony, 26, of Westchester; and Patricia, 23, of Manhattan.

His hobbies include hunting, float fishing, and sports - baseball in particular, which Greier has coached at every youth level. He still performs country music too.

Greier is a member of St. Mary's Church and Holy Name Society of Obernburg, the Knights of Columbus, and the 118th Annual Town of Fremont Memorial Day Planning Committee. ❖

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'Upper Delaware Scenic Byway' Approved, Implementation Begins

New funding sources and promotional opportunities have opened up thanks to the successful, two-year effort to designate State Route 97 and its connecting highways as the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway.

The New York State Scenic Byways Advisory Board adopted a resolution recommending the addition of the proposed route to the state's Scenic Byways system immediately after a final presentation of the "Enhancement Concept Plan" by local committee members January 30 in Albany.

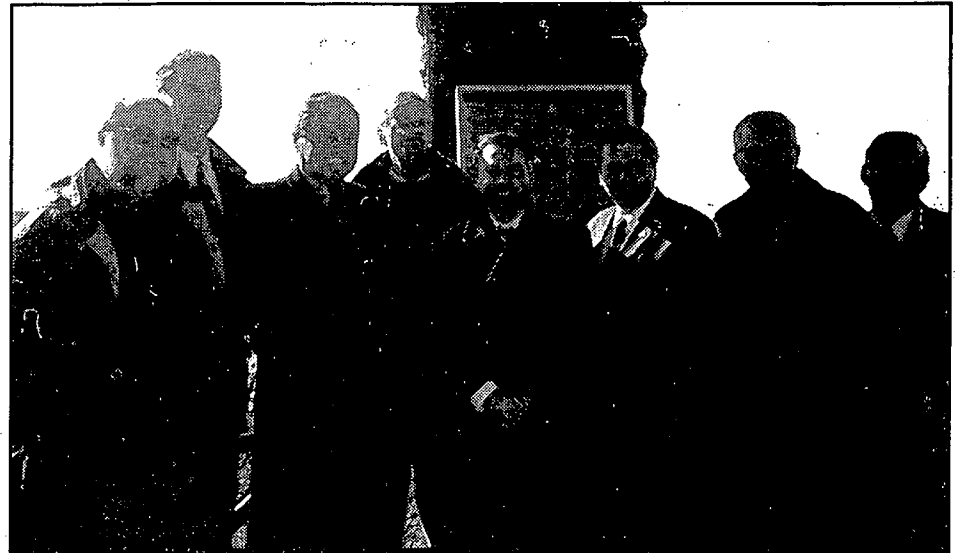
Legislation has been introduced into the New York State Senate and Assembly to make the designation official. The bill will then await Governor Pataki's signature.

Confident of the formal legislation's passage, the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee is forging ahead with the process to obtain a charter as a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization, develop a mission statement, draft by-laws, and establish a management structure.

Planning is also underway for an all-day traveling celebratory event from Port Jervis to Hancock, modeled after the Aug. 30, 1939 dedication of the new Route 97 as "The Most Scenic Highway in the East."

The approved 51.87-mile byway route begins in Port Jervis (Town of Deerpark, Orange County) at the southeast city boundary and follows U.S. Route 6 until it meets up with State Routes 97/42.

It continues along Route 97, through the Sullivan County Towns of Lumberland,



New York State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C-40th District) held a press conference on March 4 at the Park Avenue Observatory in Port Jervis to announce \$20,000 for Upper Delaware Scenic Byway improvement projects. Present for the announcement were, from left to right, City of Port Jervis Historian Peter Osborne; Sean Hanofee, aide to Assemblyman Jake Gunther; Senator Bonacic; City of Port Jervis Mayor Ross Decker; Scenic Byway Committee Chairperson and Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Alan Sorensen; Scenic Byway Committee Secretary and Upper Delaware Council (UDC) Executive Director Bill Douglass; Town of Cocheton Supervisor Sal Indelicato; and Town of Lumberland Supervisor John LiGreci. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

Highland, Tusten, Cocheton, and Delaware, to the Fremont town line.

