

**WATER USE/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMM. MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 15, 2021**

Committee Members Present: Ginny Dudko, Fred Peckham (phone), Al Henry, Pat Jeffer, Evan Padua  
Committee Members Absent: Andy Boyar  
Staff: Laurie Ramie, Shannon Cilento, Ashley Hall-Bagdonas  
NPS Partner: Don Hamilton  
Guests: None

The UDC's Water Use/Resource Management Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the UDC office in Narrowsburg, NY. Dudko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Dudko said before the meeting starts, she wanted to give an apology for the last meeting, she was lax and things got a little heated at one point and she should have exercised a little control. She said she loves the passion we have here and asked that we remember we talk about issues not personalities.

**Approval of May 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** A motion by Henry, seconded by Padua approving the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes carried.

**Old Business**

**Skinnners Falls-Milanville Bridge Study Revised Schedule:** Ramie sent this information out via email but wanted to get it into the minutes that as a result of the extension of the public comment deadline that had originally been 4/23 and then extended to 6/1, she asked what the impact of that was on the overall plan. She received a response back from the consultant who is working with PennDOT who said they are currently compiling the results of this survey. They plan to post a summary on the project webpage maintained by PennDOT in the near future. It also said they are considering the input received as they develop a Transportation Purpose and Need document for the project. Ramie also asked about the scheduling of the second Advisory Committee meeting. That should happen in early August and they will be reviewing the Purpose and Need document. Senior Project Manager, Neil Shemo from AECOM said, "I would like to emphasis that the Project Team is solely focused on preparing the Purpose and Need document for the project. We are not considering or evaluating project alternatives at this time. Development and evaluation of project alternatives will be conducted in the future following the competition of the Purpose and Need document." Ramie said what they are doing now is not about whether to remove, replace, or rehabilitate the bridge. Its part of the Environmental Linkages Study to develop the Purpose and Need Document.

Dudko said you can't mention Skinnners Falls-Milanville Bridge without thinking of Ed Wesely. She urged everyone to read the *River Reporter* article. Ramie said she was pleased they used our words in memorial and photos from UDC's 2017 Award Banquet. She said the photos Dave Soete took were just perfect. Hamilton said those photos were taken at a Delaware Highlands Conservancy program on their NY property. Dudko said we spent some time at the UDC meeting sharing memories of Wesely and the article was also mentioned there. She said it was a great tribute if you haven't had a chance to read it.

**Ten Mile River Access BSA-NPS Lease Status and Boat Ramp Plan:** Ramie provided comments from the NPS Wild and Scenic Rivers Steering Committee that Hamilton cited last month. The document was provided by the Regional Hydrologist for NPS, Peter J. Sharpe Ph.D, PWS. Hamilton pointed out that Sharpe's comments were reviewed in concurrence with the other members of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Steering Committee. Hamilton said he would be happy to answer questions. He thinks with some modification of the design, it could potentially be made to work. There are some issues with it that could be improved upon in terms of the profile. Henry referenced the document reading "Frequently Asked Questions: How can project designs be modified from traditional/standard practices to improve the likelihood of a favorable Section 7 determination? A: Project designs that enhance (i.e., improve existing conditions), as well as protect river values, are most likely to result in favorable Section 7 determination. Generally, only minor design modifications are needed to achieve Act-compliant projects. Examples

