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NY Issues Executive Order

On March 22, 1993, New York State took a major action in support of the Upper Delaware Council and the River Management Plan when Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order that requires state agencies to act consistently with the management plan and ensures the state's continued participation in the Council.

"It's the icing on the cake," says UDC Chair Larry Richardson. "New York State has been very cooperative for a long time, but this action will certainly heighten the awareness of all of the agencies involved and raise the status of the UDC. In the long run, it certainly is going to help protect and preserve the water quality and the quality of life within the river corridor."

New York's action completes the canon of interagency agreements called for in the River Management Plan. These agreements glue together New York, Pennsylvania, the National Park Service (NPS) and Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) in a partnership with local governments so equal as to have few precedents in our nation.

The New York Executive Order contains three key provisions. First, it gives DEC the job of implementing the plan. Second, it states that the DEC shall continue to serve as the state's representative on the UDC. And finally, it contains a critically important provision



The Upper Delaware Council's new officers for 1993. Shown, from left to right: Edward DeFebo of Lackawaxen, Vice-Chairperson; Larry Richardson of Cochection, Chairperson; Al Norris of Highland, Secretary-Treasurer. See story on page 8. Photo by D. Soete.

that requires all state agencies to act in a manner consistent with the river plan. This provision is very powerful and can be used by local communities to stop unwanted projects, such as toxic waste dumps, that are not consistent with the management plan.

"All State agencies shall act consistently with the River Management Plan..."
- Gov. Mario M. Cuomo

Though it took a while for New York to issue the order, it appears to be quite strong. Says Richardson, "We've waited a long time for it, though of course the state has been very cooperative all along. I'm very happy that it has come on my watch."

A View From The Chair

As 1993 gets underway, I'd like to say that I am extremely proud and excited about having been chosen by the Upper Delaware Council members to act as their Chairman for this coming year.

The Council has been most fortunate in that it has been led since its inception by very dedicated and informed Chairpeople as well as members and representatives.

At this time in its existence, I view the Council much as I would an adolescent child. It has gotten to this point in time with a lot of valuable advice and close guidance from within and outside the organization. The Council has followed a pretty narrow set path.

While times were good throughout the latter part of the 80's people seemed to look to the Council as more of a protective agency: protect the water quality, protect the great fishing available in the Upper Delaware and protect the local communities against the advances of the Park Service. The Council has accomplished much along these lines and will continue to have these charges as a focus. However, as the economy has deteriorated, we are hearing an ever louder call for a more assertive stance by the Council to take the lead in encouraging new enterprises in the River Corridor. This, I believe will be the real challenge for the future. The Council needs to work very closely with existing and affected agencies in and along the River Corridor to ascertain what is needed to promote economic viability and at the same time protect and preserve our most precious resource. The Council began this careful process last year with a very successful conference held in Matamoras, Pennsylvania and at this time is making plans for another conference later this year with a similar economic theme.

The guide for the Upper Delaware Council's existence is the River Management Plan as defined by Congress. Within that plan, however, exists a lot of latitude in which the Council may operate. Just how much of an expanded roll the Council wishes to undertake is the basis for much discussion going on right now. Time will tell!



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It's a Pretty Shad Story

Find shad to be something of a marvel, not just for their good size, strong fight, or acrobatics, but simply because of the mystery of their being. In an age of intense interest in all aspects of fish life and angling, we have come to know the most trivial detail of many popularly sought gamefish—but not shad.

We have some knowledge that shad migrate from birthplace to the North Atlantic, but their precise whereabouts in that big pond is still rather speculative. We really don't know what food sustains them through their lives, though the supposition is that it may be plankton or other minuscule sea matter. We don't know what forces guide them unerringly to find their natal waters. Because the stomachs of shad are empty, we know that they don't eat when they return home to spawn, yet it's rather puzzling why they strike a little lead jig with a piece of hair attached.

Such mysteries make shad a fish that we can marvel at, and keep them, and angling for them, on a relatively uncomplicated level.

They're Back

Shad were a staple for early settlers in a simpler era. Historical accounts of shad in the Delaware River made reference to extreme abundance, and it is said that one could "walk across the river on the backs of shad." This seems incredible, but one wonders just how the abundance of today measures up to that of olden times.

However it compares, the present shad population is particularly strong and healthy, and this year's run should



Roy Gunther of Forestburgh, New York shows off a Delaware River shad.

be one of the best in modern times. It has not always been this way, as pollution in the lower Delaware River near Philadelphia blocked or significantly inhibited shad passage for years, and there was barely a token fishery for the most of the first half of this century. But three decades ago, large numbers of shad once again began to run the Delaware, increasing in numbers and being so steadily available that many of today's anglers aren't aware of the past misfortunes of their quarry in this river.