Skipping over the Towns of Fremont and Hancock which have opted not to participate in this first phase of the byway, the designated route resumes at the southerly boundary of the Village of Hancock

(Delaware County), following Route 97 to its intersection with State Route 17.

The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway's stated vision is to "highlight what is already an exceptional feature of the region's appeal to residents and visitors alike - the highway itself. The most significant and attractive aspects of the byway will continue to be its spectacular scenic highway vistas, access to the Delaware River and its resources, and the uniqueness of the communities along the byway."

Visitor experience will be heightened through the development of signage, informational kiosks, overlooks, restrooms, and picnic areas, while the region could benefit economically from careful promotion.

On March 4, Senator John J. Bonacic announced four funding initiatives to boost the Route 97 corridor, including \$20,000 earmarked for the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway. Additionally, he has secured:

- \$25,000 for the New York town members of the Upper Delaware Council for a second year of beautification projects;
- \$20,000 for the ongoing restoration of the historic Delaware Valley Arts Alliance building in Narrowsburg; and
- \$10,000 for repairs of the Cocheton Town Hall/Community Center. ❖

Revolutionary War Heritage Trail Sites Named

Sullivan County's Minisink Battleground Park in Minisink Ford, the Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg, and the Minisink Valley Historical Society's Fort Decker Compound located in Port Jervis, have all been accepted for inclusion on New York State's Revolutionary War Heritage Trail. A total of 220 sites were nominated.

Minisink Battleground Park is the site of the decisive July 22, 1779 Battle of Minisink. The Fort Delaware Museum re-creates the living conditions of the first white settlers who came to the Upper Delaware Valley 248 years ago. The Fort Decker Compound features the Decker Stone House originally built in 1760 for protection against Indian attacks.

The three properties will now be able to participate in a \$1-million matching grant program open to eligible municipalities and not-for-profit organizations to preserve and interpret historic sites associated with the American Revolution in New York State.

Richard White Smith, executive director of the Heritage New York Program, said, "Thanks to Governor Pataki's exceptional leadership in preserving our state's cultural and historic tradition, and in celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution, this grant program will fund capital improvements and collaborative educational programs designed to enhance these national treasures and promote heritage tourism."

Letters supporting the nomination of the river valley area sites were submitted last year by the Upper Delaware Council, Sullivan County Legislature, City of Port Jervis, Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance, and National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. ❖

'Snapshot' Sampling Gives Look at Basin's Overall Water Quality

By Jamie Myers, NPS Biologist

2002 will mark the seventh consecutive year for Water Snapshot on April 19-28.

Water Snapshot is a popular, Delaware River Basin-wide water quality sampling event that takes a "snapshot" of the health of the entire river basin, starting at the confluence of its headwaters and ending in the Delaware River Estuary.

The idea behind Water Snapshot is to foster a sense of environmental awareness among all members of the community, and to help people realize that they all have an important role to play in protecting our watershed.

It provides an opportunity for people of all ages and experience levels to get out in the field and "get their hands wet" by collecting water quality data from the portion of the watershed in their own backyard.

The original vision that started Water Snapshot in 1994 was the desire to draw attention to the many men, women, and children who already donate so much of their time to collect water quality data on a regular basis through local volunteer, environmental, and school organizations.

This event organizes simultaneous basin-wide water quality monitoring, using a few common sampling parameters, during the ten-day period encompassing Earth Day, which is always April 22.

Once again this year, the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is reaching out to local schools in the river valley to promote this important annual event.