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include minimizing the footprint of the project below the OHWM, minimizing post-construction effect on natural channel processes and form, using native materials for construction within the river's bed and banks, and minimizing impacts on the river's ecological, recreational, cultural and scenic values." Henry said that's where ramps and an access are. Hamilton said design this has a considerable footprint around it. Beside the ramp itself it's got sections of concrete, rock slanted upwards to it. He said thinking of other boat ramps along the Upper Delaware he can't think of any other than the Lackawaxen launch that would have a bigger footprint than that within the Ordinary High Water Mark. Henry asked what about the Narrowsburg Access? Hamilton said yes there was a lot done there and it didn't really have a proper review. It was before NPS had Wild and Scenic Rivers training. Padua noted that it says "Avoid the use of anchoring materials, such as cables and rebar. If this is not possible, the materials should be installed in such a manner so as to be safe to wildlife, anglers, swimmers and boaters and visually acceptable." He feels that comes back to the most basic boat ramp with the least amount of footprint as PA Fish and Boat Commission has put at most of their ramps along the Upper Delaware River. It's a pretty standard rebar and concrete platform. Hamilton said TMR Access is a difficult site and JHA Companies probably felt that's what needed to go there to make it work with the elements. Hamilton noted the first paragraph reading "It appears to me that the proposed design would impede natural river processes and free flow at the proposed boat launch improvement location. Without a detailed Hydrologic and Hydraulic analysis to accompany the proposed plan and justify the need for those specific materials...". He said if the NPS does purchase that property something like that could be done and it would inform the design of any boat ramp there, in terms of how much you need to hold up to the elements at that location. He said it's not a direct flow of the river most of the time. When the river does come up it does flow through that area. There are processes that go on there with sediment being moved around and you're not supposed to impede that process to the extent practical. Something with a profile of 3ft above grade does impair the free-flowing conditions of the river, river processes and sediment movement in that area. Henry asked if Peter Sharpe was a Hydrologist and Hamilton confirmed he was the Region 1 North Atlantic- Appalachian Hydrologist. Hamilton said they consult with Sharpe on various different projects. He said this document is a review of the problem with installation with comments. All of these issues to be implemented have to go through a formal Wild and Scenic Rivers Section 7 Review that looks at free-flowing conditions, water quality, and all of NPS's identified Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs) including scenic, recreational, ecological, cultural and geologic. Hamilton said he thinks this document is a starting point to take back to JHA Companies. Henry said if NPS is looking to acquire the TMR property of 20 acres and Sharpe is the Regional Hydrologist perhaps he can contribute more suggestions than the document provided. We also have the Concept Plan for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan for TMR and other access provided by Heather Jacksy from Sullivan County Planning. Hamilton said he's spoken with Jacksy about this issue and said she understands some of the concerns. He said they had big plans for that project but there wasn't a lot of detail on how the boat launch would be accomplished and how the shoreline would be stabilized.

Padua said there's a pretty big movement to redevelop Callicoon Riverside Park. Hamilton said DEC is going to put in a trailered boat launch ramp there. Hamilton has looked at the bank there and feels it's doable. It's a solid riverbed at that spot. He said TMR is just a difficult site with it being a depositional area and soft sediments. Henry said he's going to ask Eric Baird, Senior Wetland Biologist at JHA Companies, if they could reach out to the vendor that furnishes ramps for the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Ramie said her concern with that is UDC has a \$5,000 contract and they provided the product which was the design and recommendation. We don't have another \$5,000 right now. If they don't consider this an addendum to the work they have already done, it's not in UDC's budget. Henry said he thought the \$5,000 was primarily for seeking permits. Ramie said that the permitting was the last aspect of the three-phase project. Hamilton said he doesn't believe the boundaries have been set for the TMR land acquisition between the NPS. They are scheduled to have an onsite meeting next Thursday. Padua said it's hard for him not to argue that it's not that difficult to put a boat in at TMR Access when they have been doing it the last thirty years. Everyone has been using it as a boat access. He said that he's standing on the side that it can't hurt to help that access and cause people less issues with the mud. The mud will never go away but some basic improvements would only help. Hamilton said he's not opposed to that at all; they just have to try to come up with some kind of design that's in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Henry said that Aaron Robinson had discussed options at the Project Review Committee. In the logging world they have oak mats. He said the concept is pretty much there if you look at PA Fish and Boat Commission. However, PA Fish and Boat Commission put their accesses in areas where water flows not generally in eddies. Hamilton said he's seen plans for flexamat material that has a network structure with pieces of concrete strung together by fiber. It's somewhat flexible, provides a base, and slows down erosion. Hamilton has been trying to get more information on flexamat from other Scenic and Wild Rivers that used it. Dudko asked how serious the 2022 acquisition was for the TMR site? Hamilton said from what

