

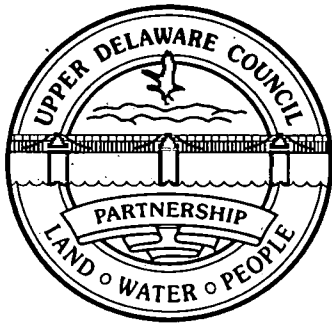
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The Upper Delaware Council is pleased to announce the formation of the Friends of the Upper Delaware, a volunteer program to carry out environmental improvement projects in the Upper Delaware River corridor. The group is being formed to give property owners, residents and visitors the opportunity to participate directly in protecting the river and its neighboring landscape. The Friends group is gearing up now and is actively seeking volunteers for mid-spring projects.

The Friends initially will be doing projects that have worked successfully elsewhere in the country, but new and innovative programs will be pursued once these initial programs are working smoothly. The 1992 initiatives include a corridor-wide Adopt-A-Highway program, an Adopt-A-Stream program, and a watchdog effort called Green Watch. The Friends will also actively support other groups in the river valley currently doing environmental improvement projects.

UDC Seeking Groups to Adopt Highways, Streams

The Council is taking steps to ensure that all state highways in the Upper Delaware corridor become part of the New York and Pennsylvania state Adopt-A-Highway programs by 1995. One main feature of the state programs is that roadside clean-ups along designated highways are conducted four times a year.



Kathy Johnson, UDC Administrative Director, will provide staff support to the new Friends of the Upper Delaware group. Photo by Chuck Hoffman.

A few miles of highway in the corridor are already managed in this way.

The Council plans to recruit enough civic organizations, schools and other interests to get 25% of the state highways in the river corridor (about 100 miles) designated during 1992. Similar goals are set for 1993-1995. Additionally, the Council will be working with the National Park Service, the state Departments of Transportation, and local governments to identify other beautification projects that can be done on these highways in the future.

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Special Report

UDC Awards Banquet Set for March 7, 1992

Wanted: Award Nominations

Winter is here, and that means it's time to mark the UDC annual awards banquet on your brand new 1992 calendar. It's also time to nominate some deserving person or group for an Upper Delaware Council award to be presented at the gala event.

Every year at the banquet, the UDC gives awards to recognize those who have undertaken forward-looking programs, events and actions to conserve the Upper Delaware River and its many valuable resources. To nominate someone for an award, call or write the UDC office with the name of the nominee and the reason why that individual, group, community, company or agency deserves an award. Nominations must be received by February 7, 1992. Here is a list of the award categories for which nominations are being sought:

- **Distinguished Service Award:** This is the Council's highest honor, given to that individual who acted with distinction in support of the goals and objectives of the river management plan. It may be given for any of the following reasons: hard work on a successful project; acts of heroism in river or emergency rescue situations; environmentally outstanding designs for site plans within the river corridor; or for similar reasons.
- **Community Service:** This award is for the community, civic, sportsmen's, or conservation group that has taken action during the past year to protect a section of the river corridor or one or more of its valuable resources, or to improve management of the corridor as a whole.

- **Recreation Achievement:** This award is for the recreation provider (canoe livery, campground, etc.) that makes an outstanding effort to educate river users about water safety, conservation, litter control, river etiquette, and property rights.
- **Certificate of Merit:** This award is for a state, regional, or federal agency that has instituted new programs or policies that protect the natural resources of the river corridor.
- **Cultural Achievement:** This award is for the group or individual that has protected, enhanced, or interpreted cultural resources in the Upper Delaware River corridor.
- **Volunteer:** This award is for the organization or individual whose volunteer efforts have furthered the goals of the river management plan.
- **Award of Recognition:** This award recognizes those who have made substantial contributions to protecting the resources of the Upper Delaware River.

Come Join Us!

This year's banquet will be held at the Orchard Inn located in Glen Spey, New York in the Town of Lumberland on Saturday, March 7, 1992. All are invited to this celebration, which has grown into a major valley-wide annual event. To make your reservations, please call or write the Upper Delaware Council at P.O. Box 217, Narrowsburg, New York, 12764; telephone (914)252-3022, fax number (914)252-3359.

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Elmore and Hay Recognized

The Upper Delaware Council recently recognized two individuals for their long and active involvement in Upper Delaware River planning and management.