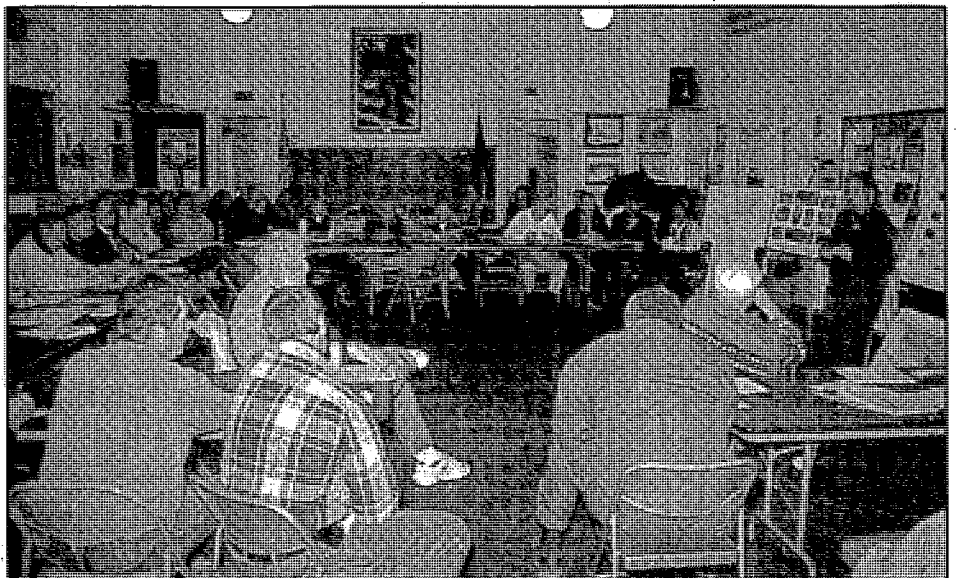
Staff from the Interpretive and Resource Management Divisions are visiting schools throughout the month of April to teach students about the value of their local watershed and water conservation. They will also accompany the children to the nearest water source to collect water quality data.

NPS would like to see more people get involved with this successful program. For information or to inquire about the limited availability of free test kits, contact Jamie Myers at NPS, (570) 729-7842, Clarke Rupert at DRBC, (609) 883-9500, ext. 260, or visit www.drbc.net/snapshot to download 2002 Snapshot data sheets. ❖

PA Aware of Watershed

May 2002 has been designated as Watershed Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. A kick-off educational event will be held on May 1 at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg. For information on all the activities, visit www.pawatersheds.org ❖

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A briefing for members of the Mongaup Interpretive Center Advisory Committee, the Upper Delaware Council, local planning and zoning boards, and town, state, and federal government officials preceded the public scoping meeting on Feb. 21 at the Lumberland Town Hall. Above, Upper Delaware Acting Superintendent Sandra Schultz, standing at right, reviews the project's historical background. (Photos by David B. Soete)

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opportunity for further dialogue."

Documents such as the Environmental Assessment will be released for review.

The pros and cons of five potential building "footprints" within the 59-acre area are being investigated. The main structure of the Mongaup Interpretive Center will not exceed 10,000 square feet. NPS is committed to an environmentally sustainable design to blend in with nature, minimize site disturbance, and offer a safe traffic cut from Route 97.

Having determined that more than 85 percent of visitors access the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River through the southern end of the corridor, the Mongaup Interpretive Center will serve as the NPS unit's primary visitor contact facility and operational base for educational programs.

NPS Upper Delaware Chief of Interpretation Loren Goering explained the center's overall function.

"It's not just a rest stop with bathrooms and brochures, although it will have those elements. It's also not a destination location or a museum in and of itself. It is a chance for education, to learn about the river valley, understand what's important about it, and hopefully come to a point of preservation and stewardship," he said.

Exhibits, audiovisual presentations, ranger programs, and self-guided trails will benefit both visitors and local families.

The center's primary themes will emphasize an orientation to the natural and cultural resources of the Upper Delaware, an explanation of its unique management including the dominance of private proper-

ty in the corridor, river use safety messages, and eagle interpretation.

The Park Service welcomes local input on what additional topics should be interpreted at the center to best tell the story of the Upper Delaware River Valley region.

For further information or to offer comments, write to NPS Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, RR 2 Box 2428, Beach Lake, PA 18405, or visit the Mongaup Interpretive Center project's web site at www.rudikoff.com/NPSMongaup for more on the project's history and status. ❖



Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Chief of Interpretation Loren Goering asks for public input on what type of themes, topics, and exhibits the future Mongaup Interpretive Center should include.

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Pennsylvania Dubs the Delaware Its '2002 Feature River of the Year'

It helped George Washington win a battle. William Penn sealed a deal with the Lenape Indians along its banks. America's Industrial Revolution was fueled by it.

