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Joining together to cut the ribbon to mark the official opening of Route 97 as the new "Upper Delaware Scenic Byway" at the Sept. 21 dedication ceremony in Port Jervis, NY were, pictured from the left, Orange County Legislator Wayne Decker, Sullivan County Legislature Chairlady Leni Binder, U.S. Congressman Ben Gilman, NYS Assemblyman Jake Gunther, and City of Port Jervis Mayor Ross Decker. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

Highway Goes Byway

A nearly three-year cooperative effort by local citizens, municipal officials, government agency representatives, and professional consultants to seek New York State recognition of Route 97 as the "Upper Delaware Scenic Byway" culminated with a day-long traveling celebration from Port Jervis to Hancock on September 21, 2002.

Dedication festivities followed Governor George Pataki's August 6, 2002 signing of the bill adding the roadway that largely parallels the 73.4-mile-long Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River to the New York State Scenic Byways System.

To seek nomination, the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee prepared an Enhancement Concept which highlights the outstanding scenic, natural, recreational, cultural, historic and archeological sig-

nificance of the route, while also outlining the desire to protect its rural character.

The designation opens up new avenues for state and federal funding to implement enhancements such as scenic overlooks, visitor amenities, and cohesive signage.

It also serves as a marketing tool. The New York State Scenic Byways Program (www.nybyways.com) recently released a free, 32-page brochure that literally puts the new Upper Delaware Scenic Byway on the map, accompanied by a description.

Modeled after the August 30, 1939 event that celebrated the official opening of Route 97, a motorcade with a police escort made 11 stops along the byway on a Saturday road trip two days shy of autumn.

Enthusiastic revelers greeted the cara-

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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: Frederick Bartsch

Growing up in Hanover, Germany as the son of a rivermaster for the Oder, Ems, and Lippe Rivers, Frederick Bartsch took naturally to the resource.

"I was always exposed to water, boats, fishing rods, lures, and worms," the 67-year-old says.

Bartsch's family, frustrated by the political system in East Germany, emigrated to the United States in September 1953 when Fred was 18 years old.

They settled in New Jersey and Bartsch went to work for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1958.

He served as Military Post Engineer at Fort Richardson in Alaska until 1960, then returned to New Jersey to resume work as a construction superintendent.

In 1966, Bartsch started his own company, General Electrical Contractors, in South Plainfield, NJ, which he operated for 16 years before selling the business.

His "semi-retired" status didn't last long.

Bartsch had leased and eventually purchased riverfront property in Shohola Township for many years, primarily for fishing and weekend getaways.

"I came to Pennsylvania in 1955 during the flood and fell in love with the river valley," he says.

Bartsch decided to start a construction company in Pike County, which he operated until 1993. That year, he began working for Pike County government as maintenance supervisor for the new county jail.

Due to contractor problems, Bartsch was asked to take over coordination of the \$18 million construction project in 1994 and finished the job within a year.

He is now employed as Director of Building Services for Pike County, responsible for the oversight and physical operations of the 260-acre jail complex, District Court, and Pike County Senior Center, among other facilities.

Through his role as an alternate representative to the Upper Delaware Council for Lackawaxen Township, Greeley resident Bartsch is carrying on a tradition of river valley stewardship that he had also instilled in his late son.

Andrew Bartsch, who died at the age of 37 on January 26, 1997 after a snowmobile accident, had served as UDC alternate for Shohola Township.

"I'm motivated by his love for the river and area," Bartsch acknowledges.

He also cares deeply about his township's participation on the UDC, which he believes performs a critical function.

"The preservation of that river is one of my foremost goals, to maintain it the way I first saw it in 1955," Bartsch says.



Fred Bartsch, Lackawaxen Township, PA

From the vantage point of his riverfront property, Bartsch has been dismayed to experience vandalism, trespass, profanity, and some generally rude behavior.

Bartsch believes that commercial boat liveries could help greatly in a campaign aimed at fostering a more respectful and courteous attitude by visitors toward the caretakers of property along the river.

Appointed as Lackawaxen's UDC 1st alternate in 1998-99, interrupted by some health problems then resuming in March 2002, Bartsch regularly attends the UDC's Water Use/Resource Management, Operations, and Project Review committee meetings.