Larue Elmore, a resident of Damascus Township for more than half a century, has always been in the forefront of local efforts to protect the region's resources. Among his long list of credentials are: charter member of the Upper Delaware River Association (formerly called the Damascus River Association); one of the original members of the Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance; participant on the Upper Delaware Clearinghouse; long-term member of the Damascus Township Planning Commission; active role in rewriting the river management plan; and an eleven-year, original member of the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council (CAC). The UDC chose to honor him at



Doug Hay of Westfall Township, recently honored by the UDC. Photo by UDC.

this time because he has recently stepped down as chairman of the CAC

(a position he has held for the past four years). In accepting the Council's Resolution of Recognition, Larue acknowledged, "I could not have spent as much time on the river project if it hadn't been for the help of my wife, Gertrude."

Doug Hay resides in Mill Rift, a small hamlet in Westfall Township at the southern end of the river corridor. While serving as editor of the Pike County Dispatch newspaper, Doug championed many of the ideas and ideals of sound river management and local involvement. Doug represented Westfall on the Conference of Upper Delaware Townships during the river management plan re-write process. He worked long and hard to ensure that the ideas, views, and needs of local people were incorporated into the plan. Doug recently gave up his position as the township's alternate representative on the Council in order to pursue other interests.

UDC Conference Rescheduled

The Upper Delaware Council's Annual Conference, originally scheduled for October 29, 1991, has been put off until the spring of 1992. "Several factors made us decide to postpone," said Conference Chair Phil Fitzpatrick. "The overriding concern was the need to present a top-quality event that would be both informative and useful to the participants. That was the standard we had

set and adhered to with the first two conferences."

Economic development is the general theme, with tourism as an economic development tool the major focus. Panelists will present an overview of existing conditions and what we can expect in the future; explain such new terms as "ecotourism" and "green tourism;" discuss how you can blend rural economic

development with the environment; and examine basic principles and elements of success.

The conference will take place on Tuesday, April 7, 1992 at Best Western Inn at Hunt's Landing in Matamoras, PA. For further information, please call Kathy Johnson at the UDC during regular business hours at (914) 252-3022.

UDC Receives Grant from Kaplan Fund

\$20,000 Boosts Toxics Campaign

The Upper Delaware Council has received a \$20,000 grant from the J.M. Kaplan Fund, Inc., of New York City. The grant will fund a Toxics Identification and Control Campaign (TICC) that will identify potential sources of toxic pollution in the Upper Delaware River watershed.

TICC will track the greatest hazards to the water quality of the Upper Delaware watershed and work to ensure their control or elimination. It will identify sources of potential toxic pollution; define the nature of the pollution sources; rank these sources by their level of potential hazard; educate the public and

emergency service organizations about these sites; and advocate their clean-up. The project will take about one year to complete, and will be conducted by UDC staff and consultants. The Upper Delaware Council thanks the J.M. Kaplan Fund for their generous support.

Thirty-Five Streams to be Adopted

The tributary streams to the Upper Delaware are the river's source of life and beauty. As spawning grounds for fish, homes and lifelines for countless plant and wildlife species, and as the waterway's source, the tributaries are a vital link in the environmental chain that makes the Upper Delaware so spectacular.

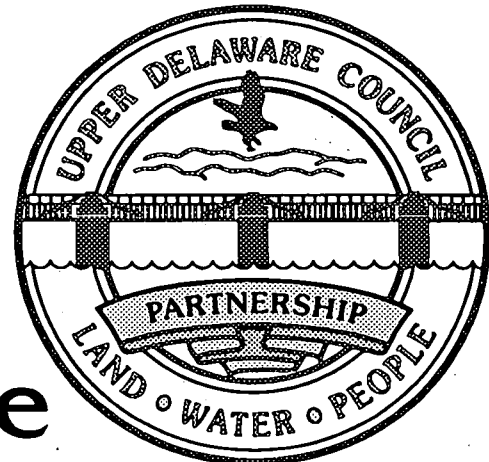
Most maps of the area name about 35 tributaries to the Upper Delaware. Few of these streams receive any direct or intensive management. Most are designated as coldwater trout streams by the states, but that regulatory designation does not provide for litter control, debris removal, habitat enhancements, or many other environmental improvements. This is why the Council is embarking on a program to adopt all the named tributaries to the Upper Delaware by 1995. This program will work to remove trash and debris, devise wildlife enhancements, and ensure that fish spawning can take place in a healthy environment. Across the country, volunteers have shown that Adopt-A-Stream programs can work very well, and the Council hopes that the Friends of the Upper Delaware can repeat that success here by working through existing state Adopt-A-Stream programs.

The Friends of the Upper Delaware needs your help now. The Council is building a volunteer network to help these programs succeed.