And now, in 2002, the 330-mile-long Delaware River has been chosen Pennsylvania's "River of the Year" by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

"The Delaware is a river of extraordinary quality and purpose, a resource that touches millions of lives in multiple states," DCNR Secretary John C. Oliver said. "The river and the people who work so diligently to protect and enhance it are well-deserving of this recognition from the Commonwealth."

"Although the Delaware doesn't start or end in Pennsylvania, we consider our state its 'home'. With 250 miles of the river forming Pennsylvania's eastern border, it literally defines our state," Oliver added.

As River of the Year, the Delaware will be the subject of the June Rivers Month 2002 poster to raise awareness of its beauty and recreational, tourism, and heritage values.

Designation Benefits Sojourn

The Delaware is also Pennsylvania's featured river sojourn this summer. It carries the theme, "The Delaware: A Revolutionary River," encompassing the river's important role in both the American Revolution and the Industrial Revolution.

DCNR has contributed funding and staff assistance to help plan this eighth annual recreational and educational float that will take place June 1-8, with special kickoff activities on May 31 at Grey Towers National Historic Landmark in Milford, PA.

This year's Delaware River Sojourn covers almost 200 miles in four states, winding down through the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River, and Delaware Estuary (tidal) sections.

The event attracts paddlers of all ages and from all walks of life. They canoe or kayak for one day or multiple days with safety guides, educational programs and most meals provided, camping under the stars, communing with nature, creating friendships, and coming away with a new appreciation for the river and its resources.

River paddling sections to be covered in the 2002 Delaware River Sojourn are:

Saturday, June 1 - Pond Eddy, NY to Milford, PA, past the scenic Hawks Nest
Sunday, June 2 - River Beach Camp-

sites, Milford, to Dingmans Access, PA

Monday, June 3 - Worthington State Park to Portland, PA, through the Water Gap

Tuesday, June 4 - Martins Creek to Raubsville, PA, passing the Lehigh River
Wednesday, June 5 - Lambertville, NJ to Yardley, PA, with historic reenactments

Thursday, June 6 - Trenton Marsh via Crosswicks Creek, floating with the tides

Friday, June 7 - Brandywine Creek

Saturday, June 8 - John Heinz National

Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum (Philadelphia)

Interested Sojourners must pre-register by May 17. More information on the event is available by logging on to the Delaware River Basin Commission's web site at www.drbc.net.

To obtain the 2002 registration brochure, contact the Delaware River Greenway Partnership at P.O. Box 424, Hopewell, NJ 08525, call (908) 996-0230 or e-mail drgp@earthlink.net.



(Photos by Laurie Ramie)

The First Annual Narrowsburg Eagle Fest attracted hundreds of eagle enthusiasts to the small river-side hamlet on Feb. 16. The day's highlights included a standing-room-only presentation of live birds of prey by Bill Streeter of the Delaware Valley Raptor Center in Milford, PA, and interesting slide lectures by the Lackawaxen, PA-based Eagle Institute's Lori McKean and Gene Weinstein, a volunteer monitor with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Bald Eagle Restoration Project and respected eagle photographer from Forestburgh, NY. There were also eagle-oriented demonstrations of wood-carving by Ed Schmidt of Jeffersonville, NY, ice-carving by Sculpted Ice Works of Tafton, PA, an auction of posters contributed by local artists, and plenty of opportunities to bird-watch at the Big Eddy observation deck. Pictured above, children and some parents take part in an interactive game of "Migration Headache" to get a feel for how changing habitat conditions affect eagles. To the right, Mark Crouthamel makes a final cut on his noble, frozen eagle. The Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce sponsored the successful Eagle Fest, and plans to do it again next winter.



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UDC Highlights Activities of Last Quarter

Upper Delaware Council (UDC) project and activity highlights from December 2001 through mid-March 2002, not mentioned elsewhere in this issue, include:

RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT

The UDC sent correspondence dated Feb. 7, 2002, along with photos taken in late December of a nearly depleted Cannonsville Reservoir, to Congressmen Ben Gilman (20th District-NY), Maurice Hinchey (26th District-NY), and Don Sherwood (10th District-PA) voicing concerns over New York City's management of the Catskill/Delaware/Croton water supply system and noting how the quantity, and quality, of water released from the reservoirs affects the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

"We are asking you as our Congressional Representative whether running the tailwaters dry is what Congress had in mind in 1968 when the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was enacted and in 1978 when the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River legislation was passed?," the letter stated, adding, "Due to the complexities of this issue, it may prove necessary for a federal investigation of the complete system of the Delaware and Hudson watershed."