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he understands it looks like the funding has been approved from the Land and Water Conservation Fund that was fully funded last year and progress is looking good. Dudko said it almost seems a shame to go ahead with project. If the NPS takes the land they may undo any progress. FY2022 is about six months away. She feels these are things the committee should think about. Ramie agreed, saying if there is an acquisition why would UDC invest money in doing anything at the access? Henry asked Hamilton to reach out to the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Hamilton asked if JHA Companies have fulfilled all their obligations to the contract? Ramie said not the permitting phase. Ramie said they have been paid in full because we had to meet end of the year deadline funding in FY2020. Dudko said maybe some pressure can be put on them because they were paid in full but work is still owed regarding permitting. Henry suggested sending pictures from the PA Fish and Boat accesses and ask them to come up with an idea close to that. A Motion by Henry seconded by Padua to have staff contact JHA Companies and forward them information on the Darbytown Access and the Damascus Access and let them know we have hit a roadblock with the NPS requesting a modification of the design carried. Padua said he recently went to the Susquehanna River and they had the exact same PA Fish and Boat Commission rampss except the difference between the two rivers is the Susquehanna is 98% mud. When he was there the Susquehanna River dropped for three days and there was about 8 feet of mud on the ramp before the water started and he was still able to launch his boat because there was a hard surface under the mud. Instead of backing down into the mud pit there were still concrete rungs and rebar. He knew even if his vehicle started to spin, he would get down to the concrete and be able to pull out. He said once that surface is there and installed correctly it should establish solid ground. Padua said the TMR Access is really flat so that's where he's assuming it comes into above grade building. That angle up is where we're seeing that issue in the engineering. Henry said Darbytown access would be a good access to take a picture of for reference.

Ramie said when Hall-Bagdonas sent out the meeting agenda she received an auto-reply from Wayne Holmes: "Hello, Thank you for reaching out, I no longer have the pleasure to serve as the Director of Camping with the Greater New York Councils BSA. Many members of our professional staff and Summer staff are busy preparing for an amazing summer at Alpine, Pouch and Ten Mile River. This inbox is being monitored, and your email will be returned. But if you have a specific question please reach out to any of the below contacts with your inquiry. TMR inquires [Aquehonga@tenmileriver.org](mailto:Aquehonga@tenmileriver.org) ; [Keowa@tenmileriver.org](mailto:Keowa@tenmileriver.org) and [Ranachqua@tenmileriver.org](mailto:Ranachqua@tenmileriver.org)."

Ramie questioned Salvatore at the 6/3 meeting because they had been contacted by the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) who saw the list of projects that was submitted for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Ramie noted on the handout on page 3 of the appendix, halfway down the page it lists "Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River: 20 acres, \$200,000." NPCA contacted Friends of the Upper Delaware, NPS, the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed and the UDC. Cody Hendrix from the NPS replied saying what it concerned. Ramie found out that day it was for the TMR Access and she looked further into it. The press release in the meeting packet said this program was fully funded with the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is from 1964 but until this most recent year after the Great American Outdoors Act passed, it had never been fully funded. It says that the LWCF will receive \$900 million in dedicated funds for FY22 and each year thereafter. It's up to Congress to decide how the money is allocated through the annual appropriations process. Congress will also have oversight of the projects. It does not use any taxpayer dollars. It is funded using a small portion of revenues from offshore oil and gas royalty payments. Henry asked if NPS could check what the status of the project was. Hamilton said they had a call with the Lands office last week. They described the process to them a bit and it does sound promising. Ramie said the UDC would have appreciated being notified that this was being added to the project list. Instead Ramie received the information from a third party and had to ask Salvatore.

**NYS DEC Mongaup River Access Parking Redesign Update:** We are waiting to hear more from Bill Rudge from the DEC. He was looking for a funding source and a start date for the initial improvements. Ramie received an auto response from him saying that he wasn't in today.

**Highland River Access Improvement Project Update:** Regarding the Highland Access, Heather Jacksy from Sullivan County Planning had told the committee about needing 21 different permits and she's still undergoing that process.

**5/24 Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Meeting:** Ramie said before she gets into the 5/24 Upper Delaware Scenic Byway (UDSB) meeting, she wanted to report of a follow-up that was on interest last time. Previously when we

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talked about the solar powered trash receptacles, this committee had some concerns about putting trash cans anywhere because we know that they can certainly get abused. Ramie provided the concept for the idea. They are manufactured by a company called Waste Management, and run on solar power. They compact garbage and alert Waste Management when they need to be serviced. There's a sensor in them that says when it's full. They also provide WIFI access within 200 feet. The idea is that businesses along the byway would sponsor them. The four sites chosen for this pilot project are: the Rt. 97 Lumberland pull off where there's the picnic area; the Barryville cul de sac at the river access, which is the turnaround, right at the Barryville-Shohola Bridge; the Highland Access, which is the aforementioned one that is undergoing the improvements; and in Narrowsburg at the Veteran's Gazebo Park. These communities are the ones that have accepted responsibility for the \$1,200 a year service costs whereas the county Ramie understands has agreed to pay for two of the \$6,000 units. That is the annual lease of the actual trash compactor. The businesses that agree to sponsor will kick in some funds to offset that annual service contract. This was sort of a pet project of Rob Doherty, who is the Chairperson of the Sullivan County Legislature. He saw these in different places, as did Nadia Radjz in Newport, Rhode Island. They want to try them out for a year and see how they go over. Henry said what's going to anchor them to the ground? Henry suggested putting a two-yard dumpster at the locations. It costs \$32 to dump it. Padua said it's already been determined that putting dumpsters at accesses won't work because people will just illegally dump there. Ramie said the county received the funds from the American Rescue Act Fund. Perhaps that can be tapped. Dudko said sometimes you just need to try these pilot projects. Ramie said if it's a failure the pilot project won't last.