Abundance notwithstanding, shad are a here-today-gone-tomorrow

species. The spawning run lasts only six to eight weeks. If shad were available all year long, we might not appreciate them as much; then again, some of us might appreciate them so much that we'd ignore the other fish of the Upper Delaware.

The feast/famine relationship also exists on a daily basis during the season, especially in the early stages of the run, before the main body of fish has migrated to the Upper Delaware. One day you catch plenty in a given pool and the next day nothing.

That "will they or won't they be here today" mystery is part of the allure of fishing to veteran shad anglers. If the fish were always present and receptive, it wouldn't be quite the sport that it is. When present, the derring-do of shad is not to be outdone by any other fish—larger or smaller—that

swims the Delaware. Between the drag-screaching runs, the broadside-to-the-current fight, and the frequent aerial maneuvers, it's a wonder that shad haven't been accorded a loftier status.

Perhaps that's because they aren't much for midday activity. Early morning is prime time for catching shad. The first two or three hours of sunlight are nearly always the best, perhaps because shad migrate upstream at night and you may be fishing to a new wave of migrants in the morning, or perhaps because of the low level of light at

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daybreak. Twilight can also be a good time to catch fish, usually in a short period before dark sets in and shad seem to get ready for their next move upriver.

How to Fish'Em

Newcomers to shad fishing need only know that a light-action spinning rod, an appropriate spinning reel with 6- or 8-pound-test line and a good quality drag mechanism, and a mixed supply of shad darts will equip them properly. Darts, which are a lead-bodied, bucktailed form of jig with a tapered body and slanted nose, are the perennially favored shad catcher, though some anglers have success with flies, small spinners, and tiny spoons.

Whatever the offering, you generally must get it down near the river bottom, a task that is influenced by the depth of water, strength of the current, and weight of your lure. Shad apparently strike out of anger—or reflexive action—and thus don't seem to go out of their way to chase a lure. Your offering has to get down in front of a fish's nose to be effective. For this reason, it's common to get hung up and to lose a fair number of lures in pursuit of shad.

Shore fishermen or waders should cast across and upstream, allow their lure to sink toward the bottom, and then, with tight line, let the lure swing downstream with the current until the lure reaches the end of its sweep. Boat fishermen either troll into the current or anchor and still-fish their lures by letting them swing in the current. In either case, let out approximately 75 feet of line behind the boat, using a heavy enough lure (or weight it with a sinker) to get just off the bottom.

Shad basically stick to the channels, preferring the deeper water to the swift, riffing sections. The primary place to fish for them is in the

poools. This is slower, calmer, and deeper water than the rest of the river sections, and shad rest in such spots before continuing upriver.

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You may find a large school of fish occupying a particular pool on a given day, or you may not find any at all. Sometimes, when success tapers off in a given spot, you merely need to move slightly up, down, or across the river to be back in action.

The Sensitive Shad

Besides being somewhat sensitive to light, shad are also sensitive to water conditions. A heavy rain, which raises and muddies the river, will not be beneficial to shad fishing; fish will either retreat from locations they previously inhabited or become inactive until more