His first-hand knowledge of the construction trade is especially valuable during discussions of new developments in the river corridor that could impact the resource.

"I am concerned with any encroachment upon the pristine environment of the river valley by construction and the loss of aquifer, which a lot of people take for granted. Water is one of the prime necessities of life. We take it for granted, but it is a limited resource," he says.

In addition to son Andrew, Fred and his wife Ingrid, a homemaker, are the parents of two daughters, Sandra Mruczewycz, manager of Citizen Bank in Hawley, Pa., and Sharon Stuart, employed by Pike County. Sharon's husband, Brian Stuart, is chairman of the Lackawaxen Township Board of Supervisors. Their six grandchildren range in age from 2-14. One grandson, 10-year-old Christopher, the son of Andrew and Kathleen Bartsch, died on July 18, 2001 after battling brain cancer.

Bartsch is a passionate reader and enjoys fishing, the outdoors, and spending time in his home mechanical workshop. ❖

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Lenapes Laud 'Ancient River of Our People'

The Rising Nation Journey, a canoe trip from Hancock, NY to Cape May, NJ, took place in August to tout a "Treaty of Renewed Brotherhood" between the Lenape Nation and the Delaware River Greenway Partnership recognizing the Lenapes as indigenous stewards of the Delaware River.

"We are taking this river journey as a symbol of our movement toward unity," Lenape spokesperson Jim Beer said at an Aug. 5 supper and camping layover in Narrowsburg. "This river, for thousands of years, has been a centering spot. Our ancestors celebrated the natural world. Water was looked at in a very special way. Water is the beginning of all life. This is the ancient river of our people. When I drove up here for our launch from Hancock, I felt like I was driving back to the beginning of time. It was a rekindling. This river has ancient harmonies and you don't have to be Native to feel it."

The Lenape are the original inhabitants of southern New York, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. But over a period of 250 years, Beer noted that many Lenape people were pushed away from their homelands.

Support for establishing a cultural center to educate about Lenape customs and revive dialects is part of the treaty. In their language, Lenape means "common people." Lenapes have always thought of themselves as members of a single ethnic group sharing a sense of identity and heritage.

Turtle Clan member Beer said his family's history in Bucks County, PA goes back 300 years. His great-great-grandmother was a full-blooded Lenape. The father of two lives with his grandmother so that his young boys can be schooled in the Lenape culture that he has always embraced.

"While I didn't grow up in the traditional ways, the tribe that I'm part of guides me in my life. I really feel in my heart that something of the ancient calls to me," the musician said.

For more information, visit www.lenapeculture.org.



Rising Nation Journey Lenape paddler Jim Beer, at right, accepted the gift of a new Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River safety poster from NPS Superintendent Dave Forney during an Aug. 5 potluck picnic supper at Lander's Narrowsburg Campground sponsored by the Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance. The Equinunk Historical Society had hosted the dozen participants for lunch. The Delaware River Greenway Partnership co-sponsored the trip and signed a treaty with the Lenape. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)



UDC Vice-Chairperson Bruce Selneck, representative for Shohola Township, PA, decided to dress for the occasion (and laughs) when he substituted for Council Chairperson Lew Schmalzle by presiding over the June 6 UDC meeting with pomp. (Photo by John B. Niflot)

News Briefs from Around the Region

River Trash Dwindling

At Kittatinny Canoes' 13th Annual "On and Under the Delaware River Cleanup" held July 16-18, organizers were pleased to report finding cleaner conditions.

Some 500 volunteers scouring 70 miles of Delaware River from the Ten Mile River Access in NY to Dingmans Ferry in PA and NJ hauled out 13 tons of garbage and 220 vehicle tires, compared to last year's net of 17.5 tons of trash and 403 tires.

Courtesy PFDs Donated

Lander's River Trips has donated 50 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) to NPS Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River to implement a new program of providing courtesy PFDs to visitors who have lost or damaged their own.

All vessels on the Upper Delaware are required to have a readily accessible, Coast Guard-approved PFD for each person aboard. Children 12 and under are required to wear a PFD when boating.

Once issued, the U.S. government prop-

erty life jackets may be returned to any NPS or Upper Delaware livery location.