REDISTRICTING

Due to a redistricting action in Pennsyl-

vania, Representative Sandra J. Major (R-111th District) has picked up the northern third of Wayne County, which includes Buckingham and Manchester Townships along the Upper Delaware River, that were previously part of Representative Jerry Birmelin's 139th District territory.

RIVER ACCESS

The UDC approved a Jan. 3, 2002 letter to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) supporting the Town of Cochecton's request to encourage the DOT, in cooperation with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, to explore re-establishing the Delaware River access site in the hamlet of Cochecton. The DOT property under the Cochecton-Damascus Bridge was previously used as a fishing and boating access from 1969-1980.

In other river access news, the National Park Service (NPS) informed the UDC that the Quick's Eddy River Rest Stop, located between Barryville and Pond Eddy, has closed following the sale of the property by the Boy Scouts of America to a private buyer for construction of a residence.

DROUGHT DECLARATION

The UDC continued to monitor dry conditions in the river valley after the Delaware River Basin Commission on Dec. 18, 2001

officially declared a drought emergency throughout the 13,359 square mile basin. Reservoir storage and groundwater supplies remain well below seasonal averages.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

- Dec. 4-5, workshop for the Delaware River Basin Commission's Watershed Advisory Council, Philadelphia, PA

- Jan. 17, UDC presentation before the PA Route 6 Heritage Tourism Committee, Milford, PA

- Feb. 13, orientation session by UDC and NPS staff to 10 students from Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation participating in a research seminar entitled "Case Studies in Regional Environmental Design: Upper Delaware River Corridor", at NPS headquarters, Beach Lake, PA

- Feb. 27, kick-off meeting for the development of a Tri-state Watershed Management Plan for the area draining the eight-mile stretch of the Delaware River north of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the southern boundary of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, Milford, PA

GRANT SUPPORT

Upon request, the UDC submitted support letters for two PA Growing Greener grant applications filed by the Wayne Conservation District for phase two of its Calkins Creek Watershed Project, and by Berlin and Damascus Townships jointly for a bulky waste cleanup of unauthorized dumpsite locations along municipal roads.

COMMITTEES

At the January reorganizational meetings, the following representatives were elected to chair the UDC's three standing committees in 2002: Water Use/Resource Management (meets third Tuesdays at 7 p.m.), Charles Wieland; Operations (meets fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.), Lew Schmalzle; and Project Review (meets fourth Tuesdays at approximately 7 p.m.), Harold G. Roeder, Jr. ♦

UDC Holds Awards Banquet April 28

The Upper Delaware Council will hold its 14th Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 28, 2002, at The Club at Villa Roma, Callicoon, NY. The reservation deadline is April 17.

New York State Assemblyman Jacob E. Gunther III (D/C-98th District) of Forestburgh, NY will serve as keynote speaker.

Elected to state office in 1992, Gunther is vice-chair of the Legislative Commission on the Development of Rural Resources, and is a member of six standing Assembly committees: Agriculture; Environmental Conservation; Oversight, Analysis & Investigation; Racing and Wagering; Real Property Taxation; and Tourism, Arts and Sports Development.

Awards will be presented in 10 categories to those individuals, organizations, communities, and agencies that have taken action to enhance the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Valley or to protect its resources.

Festivities begin at 3 p.m. with an hors d'oeuvres reception and cash bar. Dinner will be served at 4 p.m. Entree choices are Chicken Francaise, London Broil with Bordelaise Sauce, or Broiled Salmon with Dill Butter. Tickets are \$25.

For reservations or more information, please call UDC Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie at (845) 252-3022. ♦



Assemblyman "Jake" Gunther

Help Clean Trail

For the fifth year, volunteers will join staff from the National Park Service to clean up the D&H Towpath Trail in Minisink Ford, NY on Friday, April 26.