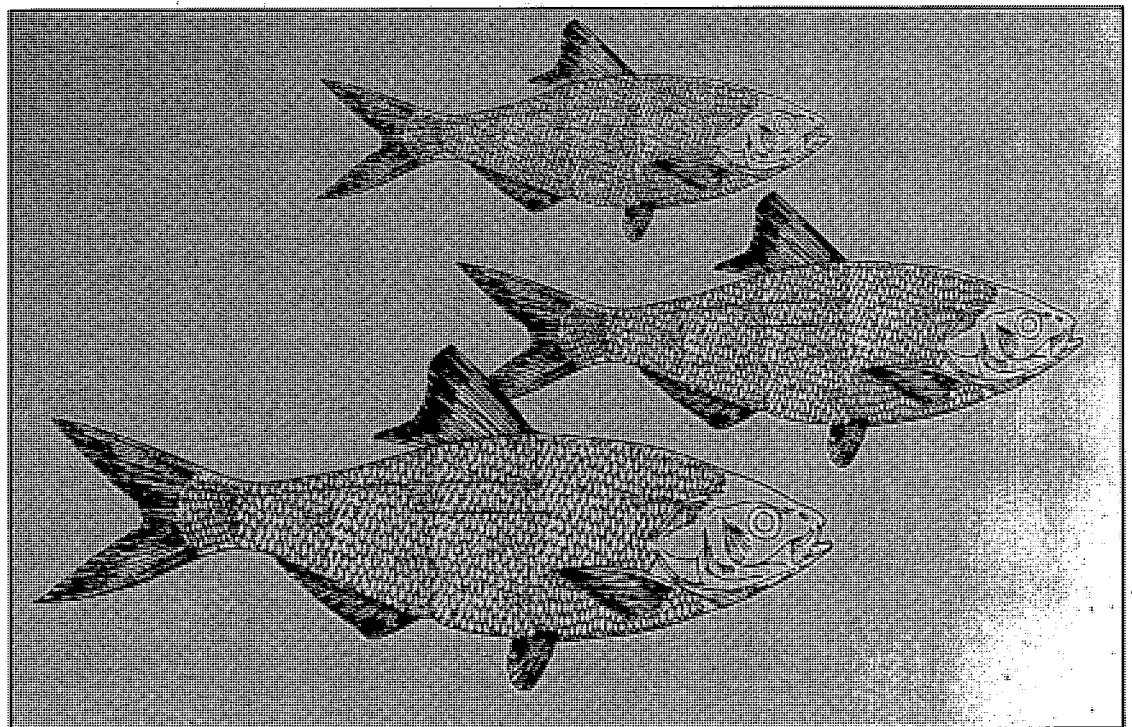
favorable conditions prevail.

Shad begin to enter the lower reaches of the Delaware River in March, but usually don't appear in the New York sector above Port Jervis until mid to late April when the infamous shad bushes begin to blossom. Normally the peak of the run in the Upper Delaware is in mid-May, but much has to do with the level and temperature of the river.

If early spring is colder than normal, the run may be one to three weeks behind schedule. In a cold spring, the best fishing may be compacted into a two to three-week period at the end of May, with success dropping off markedly once the water warms into the 60's.

Some people catch and release all their shad, but many like to eat them. Shad roe is a prized delicacy. Though bony, the flesh is good when properly prepared and is excellent when pickled. Shad as food is an article unto itself; with the abundance of shad in the river, there are plenty of fish to warrant occasional meals, and it's a fitting way to complement the emerging greenery of the season.

The Upper Delaware Council would like to thank Ken Schultz for contributing this article. Schultz is a staff writer for Field & Stream magazine, and the author of seven books. He lives in Forestburgh.



Friends Make a Visible Difference

In January of 1992, the Council launched the Friends of the Upper Delaware, a program that helps citizens become directly involved in environmental and community improvement projects in the river valley. We announced three initiatives, Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Stream (which work through existing state programs) and Greenwatch, that kicked off the Friends project. The response to these programs has been wonderful.

Miles of state highways, and some county and town roads, have been adopted by a number of individuals and groups. The adopters are a varied group that includes both full and part time local residents, visitors, and whole families. But they all share a common concern for the environment and a willingness to do something about it by cleaning up along their adopted stretch of road four times per year. The states pick up the garbage, but must be notified in advance to ensure prompt pickup.

Kathy Johnson, UDC Administrative Director, handles the paperwork for the groups. The state picks up the bagged trash, provides the bags, signs and hardhats, and will erect the "Adopt" signs on state highways.

Many groups and individuals are also involved in the Adopt-A-Stream program. Adopting a stream can involve simply picking up litter from the banks to doing stream stabilization projects. The new Citizen Based Water Quality Monitoring Program from the NY Audubon in conjunction with Friends of the Upper Delaware is another way citizens can become involved in the protection of their favorite waterway.

The Greenwatch program has also drawn a lot of interest. This program gives citizens the information they need to contact the proper authorities when an environmental problem is noticed. The Greenwatch booklet is being prepared and will be printed and mailed to all who expressed an interest in it shortly.

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Kittatinny Adopts Highways

When Kittatinny Canoes decides to clean up the river environment, they go at it whole hog. Kittatinny Canoes sponsors a nationally recognized three day cleanup each summer appropriately called "On and Under the Delaware River Clean-up." For the past two years this effort has been named a first place national winner in the U.S. Department of Interior's "Take Pride in America" competition.

Dave Jones, co-owner of Kittatinny, does not limit his environmental dedication solely to the river. When the UDC's new Friends of the Upper Delaware program was announced, his canoe livery based in Barryville, New York adopted a two mile stretch of Route 97 just north of Barryville to just south of Minisink Ford. "As important that it is to see that river is kept pure and pristine, it is just as important that the surrounding landscape be kept pristine" Jones says. "When people come up to this area to canoe the Upper Delaware and enjoy the beautiful scenery in the river valley, a trash-marked countryside would make an impression on them, and it certainly

wouldn't be a good one. The Upper Delaware is close to the metropolitan areas of New York and New Jersey, and a lot of our customers are from those areas. They can really appreciate how clean this area is," Jones says.