Ramie said the 5/24 meeting started in one location at the Narrowsburg Union and then came over here to the UDC office to finish it. This was the first in-person meeting for the UDSB committee. Ramie said they wanted to do something celebratory and also they had special guests in that three members of the Sullivan County Legislature attended primarily to sit down and talk about the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Visitors Center, with UDSB Chairperson John Pizzolato pointing out what the goals are for it. The Center inside the Callicoon Depot will represent the entire byway from Port Jervis to Hancock and will be an important resource for the whole region. Ramie said had already made a pitch to the legislature that the UDSB needs a restructuring for a more professional organization that would then focus on the marketing of Western Sullivan County which has been somewhat lax in the past. Tourism being recognized as the powerhouse that it is for these communities along the river could band together and have their own representation organizations, but the UDSB's group of volunteers like many organizations, just doesn't have the bandwidth to do all these projects and all the ambitious ideas that they have. If a management entity comes into place, the idea would be that they would hire an administrative assistant and an executive director to get the message out better, and also have staffing for this eventual visitor center which is under development. They would be in charge of all the things that the UDSB committee has been doing such as updating the website, coming up with a new plan for the 2002 version, overseeing the three grant programs and all of the projects that are underway at the different trails and river accesses, plus all the tedious stuff of running monthly meetings, taking minutes, putting out packets, working with businesses, getting individuals involved, etc. These particular county legislators are interested in this. The concept is that a contract could be developed in the same way that Sullivan County has a contract with the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, they can have the contract with the UDSB to provide funding for those positions. Larry Richardson also made the point that the UDC has essentially been serving in this sister organization capacity and providing our resources here. Although Ramie does UDSB stuff on her own time, nevertheless, Richardson said, they need to wean themselves off the UDC and become a self-sustaining organization. Ramie said they don't have a headquarters or a staff like UDC has. So that's the idea. The legislators are receptive to this idea. Because the visitor center is located in Sullivan County that's the first plan of attack. There's every intention of getting the Delaware and Orange County portions of the byway involved. The next step of that is to develop the mission statement and detailed job descriptions for what is in mind and if it's a new organization or a more fortified organization of the volunteers, what would they work on? That discussion went on for about an hour and a half then they had to vacate the Narrowsburg Union, which closes at 8:00 PM and came over here for the rest of the business meeting, which was supposed to be a second workshop to talk about the 2002 Enhancement Plan Update but they ran out of time with people's availability. They discussed a few things such as refreshing the logo for the UDSB. Bill Dudko mentioned that he is giving a presentation on 7/7 on the history of the Callicoon Train Depot to the Shohola Railroad and Historical Society. They normally meet at their caboose but they will be meeting at the Township building that night, 7/7 at 7:00 p.m. It's a free talk that runs 30 to 45 minutes, and

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they usually have refreshments.

One grant was approved for Vista Enhancement at the Lumberland roadside pull off for \$3,100. Der Oskar Tree Service in Barryville has proposed that to get rid of some of the vegetation, which is blocking the view to the river from there. It's being considered whether to apply by the 7/30 deadline for a Market New York Grant through the New York State CFA process. An application was submitted in 2019 which was not successful, but that could be a starting point for a new grant. They were going to check to see whether any other regional entities in Sullivan County and the other two counties plan to apply because it is competitive. They'd rather join forces than compete against each other.

Sadly, it was reported that there had been a fatality at the Hawk's Nest on 5/22 of a motorcyclist who witnesses saw driving erratically, who intersected with a car, which caused the motorcyclist to make contact with a cement wall and fatal injuries. The road had been blocked off for that investigation for five or six hours on that day. The UDSB committee was curious and wants to write a letter to the NYSDOT to see when damages like that happen to the stonewalls and the barricades, does NYSDOT seek funding from insurance companies to pay for that. Ramie said it's kind of a morbid request but one of interest. The next committee meeting will be 6/28.