Participants will meet at the Roebing Bridge Information Center in Lackawaxen, PA at 8:30 a.m. for registration, bagels, and coffee. Work begins after an orientation and safety briefing. Lunch will be provided by the Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance. Bring hand tools if possible. To sign up, please call (570) 729-8251. ♦

Businesses Donate to UDC's Visitor Map & Guide Brochure

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) announces the free availability of its revised and updated "Visitor Information Map and Guide for Touring the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River: New York & Pennsylvania" brochure.

The 2002 reprint includes: a 17 x 22-inch map highlighting the 73.4-mile river corridor between Hancock, NY and Mill Rift, PA; a listing of public accesses and lands; a directory of river-related businesses under the most commonly requested categories of Accommodations, Bait and Tackle, Restaurants/Food, and Liveries and Campgrounds; and 12 informational panels on the region's features, recommended safety tips, recreation, boating, fishing hunting, agency and emergency contacts, and traveling directions.

It is also graced by new cover art, featuring a colorful river scene photograph taken by UDC Senior Resource Specialist David B. Soete.

The UDC includes business listings as a public service and has never charged an

Zane Grey Tour Fees Eliminated

Acting Superintendent Sandra S. Schultz has announced that the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River has eliminated the interpretive tour free at the Zane Grey Museum in Lackawaxen, PA.

Since January 31, 2002, the 130th anniversary of Zane Grey's birth, entrance to the museum and its programs has been free of charge.

It previously cost adults \$2 to participate in the ranger-guided tour of Western novelist Zane Grey's home. The fee had been implemented in 1997. The National Park Service acquired the property in 1989. Call (570) 685-4871 for museum hours. ♦

advertising fee. In order to be eligible for the brochure, the businesses must comply with the categories and be physically located within the Congressionally-designated boundaries of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The commercial enterprises are asked to consider voluntary donations to help the UDC offset the printing expenses. This year's press run is 30,000 copies. Their generosity is indicated with an annotated asterisk in the guide itself and in a UDC news release.

This year, the UDC expresses appreciation to 20 businesses for contributing a total of \$775.00 to the project.

Submitting voluntary donations were:

River Partners (\$100) - The 1906 Restaurant, Callicoon, NY; and Wild Rainbow Outfitters, Canoe and Drift Boat Rentals, and Fly Shop, Starlight, PA with a listed lodge in Hancock, NY.

River Sponsors (\$50) - Narrowsburg Inn, Narrowsburg, NY; Silver Canoe Rentals, Port Jervis, NY, with a base at Pond Eddy; Sandercock House Bed & Breakfast, Equinunk, PA; Milanville House, Milanville, PA; Rolling Marble Guest House, Long Eddy, NY; and Joe McFadden's Fly & Tackle Shop, Hankins, NY.

River Boosters (\$25) - China King, Narrowsburg, NY; Smith's Colonial Motel, Canoe and Drift Boat Rentals, Hancock, NY; Victoria's Rose Bed & Breakfast, Pond Eddy, NY; Tom's Bait & Tackle Shop, Narrowsburg, NY; Bonny Bank Bungalow Bed & Breakfast, Mill Rift, PA; Peck's Markets, Callicoon and Narrowsburg, NY stores; Kittatinny Canoes and Campgrounds, Barryville, NY; Shohola Glen Hotel and Rohman's Pub, Shohola, PA; J.M. Sporting Goods Co., Callicoon, NY; Roebing Inn on the Delaware, Lackawaxen, PA; Castillo del Rio Bed & Breakfast, Milanville, PA; and Catskill-Delaware Outdoor, Hankins, NY.

To receive a copy of the brochure or

request a supply to distribute, please contact UDC Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie at P.O. Box 192, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY 12764, phone (845) 252-3022, fax (845) 252-3359, or e-mail udcramie@ezaccess.net. ♦

River Trip to Unite The Lenape Clans

A 330-mile canoe relay from Hancock, NY to Cape May, NJ will unite the original inhabitants of the Delaware River Valley - the Lenape clans (Wolf, Turkey, and Turtle) - with their Delaware River neighbors.