"Paul Foster, George Weber, and Daryl Barnes, members of Kittatinny staff, are the people that actually do the litter pick-up. Paul calls Kathy Johnson at the Council office a few days before the clean-up, and she takes it from there. NYS DOT does a fine job picking the trash up in a timely manner so its not laying around for days," Jones added.

"It would really be nice if there wasn't a need for programs like this, but unfortunately there is." Jones puts it this way, "Sure its nice to win awards, and have people say nice things about you, but that's not the reason Kittatinny Canoes feels so strongly about keeping our environment clean; a clean, safe environment is vital for the health and well-being of the residents and visitors of this area, and as long as there is a need, I will continue to do my small part in making the Upper Delaware valley a better place to live, work and play."

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Kathy Johnson says people like those at Kittatinny Canoes are the key to the success of our program. "Not only has Kittatinny adopted a two-mile stretch of Route 97, they have also adopted one mile of Beaver Brook in connection with our Adopt-A-Stream program," Johnson adds.

Cochecton Highways Adopted

Eileen Abrahams is the coordinator for Adopt-A-Highway projects in the Town of Cochecton. "When I first learned about the Friends of the Upper Delaware in January of 1992, I knew it was right up my alley, I love nature, I love being outside, and I am committed to doing my bit to help the environment. I brought the idea to a few friends, and before long we signed up with the Friends program and adopted a two mile stretch of Route 97 beginning at the Cochecton Town Line and north."

Continues Abrahams, "the volunteers in my group are just as enthusiastic about the program today, as they were last winter. It is very depressing to live in such a beautiful area, and drive down the highway, and see litter on the sides of roads; beer cans, soda bottles, paper, wrappers, just about anything. I relocated here from New York City two years ago. As a newcomer I can really appreciate the beauty of the area, and I'll do what I can to see that it stays that way!"

"When I talked to some of my friends in Cochecton, they were just as eager as I was to get started. Last year we had three clean-ups. We also have children participating in the group. As a teacher I know how important it is to have children learn early that our environment should not be trashed; it must be kept clean and healthy for future generations". Abrahams adds that lessons taught early tend to form life-long habits. Another side benefit to having children involved is that

they get better acquainted with nature and get some healthy exercise thrown in, too. Naturally, the adults benefit, too.

After a clean-up the group has a get together for cold drinks and hot dogs. "We make it fun" Abrahams says. I really feel good about being involved.

Abrahams adds a positive note on the clean-ups. "On our first cleanup on Route 97, I thought we would need a tractor trailer to cart away the garbage. On our subsequent cleanups, we noticed less and less garbage."

TU Adopts Streams

When the Friends of the Upper Delaware first unveiled its new Adopt-A-Stream initiative in January of 1992, the Upper Delaware Chapter of Trout Unlimited was one of the first to sign on.

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The group adopted three Upper Delaware tributaries, Basket Creek, Hankins Creek and Callicoon Creek. TU spokesman, Joe McFadden says "the group numbers 36 members, and each and

every one of our members is willing to work, and work hard, for the protection of our streams and the fish population. Being avid fishermen, we are acutely aware of the importance of a clean, free-flowing environment fish must have to enjoy a healthy habitat," McFadden added.

During the first year, the Upper Delaware Trout Unlimited has held clean-ups on all three streams. On the Hankins and Basket Creeks, volunteers were able to carry out the litter. However on the Callicoon Creek it was a much different story. McFadden reports the group had to work closely with the New York State Department of Transportation to get rid of the huge amount of trash and rubbish the group picked up. McFadden says without the cooperation of the DOT, and the environmental group from the Delaware Valley Job Corps, "we never would have been able to get the garbage out of there."

McFadden reports TU has also done stream improvements on the Basket and Hankins Brooks. The stream improvements can sometimes involve cleaning natural channels that sometimes get clogged with rocks. Once the debris is cleared away, the fish can then work their way upstream to spawn, which is vital in maintaining the Upper Delaware's fish populations. The group must obtain the necessary permits from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation before any work such as channel stabilization can begin. "We don't do a thing unless we get per-

mission of the property owner and the DEC," McFadden says. "We've been lucky, most property owners give us permission and the DEC offices work closely with us."