The Friends will work in close cooperation with area fishing and outdoor sports organizations, as well as all the appropriate local, state and federal agencies, to make the program a success. Meticulous attention will be devoted to avoiding conflicts with private

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

Friend of the Upper Delaware



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Every new Friend of the Upper Delaware will receive this attractive color decal (color not shown). It's a great way to show your support for the Upper Delaware River and your community.

property owners and to making improvements that are consistent with sound environmental practice and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The Friends will take on eight streams during the 1992 pilot program in anticipation of action on 8-10 new streams per year from 1993-1995. The Council hopes to recruit one sponsoring organization for each stream in the river valley. Training programs are being scheduled to prepare volunteers for the rehabilitation work. Contact the Council office if you, your friends, or your organization would like to participate.

Green Watchers Sought

Upper Delaware Green Watch is a network of volunteers who are dedicated to a clean and safe environment. Green Watchers stay on the lookout for polluters, dumpers and other individuals who may be breaking environmental laws. Green Watchers will call the Council with reports of problems, and the Council will forward the complaint to the proper authorities and will follow up to ensure that the issue is properly resolved.

The Council plans to recruit a network of Green Watchers sufficient to cover the river corridor during 1992. A training program is being developed to help the program work most effectively.

The Council is preparing a Guide to Green Watching for all Friends members, and tips on Green Watching will appear regularly in future issues of *The Upper Delaware*.

Volunteer!

The Friends of the Upper Delaware needs your help now. The Council is building a volunteer network to help these programs succeed. Community coordinators in all river towns and townships will be recruited and on board by the time this newsletter is published. The coordinators will be recruiting volunteers to participate in projects. Individuals, civic organizations, community groups and the business community will all be approached to participate. Please contact your community coordinator or call the Council office to become a Friend of the Upper Delaware.

The Friends group is gearing up now and is actively seeking volunteers for mid-spring projects.

The Council is making special efforts to recruit property owners who reside

out of the valley to participate in special projects. UDC will schedule events on weekends in the late spring, summer and early autumn to get the best turnout, and special volunteer appreciation events to show the Council's and the community's thanks for the effort.

The Council promises that the work will be hard, but you will have fun, personally improve the environment of the beautiful Upper Delaware, and make many new friends in the process.

Donations, Membership Encouraged

The Council is seeking membership donations from Friends participants. Funds raised will be applied to direct expenses involved in doing Friends projects and will not be allocated to annual overhead. The regular membership donation is \$20. There is a special \$10 membership donation for seniors (over 65) and students. All contributions to the Upper Delaware Council are tax deductible. Even if you cannot make a membership donation, the donation of your time will make this program a



One goal of the Friends of the Upper Delaware is to adopt every named tributary to the Upper Delaware River located within the river corridor. Under the program, volunteers will work to remove trash and debris and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Photo by Chuck Hoffman.

success.

The listing of community coordinators will be published in the spring edition of *The Upper Delaware* along with

a complete list of 1992 projects. For more information, contact Kathy Johnson at the Council office.

*The tributaries are...
... a vital link in the environmental chain that makes the Upper Delaware so spectacular.*

The Council urges you to join the Friends of the Upper Delaware by filling out the membership application below and returning it to us with your check. Upon joining, you will receive a handsome Friend of the Upper Delaware decal for your home or automobile. Those who donate \$35 or more will also receive an attractive, four-color Upper Delaware Council lapel pin.

All of us here at the Council look forward to seeing you this spring, and working with you on some exciting and important projects!

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Be a Friend of the Upper Delaware!

Yes! I'm a Friend of the Upper Delaware! Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to support Friends projects. Please contact me about opportunities to volunteer for projects and events. Enclosed is my check for:

\$10 (Students and Seniors) \$20 (Regular Members) \$Other (Enter Amount)

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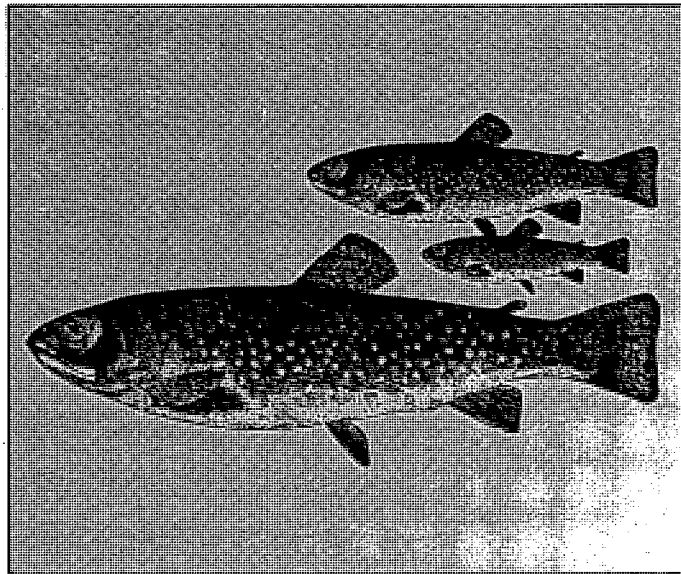
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Commissioner Reed Reports on Fish Stocking