**6/8 Pike/Wayne Conservation Partnership Report:** Cilento had two meetings at the same time on 6/8 so she wasn't able to go to this meeting like originally planned. The big event happening with the Pike/Wayne Conservation Partnership is the 2021 Legislative Breakfast which UDC has attended in the past. Cilento and Ramie would like to attend and this would be a way to have an audience with some of the policy makers, politicians and elected officials that awarded us the \$100,000 PA Department of Community and Economic Development Grant. This event will hopefully be a way to keep that conversation going to do that again and again. Cilento said UDC staff discussed doing the \$65 poster with two attendees' cost would probably be best. The poster consists of a template that is provided. The poster would kind of be an expansion on the abbreviated ask that was filled out on the application of what UDC is, what we do with the funding and why it's important, and maybe including some captivating river photos. That is something Ramie and Cilento would compile for the Legislative breakfast. Ramie and Cilento will asking for approval of the \$65 at next week's Operations meeting. The Legislative breakfast is 7/29 at 9:00 a.m. outside at Lock 31 Park. There will be a lot of elected officials from state, federal, and local levels that they can chat with about UDC funding. Dudko said she thinks it's great that two staff members are attending and asked if it would be encouraging for individuals to attend as well? Ramie said having been there at the Settlers Inn two years ago with a large crowd, she assumes some were members of the public. Cilento said if you thought it would be prudent for a board member or two to go as well then it would be that additional \$20. Ramie said they would ask the partnership how they're advertising it and if it's open to the public.

**6/8 Delaware River Sojourn Planning Update:** Cilento said there's not too much to update on this. They are moving forward with that planning. She has a call tomorrow with the Upper Delaware Planning team. They are putting together the finalized day. They have kept all of the Upper Delaware day registration sections at 75 people. The last Cilento checked the numbers were in the 50-60s. The event is from 8/6-8/13. Days 0-4 are in the Upper Delaware corridor. There's going to be a pre-first day litter clean up at Hancock Fireman's Field. Cilento is helping to coordinate with Delaware Highlands Conservancy, NPS, and Friends of the Upper Delaware River. 8/7-8/10 they are featuring programming on Upper Delaware topics. Cilento will be giving a presentation on the UDC. Hamilton will also be giving a presentation for the event as will Friends of the Upper Delaware River and Delaware Highlands Conservancy. Ramie said the cleanup event is on 8/6, paddling from Hancock to Buckingham is on 8/7, Buckingham to Northeast Wilderness Experience which is at Kellams Stalker is on 8/8, 8/9 is Northeast Wilderness Experience to Callicoon PA and the last day in the Upper Delaware is from Damascus to Narrowsburg. Cilento said they also have to have Lord high admirals for each day. If anyone has any suggestions of notable people please let her know. There's one person from the Delaware Highland Conservancy board who is retiring who has been suggested along with Dan Plummer from Friends of the Upper Delaware River who has been a UDC award recipient and also Kevin Reish who just retired from NPS UPDE Law Enforcement.

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**Livery Use of Air and Water Temperature Formula:** Hall-Bagdonas said there was no formula that she's aware of but she checked a handful of the liveries and they are all basically open up mid or end of April and close operation mid or end of October. The livery sites checked do offer a river safety link which forwards you to the NPS river safety tips. Hall-Bagdonas asked if Hamilton or members know of any equation? Henry said he knows the American Canoe Association, Red Cross and a lot of those organizations had it 50/50. If air and water temperatures were 100 degrees, they recommended having the thermal protection. Dudko said there was a formula early on of air and water temperatures combined at which they recommended having thermal protection. Henry said some of the liveries had wetsuits. The liveries then started switching to rafts. Henry recommended Google searching 50/50 air and water temperature.

**Other:** Henry asked if Hamilton has an update on the Ten Mile River (TMR) lease? Superintendent Salvatore is waiting on hearing back from a Boy Scouts of America contact. Henry said Tony Ritter reached out to him about concerns with TMR and Henry explained to him if there's no lease there won't be any NPS presence other than if there's an emergency. Henry said cars are now parking where the buses used to come around. Ritter also noted there are no portable toilets there. It's almost July 4<sup>th</sup> and he wonders when the lease is going to be done. Ritter is also concerned about not having anyone at a kiosk at TMR. Ramie suggested telling Ritter about the potential acquisition on the property. Henry said Ritter asked how did they let the lease lapse? It's a lease that's been going on for 30-40 years. Hamilton said NPS and Boy Scouts of America had a set term and are trying to renew it. Ramie said the term was five years.