Roebing Bridge Repaired

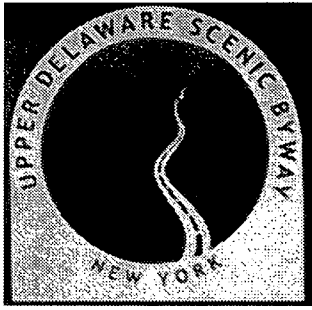
The Federal Highway Administration issued a contract in September to Traffic Safety Services, Inc. of South Plainfield, NJ for repair and maintenance work at the National Park Service's Roebing Bridge.

During the fall months, traffic will be minimally affected as workers repaint portions of the metal superstructure and re-point the bridge piers. Construction activity will shut down over the winter.

When work resumes in early spring 2003, replacement of the concrete sidewalk panels, bridge deck surface milling, and the addition of a new concrete layer will require closing the historic Delaware Aqueduct for approximately one month.

Beginning two weeks prior to the closure, electronic message signs will be placed at the site to announce the start date. Traffic will be redirected along Routes 590 and 434, using the Barryville-Shohola Bridge. Targeted completion date is May 1, 2003.

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van in each community.

Historic, illustrated booklets to commemorate the dedication were distributed to all in attendance. Each participating municipality received a metal sign featuring the new Upper Delaware Scenic Byway logo.

Peppy tunes from the Broome Street Traveling All-Stars Band ushered in the early morning festivities in Port Jervis as participants enjoyed refreshments.

Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee Chair Alan Sorensen and Dedication Subcommittee Chair Peter Osborne introduced an impressive dais of dignitaries that included: U.S. Congressman Ben Gilman; NYS Senator John Bonacic; NYS Assemblyman Jake Gunther; Orange County Legislators Melissa Bonacic and Wayne Decker; Sullivan County Legislator Leni Binder; Sullivan County Manager Daniel Briggs; NYS Scenic Byways Advisory Board member and Orange County Planning Commissioner David Church; Sullivan County Visitors Association President Roberta Lockwood; City of Port Jervis Mayor Ross Decker; and the byway project's consultants, Carol Truppi and Tom Shepstone.



Abe Lincoln (a.k.a. John Deck) gave his presidential seal of approval to the commemorative poster accompanying the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway dedication traveling celebration during the tenth stop at the Basket Historical Society of the Upper Delaware Valley Museum in Long Eddy. Dedication Event Chair Peter Osborne and 1930s-era costumed "Belle of 97", National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Assistant Superintendent Sandra Schultz, bear witness. (Photos by Laurie Ramie)

Sorensen thanked the 23-member byway committee, three counties, and 10 municipalities for supporting a project that he believes "will really bring future economic viability to the Upper Delaware."

Osborne agreed that the amount of cooperation exhibited had probably not been seen since the 1930s when Route 97 was constructed. Even the Towns of Fremont and Hancock, which have so far opted against joining the byway, participat-

ed in the process and hosted ceremonies.

"Today's dedication of the new Upper Delaware Scenic Byway is truly a step forward. This designation is going to provide many new visitors to our valley and we welcome that. It is the most beautiful scenic route that I've traveled on," retiring Congressman Gilman remarked.

Localized histories of Route 97 were provided along the way by town historians Norma Schadt (Deerpark), who unveiled a new historic marker for the famous Hawk's Nest; Frank Schwarz (Lumberland), whose father Walter officiated at the 1939 dedication; Mary Curtis (Delaware), and John Conway (Highland and Sullivan County).

The Cocheton Preservation Society arranged lunch at its site, along with Civil War reenactors and train songs by Mickey Barnett.

President Abe Lincoln and a "Danielle" Boone greeted the motorcade at Basket Historical Society in Long Eddy, as did 98-year-old Anna Bullis, who remarked, "I can remember 97 when it was a dirt road with horse droppings."

New York Department of Transportation Region 8 Scenic Byways Coordinator Michael George noted that the Upper Delaware is "the state's first populist scenic byway" in that it was grassroots-initiated.

The next step will be establishing an organization to implement the plan. ♦



The northern gateway to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway starts in the Village of Hancock, Delaware County. Participating in the dedication ribbon-cutting on Sept. 21 were, from left to right, Scenic Byway Committee Chair Alan Sorensen, Town of Hancock Supervisor Samuel Rowe Jr., Village of Hancock Mayor William Ward Jr., and New York State Assemblyman Clifford Crouch's District Representative Rodney Decker.