McFadden says the group has a major clean-up scheduled for mid-April on the West Branch of the Delaware. "We have trucks with winches lined up to help us get a large amount of big appli-



ances up and out of the stream bed. There is an unbelievable amount of trash in that section of the West Branch, and the group is looking forward to the clean-up," McFadden says. McFadden says when he takes his five-year old son Justin fishing, he gets very upset when he sees cans, bottles, or other trash in the water or along the banks. "If a five-year old knows its wrong to litter and throw garbage around, why is it so many adults continue to do it?" McFadden wonders.

One of the group's accomplishments in 1992 that they are most proud of is the development of a Handicapped Access at the NYS fishing access site on the Callicoon Creek at Fulton Hill in the Town of Delaware. "We got the permission of the land owners, and the cooperation of the NYS DEC and went to work," McFadden says. "We (the members of TU) love to fish, and we think it is extremely important that everyone, including the disabled, has access to fishing areas."

Training Set for Water Monitors

The Friends of the Upper Delaware Adopt-A-Stream program is moving ahead at a swift clip. Enthusiasm for the program is running high and residents are signing up as volunteer monitors, adopting specific streams or simply expressing an interest in the program.

This favorable response has set into motion planning for a series of training and educational workshops for these volunteers. The first workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, at 10:00 am. This and all future workshops will be held at NY Audubon's Delaware Valley Regional Office, located at the Eldred

Preserve, Route 55, Eldred, New York. There are indoor facilities for classroom-type training and streams and ponds for water's-edge training.

Coordinated by Audubon Society of New York, with funding assistance from the Upper Delaware Council, the workshops will cover a variety of topics, including, but not limited to:

- litter and debris pick-ups; visual inspections
- watershed surveys and water resource walks
- record keeping and accountability; finding volunteers
- erosion control; habitat improvement
- chemical and macro invertebrate testing

At the workshops, speakers will explain the citizen-based volunteer water monitoring program and how it can help keep the Delaware River watershed pristine. The workshops will also give volunteers an opportunity to meet each other. Remember, you don't have to be a technical wizard to be a water monitor! We expect and appreciate volunteers with varying experience levels and backgrounds.

Each volunteer will receive a water monitoring handbook and will learn about the resources available to them. A local NY Audubon staff person will be available to answer questions and provide direction as needed.

Though you don't have to attend the workshops to participate in the monitor-

ing program, attendance is highly recommended. These workshops are very educational: you can collect valuable information; you'll be taught monitoring methods; you will be introduced to support programs that help when problems are uncovered; and you will be kept informed about things that are happening in the Delaware River watershed that could affect our water resources.

But water monitoring and the workshops are also a lot of fun. Even if you limit your monitoring to a visual inspection of your favorite stream several times a year, the workshops will give you a chance to meet other volunteers and to see how your participation in the program makes a real difference in protecting the watershed.

At the initial workshop on May 8, Debbie Drelek, Bio Technician for the National Park Service in the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area will speak about the current water monitoring program and how the volunteer citizen-based program can help.

Those who have signed up for the Adopt-A-Stream program will receive additional information about the workshops at a later date. In the meantime, if you are interested in adopting a stream or lake or section of river, or if you want to learn more about the program or the workshops, please call Lori Danuff McKean at the NYS Audubon office at (914) 557-8025 or Kathy Johnson at the UDC office at (914) 252-3022. Or write to NY Audubon at: NY Audubon, P.O. Box 111, Eldred, NY 12732.

The Upper Delaware Council would like to thank Lori Danuff McKean of the New York Audubon Society for contributing this article.

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Richardson Is UDC Chair

New Officers Elected

During annual elections held at its January meeting, the Upper Delaware Council chose new officers for 1993. Larry Richardson, Representative from Cochecton, New York, is the Council's new Chairperson. Edward DeFebo of Lackawaxen Township is Vice-Chair, and Albert Norris from Highland is Secretary-Treasurer.

George Fluhr of Shohola Township, last year's Chairperson, took the opportunity to give the traditional outgoing Chair's speech. "I'd like to thank everyone for their cooperation during the past year, especially the UDC staff who continue to do an outstanding job," said Fluhr. "The UDC has successfully completed its first five-year program and is now recognized as beneficial to the river valley and its inhabitants. The Council is now embarking on its second five-year program, and will continue to protect not only the river, but also the property rights of the people who live in the valley. I am certain that under the new Chair, the work of the Council will continue to move forward."