The Rising Nation Journey kicks off August 4 at the Delaware River's headwaters and will end on August 24 with a Native American festival at which a Treaty of Brotherhood between the Lenape Nation and "The People" will be signed.

The treaty will be renewed every seven years to offer additional environmental, historical, educational, and cultural groups the chance to commit their support for the Lenape tribe.

From this new beginning, projects to preserve the imperiled Lenape culture and history will emerge, such as acquiring land to build a cultural center for productions, preserving sacred sites, implementing Lenape-guided canoe tours along the Delaware River, and documenting Lenape oral history and historical sites.

Additional participants are welcome. To get involved or learn more, contact Carrie Brownholtz at 84 Ervin Rd., Pipersville, PA 18947, phone (215) 766-7717. ♦

Students Present Research

The Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance will host a public potluck supper and program featuring a presentation of "Case Studies in Regional Environmental Design: Upper Delaware River Corridor" on May 9 at the Tusten Town Hall meeting room, Narrowsburg, NY. Dinner begins at 5:30.

Graduate students from Columbia University will discuss their participation in Professor Richard Plunz's unique seminar at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. ♦

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If you have friends or colleagues who would be interested in receiving our free newsletter, we will be happy to add them to the mailing list. Please also advise us of any address changes to help update our records. Return this notice to the Upper Delaware Council, P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764, or call (845) 252-3022.

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The Upper Delaware Council installed new officers at its 2002 reorganizational meeting held January 3. Town of Highland, NY Representative Lewis J. Schmalzle, seated at center, was elected chairperson. Bruce Selneck of Shohola Township, PA, seated at left, is this year's vice-chairperson. Charles Wieland of the Town of Tusten, NY, seated at right, was named secretary-treasurer. Joining the officers were, standing from left to right, UDC Executive Director William E. Douglass, Town of Delaware Representative Harold G. Roeder, Jr., Delaware River Basin Commission Executive Director Carol Collier, State of New York Representative William J. Rudge, Town of Lumberland Representative Nadia Rajs, Town of Cochection Alternate John A. Reggero, Town of Hancock Representative George H. Frosch, National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Acting Superintendent Sandra Schultz, Lackawaxen Township Representative John McKay, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Alternate David J. Lamereaux, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Representative Marian Hrubovcak, Town of Fremont Representative John B. Niflot, Town of Deerpark Representative Philip D. Chase, and Town of Highland Alternate Allan Schadt, who officiated at the oath of office ceremony. Unable to attend were Westfall Township Representative Alan Bowers and Town of Cochection Representative Larry H. Richardson, who served as the Council's 2001 chairperson. (Photo by David B. Soete)

UDC Issues Annual Report for FY 2001

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) has released its Annual Report for Federal Fiscal Year 2001 (covering the period of Oct. 1, 2000 to Sept. 30, 2001).

The document features the organization's activity highlights from FY 2001 and a list of objectives to pursue in FY 2002.

The report also includes a message from 2001 UDC Chairperson Larry H. Richardson, a directory of the recipients of last year's Technical Assistance Grants and UDC Annual Awards, board membership

and staff rosters, and audited financial data.

In his "View From the Chair" column, Richardson writes, "The major challenge for the Council has been - and continues to be - balancing the ever growing and changing needs of the Delaware River users with the private property owners' rights, and to protect and enhance the quality of the River as well as its surrounding environment."

The statement of fund balances reveals

total revenues of \$319,179 in FY 2001 compared to \$312,692 in FY 2000. Total expenses for the operation of the non-profit, 501(c)(3) incorporated organization also increased, from \$310,086 in FY 2000 to \$317,039 in FY 2000.

To obtain a free copy of the UDC's FY 2001 Annual Report brochure, contact the office at P.O. Box 192, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY 12764; phone (845) 252-3022; fax (845) 252-3359; or e-mail udcramie@ezaccess.net.

The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Tusten Town Hall, Narrowsburg, NY. Three standing committees, Water Use/Resource Management, Operations, and Project Review, meet on the third and fourth Tuesdays of every month at the UDC office, 211 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, across from the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Call (845) 252-3022 for specific meeting dates and agendas.

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