Look for more photos from the historic Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Dedication in the Winter Issue!

UDC Plans for Next Five Years' Work at Strategic Workshop

To prepare for the development of its fourth Five-Year Operating Program, the Upper Delaware Council convened a strategic planning workshop on August 10 facilitated by consultant Tom Shepstone.

The new plan produced as a result of that effort covers the period of October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2007.

It sets forth a detailed management program to guide the Council in its mission of carrying out the principles, objectives, and responsibilities contained in the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The 10 board and staff members who attended the workshop brainstormed over issues that will likely require the Council's new or heightened attention over the next five years. Participants voted on the list to assign a priority ranking. The top scoring issues were then discussed further to devise strategies to meet each goal.

The top 10 issues were:

1. Seek establishment of a minimum flow target at the Callicoon gauge, and a better balance of river flows and releases that will produce less negative impacts for the Delaware River Watershed's headwaters.

2. Plan for growth in the river valley by finding ways to accommodate development while protecting large open spaces. This topic also addresses concerns over ridgetop construction, cell towers, and the limitations of zoning.

3. Work with the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway and other initiatives in partnerships that can benefit the river valley through positive cross-impacts and fulfill tasks from the River Management Plan.

4. Re-examine and refine the UDC's role by assessing its key issues in terms of relative benefits and costs.

5. Investigate how to address scenic and aesthetic issues in zoning.

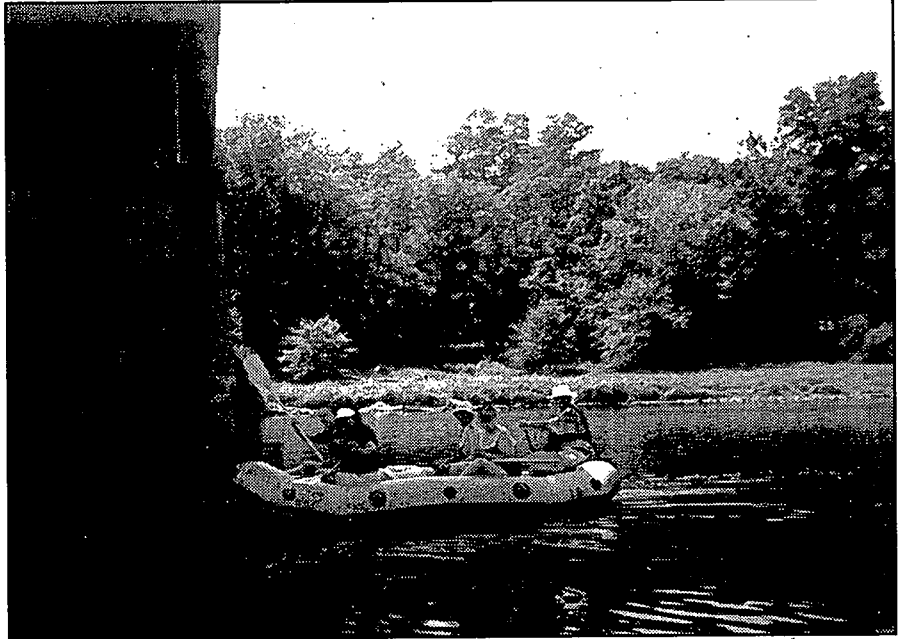
6. Ensure non-impairment of the Upper Delaware River corridor resource.