Leon Reed, Pennsylvania Fish Commission member and advisory member to the UDC, reported on this year's stocking activities in the Delaware River at the UDC's October 15 Water Use/Resource Management Committee meeting. Commissioner Reed reported that a total of 50,950 brown trout fingerlings were stocked in the Delaware West Branch north of Hancock, New York. Depending upon river conditions, it will take three to four years for the fingerlings to reach the twelve inch length that is now the legal minimum size limit for the river. Both states along this border river also have a catch limit of three trout per day. Neither the Commission nor the New York DEC stock the Delaware Main Stem with trout.

Walleye, Muskie Released

In the Delaware Main Stem, a total of 73,900 walleye and 3,050 pure bred muskellunge (muskie) fingerlings were released within the river corridor. An additional 40,950 walleye and 1,000 pure bred muskie were released south of Port Jervis. The fish will take several years to reach the legal minimum size



limit of 15 inches for walleye and 30 inches for muskellunge.

Commissioner Reed noted that, in spite of this year's drought, river flows in the West Branch and the Main Stem were good throughout the summer, helping the young fish to survive. However, this could soon change if the drought does not ease.

Wild vs. Stocked: An Ongoing Debate

Fish stocking can be a controversial subject. Say the words "wild" or "stocked" to a room full of trout anglers, and you're likely to spark a lively discussion. "If

you're not wild trout fishing, you're not trout fishing at all," is the attitude of some anglers towards the sport. Even the term "wild" has different meanings to different people. Some use it to mean "naturally reproducing," while others mean "historically native to the area." In fact, while many species of trout reproduce naturally in the river basin, only the brook trout was swimming in the river before the arrival of the Europeans. The Delaware's brown trout was introduced from Germany during the 1800s and was later supplemented by a strain from Scotland's Lock

Leven. The prized rainbow trout was introduced from Pacific Slope rivers. Two other popular sport fish species, the muskellunge and walleye, were also introduced to the Delaware River from other watersheds.

According to Reed, the commission uses a "resource first" approach to strike a balance between wild and stocked fish. Hatchery fish are used to provide recreation in those waters where fish populations are inadequate to sustain the fishery at desired levels. This means that a range of fishing experiences, from wild to stocked, are available in the Upper Delaware River Basin.

FERC Releases O&R Report

Includes Recommendations on Boating, Access

In September, 1991 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released a staff report titled "Environmental Assessment for Hydropower License" on the three Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R) hydropower projects located in the Mongaup River basin.

The 65-page report describes the projects and examines the resources that would be affected. It then presents the

staff's recommended alternative (the preferred option) along with recommended measures for the protection, mitigation, and enhancement of the environmental resources associated with the projects.

This report comes some three years after O&R filed its application for a FERC license. Since that time, numerous documents were filed, meetings held, on-site inspections made, and is-

issues debated. The Council became involved because of the projects' potential impacts on the river corridor. Council members felt that certain issues, such as flows of water from the Rio dam and powerhouse, whitewater boating, river access, and safety, could directly or indirectly fall within the purview of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational

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Rosann Romeo Honored as Visitor Number Two Million

Rosann Romeo of Syracuse, New York, had no idea that she was about to become an instant celebrity as she walked with her niece down Narrowsburg's Main Street on Sunday, August 25th. One minute, an NPS ranger was asking her how she was enjoying her visit. The next thing she knew, she was being showered with gifts, posed for photo opportunities, and lauded as the 2,000,000th visitor to the Upper Delaware River since 1980, when the National Park Service began managing recreation and keeping count of visitors.