Upper Delaware Council representatives at the January, 1993 annual elections. Shown seated left to right: George Fluhr, Shohola; Al Norris, Highland; Larry Richardson, Cochecton; Ed DeFebo, Lackawaxen. Shown standing, left to right: Joseph Banach, Westfall Alt.; Larue Elmore, CAC; Alan Bowers, Westfall; Frank Hartmann, Deerpark; Marian Hrubovcak, Pennsylvania; John Hutzky, National Park Service; Bruce MacMillan, New York; Charlie Wieland, Tusten; Tom Hill, Lumberland; George Frosch, Hancock; George Rosenberger, Fremont; Andy Ziegler, Delaware; Gerald Hansler, Delaware River Basin Commission. Photo by D. Soete.

A New Regional Director for NPS

On December 30 1992, the National Park Service announced that John J. Reynolds has been appointed Director of the NPS Mid-Atlantic Regional Office located in Philadelphia. He replaces Lorraine Mintzmyer, who retired in April 1992.

Reynolds brings to the Region his 27 years of experience with NPS. He comes from the Denver (Colorado) Service Center, where he directed planning, design and construction operations for the 367 units of the National Park System from 1988 through 1992.

In making the announcement, NPS Director James Ridenour said, "I have every confidence that John will bring a great deal of management expertise,

energy and enthusiasm to his new position. He will, without a doubt, continue to be an asset to the agency and serve the Mid-Atlantic Region parks and their neighboring communities with great distinction." As Regional Director, Reynolds will oversee more than 30 diverse park units throughout five states.

A Background in Partnerships

Much of Reynold's work—at North Cascades National Park in Washington and Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area in California—required extensive public outreach and partnership building between agencies and people.

"I am excited about melding past experiences in working with others to protect and make available to the American public the best of our nation's natural and cultural heritage," Reynolds said.

UDC Chair Larry Richardson says that he is extremely pleased with Reynolds' appointment. "He brings to the Upper Delaware a commitment to public and private partnerships between agencies and people to get the job done. This is exactly the same concept that the Upper Delaware River Management Plan is based upon. The Upper Delaware Council looks forward to a working partnership with Mr. Reynolds to meet the challenges before us."

Full Steam Ahead on Cochection Station!

The campaign to save Cochection's railroad station, the oldest in New York State, is off to a promising start.

Cochection Mills will donate the building rather than demolish it, if it can be moved from their land. Property owner John Austin has agreed to donate a new site along the railroad track about two miles from its present location. The Cochection Town Board voted to assume ownership of the building and the property and receive grants on behalf of the project. The Cochection Preservation Society will plan, administer, and raise funds to support the preservation effort.

Legalities and methods of removal have been thoroughly researched. Titles have been searched, and appraisals done. The Cochection Preservation Society, with founding directors Deborah Butler, Glenn Swendsen, and Mary Curtis, is now officially incorporated in New York State.

A Future Use Committee is discussing ideas for a community center and mini-park, utilizing the station and its new five-acre location. There will be an emphasis on uses related to the Cochection's transportation heritage, especially

the Erie Railroad and the Newburgh-Cochection Turnpike. Initial plans include a meeting and performance space, historic displays, a restored waiting room/information center, and an outdoor picnic and activities area.

The Cochection Preservation Society's fund raising effort is headed by Melvin Pierce. On a snowy night in February, a spaghetti supper at the Nutshell in Lake Huntington grossed over \$1,300. Additional raffle proceeds and personal donations have brought income-to-date above the \$5,000 mark. Spring and summer fund raisers—a party at Fosterdale Heights House, a golf tournament, an auction, sales items (prints, notepaper, jigsaw puzzles, train whistles), 50/50 raffles—are all in the works.

Cochection Station Needs Your Help!

There is a sense of urgency. The Station can only be saved if it is dismantled and removed from the site before this Labor Day. Meticulous attention and skilled work is required, if the historic quality of the building is to be retained. An additional \$10,000 needs to be raised