7. Prepare now for the 20-year review of the River Management Plan slated for FY 2006 by devising the process.

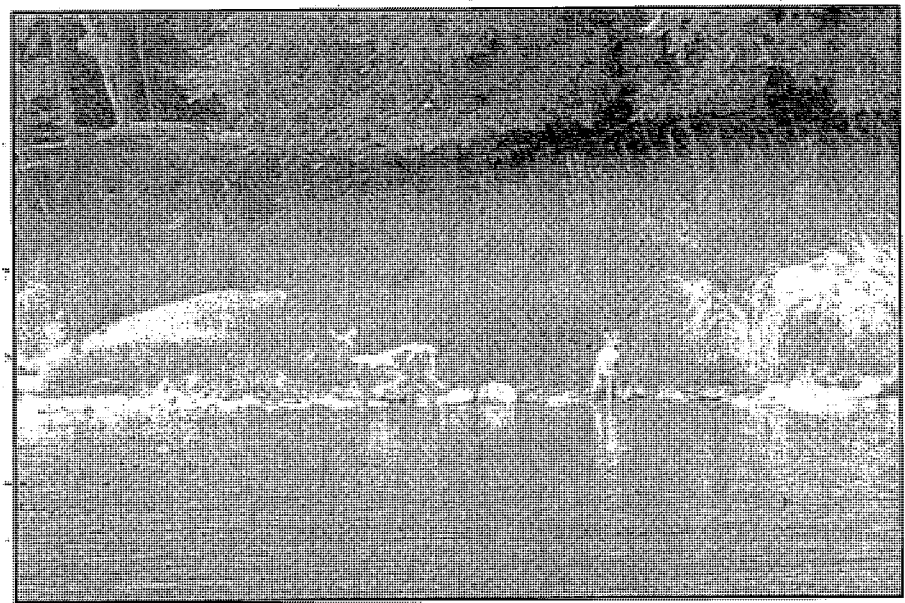
8. Determine the feasibility of placing the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River River Management Plan on the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation Registry to open up new funding sources.

9. Address UDC funding and long-term staffing needs as the Council enters its 15 year of operation.

10. Move up the priority of the River Management Plan's call for developing an Upper Delaware Valley Museum. ♦



The Upper Delaware Council's 14th Annual Family Raft Trip drew 174 individuals to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on August 3, 2002. Last summer's outing had attracted 153 guests. The river trip began at Lander's Minisink Base near Minisink Ford, NY and ended approximately eight miles downstream at Lander's Pond Eddy Base. The large turnout included 129 adults and 45 children aged 12 and under. Many people of all ages expressed that it was their first time to raft on the Upper Delaware, thereby fulfilling the UDC's goal to promote awareness and stewardship of the river through direct contact with the recreational resource. Participants came from as far away as Virginia, the tri-state metropolitan area, and distant parts of New York and Pennsylvania to join the valley residents who took advantage of the discounted rates and organization provided by the UDC. Lander's River Trips provided the rafts, shuttles, and safety briefings. Pictured above, a rafting group from the Waymart-Carbondale, Pa. area that included, from the left, S. Robert Powell, Gail Barna, Grace Defina, Jane Varcoe, and Marilyn Turner, prepare to float under the Shohola-Barryville Bridge. Pictured below, a thirsty but watchful doe and fawn on the shoreline didn't let the passing rafters deter them from cooling off on the hot summer day. (Photo above by Laurie Ramie, photo below by David B. Soete)



UDC Highlights Quarterly Activities

Upper Delaware Council (UDC) activity highlights from late June through mid-September 2002, not mentioned elsewhere in this issue, include:

FLOWS AND RELEASES

- The UDC agreed in principle with a proposal put forth by The Nature Conservancy in cooperation with Trout Unlimited and the Delaware River Foundation entitled, "Ecologically Sustainable Water Management: A Vision to Resolve Delaware Basin Flow Management Issues."

In an Aug. 1 letter issued after reviewing the proposal, the UDC wrote, "We believe that it may be difficult to get all of the parties to agree on solutions and that it may be necessary to revisit the 1954 Supreme Court Decree at some time in the future. However, the proposed ESWM process, at the very least, will help to bring all the parties together and identify the issues."

- Noting that "the operation of the Lake Wallenpaupack Hydroelectric Project has the potential to affect flows from the other reservoirs in the basin," the UDC reviewed the PPL Draft License Application and Environmental Assessment submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory.

The UDC noted in a June 27 letter that, among other recommendations, "There needs to be a provision, which should be made part of the FERC license, for more balanced releases from all the major reservoirs, including the Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink, Lake Wallenpaupack and the Mongaup reservoirs, above the Montague gage to ensure adequate flows to maintain the river ecology, fisheries, and boating industries."