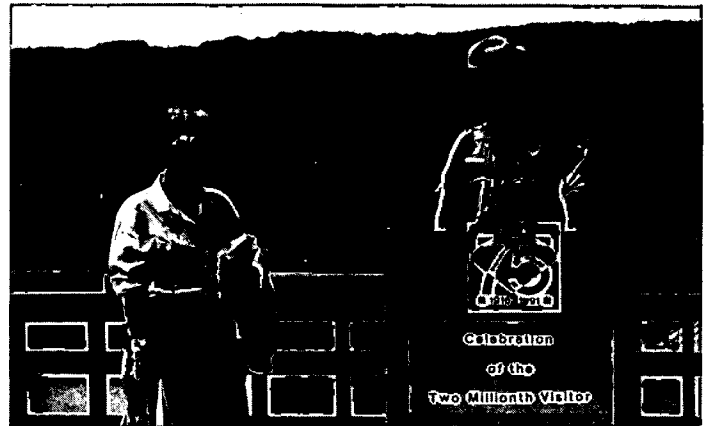
"It was a total surprise ... but I was delighted," says Romeo about her experience. "It was my first visit to the area, and I loved it. The area is gorgeous. My niece and I had visited the Zane Grey House, the Minisink Battleground, Fort Delaware, and the NPS visitor center. After such a great visit, the award was icing on the cake."

Representatives from the Upper Delaware Council, NPS, the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council, the Town of Tusten, the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce, Citizens for Tusten, and the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance were on hand to congratulate Ms. Romeo. Kathy Johnson of the Upper Delaware Council presented Ms. Romeo with a UDC logo pin; NPS staff presented her with a bag full of book-

store goodies; and the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce gave her a variety of gifts from many local businesses. "The gifts were great - they were all things that I would have chosen to buy," says Romeo.

In a brief speech at the awards ceremony, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Superintendent John T. Hutzky emphasized just how important recreation is to the local economy. Based on technical studies and including direct, indirect, and induced expenditures, he placed the value of river recreation to the region's economy since 1980 at a whopping \$228 million. This figure includes \$34 million in direct expenditures in the region by NPS itself.

Ms. Romeo's visit shows how a typical visitor contributes to the local economy. She paid admission to a local museum, bought food and gas, and camped along the river. Let's say a visitor like Ms. Romeo spends about \$75 locally. Each one of these dollars actually gets "spent" more than once before it leaves the area. For example, the gas



Rosann Romeo, the 2,000,000th visitor to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, with Superintendent John T. Hutzky. Photo by NPS.

station owner who sells one dollar in gas might use that dollar to buy groceries at the local store. The bottom line is this: every \$1.00 spent by a tourist adds about \$2.00 to the balance sheets of local businesses. That visitor's \$75 expenditure is actually "worth" \$150 to the local economy.

Counting to Two Million

It wasn't easy deciding exactly who the 2,000,000th visitor was. Ron Terry of the NPS interpretive office explains how it was done. "We keep visitation records. Based on these, we knew that the 2,000,000 figure would be passed during the last two weeks of August. So we set August 25 as the date - which also

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happened to be the 75th anniversary of the National Park Service. We decided that the first bona-fide visitor to the Narrowsburg information center during a two-hour period would be the one.” And at 11:55 AM, Rosann Romeo walked through the doors of the information center and onto the pages of local history.

What does Ms. Romeo think about efforts to protect the area? “It’s absolutely worth protecting. It’s certainly a gem of

a place,” she exclaims. “I’m a real outdoors type, and everything we did was because of the region’s natural beauty and historical importance.”

Ms. Romeo looks forward to future visits to the Upper Delaware River corridor. And thanks to the hard work and preservation efforts of local citizens and government, the river will remain an attractive destination for visitors for many generations to come.

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River Management Plan.

The report is full of findings, conclusions, and recommendations. These include a recommended 100-cfs flow release from Rio dam; and controlled white water boating access and periodic weekend flow releases from Rio powerhouse, with recommended public safety measures. Complete copies of the report can be obtained from FERC by calling Julie

Bernt at (202) 219-2814.

The Council has requested that a public informational meeting or hearing be held in the region by FERC to explain the contents of the report and obtain local input (FERC is not formally required to do this at this point in the process). If the recommendations are satisfactory to all of the parties involved, a license can be issued by FERC.

Calendar of Upper Delaware Events

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Legend

- UD** Monthly Meeting, 7:30 pm, Tusten Town Hall, Narrowsburg, NY
- RM** Water Use/Resource Management Committee, 7:00 pm, Tusten Town Hall, Narrowsburg, NY
- OP** Operations Committee, 6:30 pm, UDC office, Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY
- PR** Project Review Committee, 7:00 pm, UDC office (Upon adjournment of the Operations Committee)
- *** UDC annual awards banquet at Orchard Inn in Glen Spey, New York. Call the Council at (914) 252-3022 for further information.

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