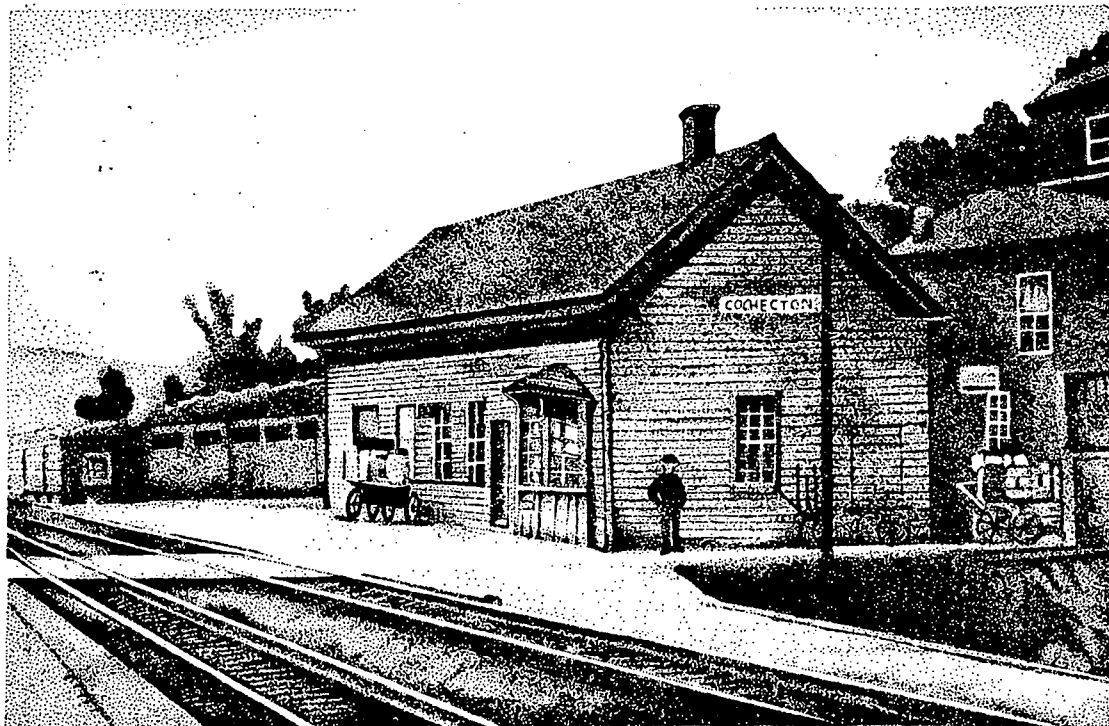
UDC Loses a Friend

It is with great sadness that the Council learned of the death of Janice Fallar after a brief illness. Janice (then known as Janice Fischer) worked as our Clerk/Typist for several years and was a valued member of our staff.

We deeply regret her loss and extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones.

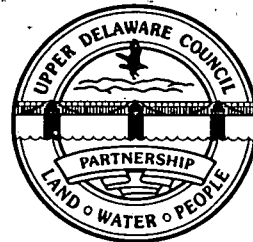
locally to support this first phase of the project. Grant proposals are being developed to fund later phases of the work.

If you can help, contact Deborah Butler at (914) 932-8176, or send your donation to the Cochection Preservation Society, P.O. Box 242, Cochection, NY 12726. Donations to the Society are tax deductible!



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We've been publishing *The Upper Delaware* for five years now. We figure it's a good time to ask you what you think of it, and what you'd like to see in future issues. Please take a few minutes to fill out and send in the following survey form. **If you are one of the first 50 respondents, you'll receive a free, colorful UDC lapel pin!** (While you needn't put your name on this survey, we'll need your name and address if you want to be eligible for a pin.) Thank-you!



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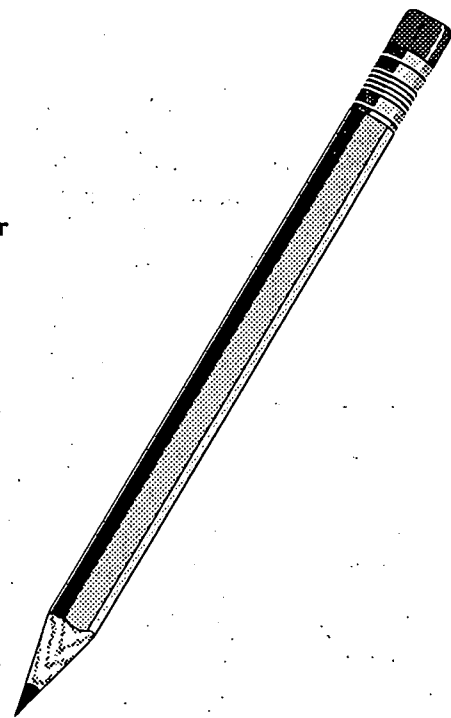
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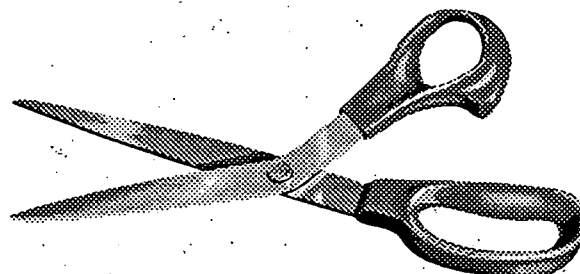
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Do you have any other comments or suggestions about this newsletter? (Please attach extra sheets if desired.)