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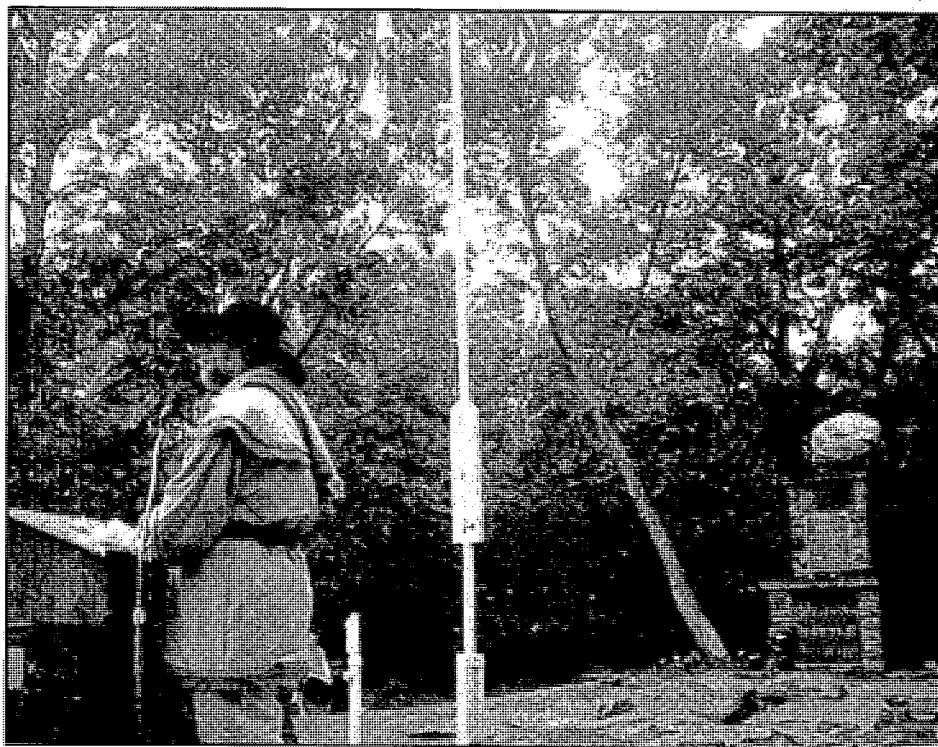
Since Fiscal Year 1997, the federal government has offered no financial support to the Delaware River Basin Commission, yet has remained a full and active commission member along with the States of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, since the DRBC's inception in 1961.

The UDC sent a June 27 letter to its Congressional representatives strongly supporting the DRBC's positive work contributions and invaluable partnership role as lawmakers consider a restoration of federal funding for the DRBC.

GRANTS

NYS Senator John J. Bonacic (R-40th District) has secured \$50,000 in state funding to benefit the UDC's eight New York members towns for a second round of beautification, economic development, and river access projects.

Along with those grants, Sen. Bonacic tapped the UDC to administer a \$20,000 grant for improvement projects related to



A costumed Peter Osborne, executive director of the Minisink Valley Historical Society, delivered the keynote address at the 223rd Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Minisink held July 21 at Sullivan County's Minisink Battleground Park. Memorial wreaths were laid on the monument at right after a military gun salute. Across the river, a similar ceremony took place July 22 at the Grave of the Unknown Soldier in Lackawaxen, Pa. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

the new Upper Delaware Scenic Byway.

PROJECT REVIEWS

Comment letters were recently issued for the following projects: Shohola-Barryville Bridge Replacement Project design alternatives (Shohola Township and Town of Highland); reconstruction of the NYS DEC Narrowsburg Boat Launch (Town of Tusten); Lander's River Trips application for state permits to allow mechanized brush clearing along a 320-foot section of river at the Skinner's Falls Campground (Town of Cochecton); and the approximately 146-acre proposed Eagle's Nest Estates Subdivision (Town of Tusten).

SPECIAL MEETINGS

- June 4, Shohola-Barryville Bridge Project public meeting, sponsored by the PA Department of Transportation.

- June 19, Draft Environmental Action Plan for the Upper Delaware Watershed meeting, sponsored by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

- July 2, UDC Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee meeting with U.S. Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY-20th District).

- Aug. 6, Conservation Easements seminar, sponsored by Lacawac Sanctuary.

- Aug. 9, Field visits for interested UDC representatives and alternates to the NYS

DEC's Mongaup Access Site, Town of Lumberland, and the proposed development area for the NPS Mongaup Interpretive Center, Town of Deepark.

- Aug. 13, Second Annual "Day on the Delaware" educational forum, sponsored by the Delaware River Foundation.

- Aug. 22, Natural Stream Channel Design, sponsored by Lacawac Sanctuary and Wayne Conservation District.

- Sept. 12, Tour of Calkins Creek projects completed under Pennsylvania Growing Greener grant funding, sponsored by Wayne Conservation District.

PASSAGES

NPS Upper Delaware Interpretive Specialist and Webmaster Paula Valentine transferred Aug. 11 to Fire Island National Seashore as Chief of Interpretation.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

In response to citizen inquiries, the Council investigated an incidence of ridgetop clear-cutting in the Town of Highland visible from the river and complaints over the enforcement of the existing swimming prohibition by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission at its Upper Delaware River accesses this summer.

The UDC also staffed an informational booth at the 12th Annual Riverfest in Narrowsburg, NY on July 28. ♦

Superintendent Forney Settles In

David C. Forney, a 29-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS), began his new assignment as Superintendent of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on July 1, 2002. *The Upper Delaware* inquired about how he was settling in to the new position:

What kind of reception have you received in the Upper Delaware River Valley, both on and off the job?

I was received graciously and with a warm welcome from the park employees and the community at large throughout the river valley. My first evening here, I was invited to attend the Callicoon Kiwanis Club meeting and was greeted by unknown friends. As I began my orientation and meeting park partners, civic and community organizations, all expressed a firm "good luck" and it became apparent that valley residents thoroughly enjoy their country surroundings, valley charm and valley beauty.

You are a Pennsylvania native, but have had a wide geographical array of assignments throughout the NPS. Does it feel like you have come full circle in your career?

Yes, it has come full circle. I began my career in 1973 at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and attended East Stroudsburg University. Over the last two decades, I have lived in Maryland, West Virginia, Arkansas, Washington D.C., and Massachusetts. I think it is one of the advantages of working with an organization to provide opportunities to experience the people and the landscapes of various parts of the country. It's great to be back, though, to one of the most enjoyable spots in the state. Hopefully, this will be my last move in the National Park Service.

We understand that your most recent superintendent's position in Little Rock, Arkansas held during President Clinton's administration in 2000 involved establishing Central High School as a new National Historic Site. That must be a great sense of accomplishment. What were your respon-

sibilities there?

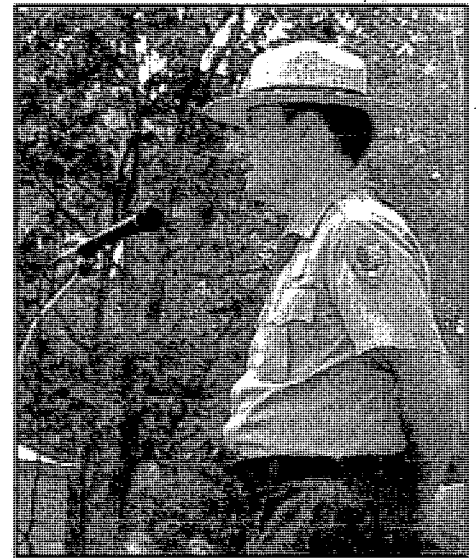
I was responsible for establishing an operational park by first developing the general management plan and then implementing the plan to create a functional park with staff, partnerships, preservation policies, and budget. The unique situation was to create a park from a current, operating high school, with nearly all properties within the park boundary held in private ownership and with legislation that prohibited any interference with the operation of the school or with city ordinances. The job of creating the park could not have been possible without generous support from the city, business, school and neighborhood leaders and local residents. Of course, having the President of the United States taking a keen interest in this project certainly did not hurt.

Clearly, the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River presents some very different management strategies and opportunities. In your observation so far, what are the most compelling issues facing this unit of the National Park System?

The most important issue which I think not only this unit faces but also the entire river valley is how we are going to manage growth. The scenic and recreational values of the valley have reached the metropolitan areas and for various reasons, folks are coming to this area to live. The values that drive the economic engine are those same values of natural and scenic beauty and recreational use for which the Upper Delaware was created, and people have decided to live here for generations. How do we want this valley to look 25 years from now? How affordable will land and homes be for our children?