Thank-you! Please tear out this page, enclose it in a stamped envelope, and send it to:

Upper Delaware Council
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 Narrowsburg, NY 12764



DRBC Adopts New Water Quality Regulations

On December 9, 1992, the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) adopted new regulations to protect the high water quality in the 125-mile stretch of the Delaware River from Hancock, N.Y. downstream to the Delaware Water Gap. The protected section includes both the Upper and Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridors and the eight-mile stretch in between. These protected waterways are now termed "Special Protection Waters" by DRBC. Among other things, the regulations:

- Discourage direct discharges into Special Protection Waters. No new wastewater discharges will be permitted "until all non-discharge/load reduction alternatives have been fully evaluated and rejected because of technical and/or financial infeasibility."
- Lower the review threshold for new (and newly expanded) sewerage treatment plants in these areas from 50,000 to 10,000 gallons per day.
- Require that "Best Demonstrable Technology" be used to treat wastewater. Such methods include ultraviolet light disinfection or other processes that disinfect wastewater but don't harm aquatic life or produce toxic chemicals.

- All new treatment plants must develop and implement Emergency Management Plans.
- Mandate that backup power systems and alarms (or 24-hour staffing) be put into place to prevent accidents at treatment plants.

Background

Adoption of the new rules brings to a close one chapter in an ongoing story that began in 1987, when the DRBC and the National Park Service started work on a plan to safeguard the high water quality within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area. The study was triggered by a huge increase in development, especially in the Poconos area, and a resulting upsurge in the number of wastewater treatment plants and applications for sewer discharges into the watershed. Two years later, an environmental group petitioned the DRBC to designate the river from Hancock to the Delaware Water Gap as "Outstanding National Resource Waters," a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency classification that is essentially a non-degradation standard. The DRBC later expanded its planning efforts to include the Upper Delaware, but chose not to adopt the Outstanding National Resources Waters classification because of concerns about negative impacts on lo-

cal growth. Rather, the DRBC applied its own classifications to the area.

The Upper and Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridors have been classified by the DRBC as "Outstanding Basin Waters," and the river in between these corridors as "Significant Resources Waters." The term "Special Protection Waters" is used to refer to both classifications.

The DRBC released a staff report on the issue in October, 1990. The Upper Delaware Council thoroughly reviewed the report and made eleven recommendations, all of which were addressed by the DRBC and incorporated into the final regulations.

Next: Non-Point

Still being considered are ways to identify and control non-point source pollution. Non-point source pollution is found in runoff that washes into streams and rivers, especially after heavy rains. Public hearings on proposed regulations have been scheduled by the DRBC. For further information contact Susan Weisman of the Delaware River Basin Commission at (609) 883-9500, ext. 203. The meeting most convenient to the Upper Delaware region will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 1993 in the Ballroom at the Inn at Hunts Landing, Matamoras, PA, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and also from 7:00 to 9:30 PM.

Do We Have Your Correct Address?

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

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Check this line and return the form if you wish to have your name removed from the mailing list. _____

UDC Offers Valley Two Helpful Publications

The UDC is pleased to make available to the public two new publications: a brochure on historic restoration and a directory of local governments. Both are available to the public for free.

Consider Restoration, a brochure on historic restoration, offers helpful advice to those thinking of buying or restoring an older home. If you live in the Upper Delaware valley, this could be you, since the area is a virtual treasure trove of historic structures, including farm houses, boarding houses and canal-era structures.

Written by Town of Lumberland Historian Frank V. Schwarz and printed with a UDC grant, the brochure contains important information to consider before making a decision to buy or restore an older home. If you're moving ahead with a restoration, *Consider Restoration* walks you step-by-step through the process. The brochure includes the names and addresses of river corridor town and township historians who

can often provide information on the history of a house. Local artist Joseph Cavello's graceful line art compliments the text.

The UDC's 1993 Local Government Directory is also available. The Directory contains the names, addresses and telephone numbers for key town and township officials in the fifteen river towns. Included are listings for Town and Township Supervisors, Town Clerks and Township Secretaries, Planning Board Members and Building Inspectors, as well as emergency telephone numbers are also listed. The day, time and place of town and township meetings are also noted, along with Town or Township official address. The Directory is especially useful to out-of-town property owners who might otherwise have a difficult time finding such information. Readers who would like a copy of either of these great new publications can call the UDC office at (914) 252-3022 or write to P.O. Box 217, Narrowsburg, NY 12764.

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)

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