What is your vision for UDS&RR and how do you propose positioning NPS to meet that objective?

The Delaware River provides great opportunities for education. We need to develop curriculum-based educational programs with the regional schools that utilize



Dave Forney, UDS&RR Superintendent

math and science to create an interdisciplinary approach to learning. We need to create "The Delaware as a Classroom" that will provide opportunities to apply classroom knowledge to actual field experiences. The unit's science program needs to expand to include technology to monitor water quality, locate point source pollution, prevent water degradation, monitor and inventory fisheries, and prepare a river valley GIS system that can serve the towns, townships, and counties. We need to maintain and expand our partnerships to achieve these goals and to preserve the scenic value of the Delaware. Vision without budget, though, is strictly basic operations. We need to be creative to pursue financial support from all sources to implement priority programs.

Let's talk a little about your home life. What do you enjoy in your spare time?

I've always enjoyed hunting, fishing, tinkering with motors, and Penn State football in the fall. I find golf, though, to be a necessity and now take pleasure in walks along the Delaware. ♦

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Upper Delaware Council Awards 2002 Technical Assistance Grants

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) awarded \$20,450 in Technical Assistance Grants for 12 projects that will further goals and address needs identified in the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) are available for research, planning, and studies conducted by the UDC's eight member New York towns, three Pennsylvania townships, and the encompassing river corridor counties.

They can provide seed money for a municipality to embark on a project without having to dip into local tax dollars.

Wayne County, Pa.'s four townships of Berlin, Buckingham, Damascus, and Manchester would be eligible to participate if the townships joined the UDC.

At its September 5, 2002 meeting, the UDC approved the following TAG awards:

Town of Lumberland - \$3,200 to conduct a survey of historical structures within the river corridor. The project will center on identifying, inventorying, and categorizing historic homes, churches, and other sites, such as the D&H Canal, along the town's section of the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway and other roads in a two-mile radius from the Upper Delaware River.

Town of Highland - \$2,400 to codify and print the town's recently revised Land Use Regulations and other relevant laws and ordinances to improve public access to these documents.

Town of Tusten - \$2,200 to conduct a drainage survey and develop a stormwater management plan for the "flats" area of Narrowsburg. The lack of an adequate drainage system may have contributed to

Since 1988, the UDC has awarded \$491,291 to its member municipalities to help fund 133 projects.

elevated sodium chloride levels observed in the groundwater wells serving that area of the hamlet.

Shohola Township - \$1,900 to conduct a study of groundwater quality and quantity. The study will: project future groundwater use in terms of development permitted by the zoning ordinance and available land; search literature for information about groundwater recharge in the area; include recommendations for ordinances that the township could consider to protect groundwater quality based on the study findings; and improve the township's water conservation and quality protection standards.

Town of Delaware - \$1,900 to develop a Town of Delaware web site on which to post the Town Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Regulations, relevant laws and ordinances, meeting minutes, forms, procedures, and announcements.

Town of Deerpark - \$1,900 to codify all of the town's legislation, a project initiated in 1974 and then re-started in 1995, but never completed to the publication phase.

Shohola Township - \$1,500 to update the Enhanced-911 Program within the township by identifying addresses on a more detailed scale in order to improve emergency response planning. A new, local guide and bibliography of resource materials will be produced.

Town of Fremont - \$1,300 to develop

and maintain a Town of Fremont web site for the public dissemination of information about the town and its history.

Town of Cochection - \$1,250 to print the town's zoning map in a GIS-based digital format. The reproduced, multi-colored maps will be able to specifically identify lot lines within zoning districts.

Pike County - \$1,100 to compile and print an index for the 584-page book, "Pike County History," which was authored by the late Norman Lehde. The Pike County Commissioners subsidized the printing of 2,000 copies in 1987. The book is still used as a heritage research tool.

Town of Lumberland - \$1,000 to develop a Town of Lumberland web site to provide citizens with information on town government and Lumberland organizations, and promote the region's historical, cultural, and recreational assets.

Town of Fremont - \$800 to print 200 copies of the town's newly revised zoning laws.

For more information on the UDC's Technical Assistance Grants program, please contact Senior Resource Specialist David B. Soete at udcsoete@ezaccess.net or (845) 252-3022. ♦

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