**New Business**

**Review of WU/RM Tasks from UDC Five-Year Operating Plan:** Cilento provided an excerpt from the WU/RM spreadsheet. The tasks column are all tasks that were identified and enumerated in the Five-Year Plan. They will be action items to complete. The ones that Cilento put check boxes in are ones that are ongoing. If we've done certain ones, such as Annual Safety Committee meeting, she checked that off. That doesn't need explanation but some of them are kind of more sticky like ongoing things and Cilento provided comments on them. We have five years to look at all of these and they don't need to all be done in the first year. Some of the items aren't necessarily as time sensitive as others. Cilento asked the committee to review the document for the next meeting. If members would like to take ownership of certain tasks we haven't done yet or add things that we have done let Cilento know and she will continue updating the spreadsheet. Please provide any comments to her by 7/13, one week in advance of the next meeting.

**Discuss Drafting a Letter to USGS re: Lordville Gage:** Ramie said the origin of this topic was that at our 6/3 UDC meeting, when we had the presentation by Brendan Dohn about the USGS water and weather alerts, Fred Peckham brought up that he felt that the Lordville gage needed additional information. Ramie said she couldn't quite capture what he wanted us to ask the USGS. Peckham said he wanted to find out why Lordville doesn't have a flood gage. Henry said if you look at a lot of the other gages on USGS where it runs up through Barryville it will tell you pre-flood and flood. That feature isn't currently available. They give statistics for the Barryville gage for the high flood and the high CFS on the June 2006 flood. Henry said Peckham wants to be able to look at the Lordville gage to compare it to Barryville. A Motion by Henry seconded by Padua requesting Ramie to send appropriate correspondence asking about the addition of flood stage information to the Lordville gage readings to USGS carried.

**Distribution of UDC Litter Clean-up Kits; Litter Sweep Survey Follow-up:** Cilento said we officially finished that project. We created a 12 litter cleanup kits with a bunch of grabbers, bags, hardhats, vests, etc. They are now available to borrow from our office for cleanups or if you would like to take them to several of the local trails. We've done lots of press and social media about the project. Cilento provided for the meeting packet the volunteer use survey. This will be a useful document to help collect data as we go. We will be able to add them to our litter contact list, see where they are cleaning how they heard about our kits and if there's anything we can do to improve our kits. She put that this project was funded by the Sullivan Renaissance Grant at the bottom and we will not share the personal contact information outside of the UDC. Hall-Bagdonas and Cilento have been discussing where people can get rid of the trash collected. Cilento said she and Hall-Bagdonas will be at Riverfest and that will be a great place to showcase the Litter Buckets. Dudko suggested keeping up social media about the Litter Buckets to remind people, especially right after the tourist season when there is a surplus of litter. Cilento and Hall-Bagdonas have

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been tasked with developing a list of authorized litter disposal sites in the river valley and look into any free dumping privileges for the UDC Litter Clean-up Kits program. They will add disclaimers for UDC waiver of liability and litter disposal responsibilities to the safety instruction sheet. They will also consider a fundraising strategy to purchase more consumable supplies for the kits as needed.

**Plastic Free July and Leave No Trace Digital Campaign Partnership:** Cilento said Ramie was approached by Lisa Darrigo from the New York League of Conservation Voters about doing a social media campaign for Plastic Free July and Leave No Trace to encourage people to use less single use plastics. Hall-Bagdonas said this is going to be a highly social media event and that will be great because Cilento excels at distributing information and education to members and followers. Cilento and Hall-Bagdonas had been tasked with providing a livery contact list which was forwarded from Ramie. They will build on that list. The group is going to create a flyer and also work on a pledge page. Cilento had the great idea of including information from the NPS Microplastics Study so she is providing a more condensed fact sheet. Cilento will also be making a carousel post which is a flip through format for Plastic Free July. Cilento thinks it will be an encouraging and good campaign for July, especially during the busy season. They will utilize the the livery contact list to encourage Leave No Trace.

**Study: Assessing Water Resource Management in the Delaware River Basin:** Ramie said this is a study that Clemson University is doing. They are studying river basin compacts in general and the Delaware is one of those. Ramie included in the meeting packet the link to access the survey. Ramie said it was a quick survey and one of the questions was: "In what ways do you and the stakeholders of your organization interact with the waters of the Delaware river basin check, all that apply". Examples were recreation, employment, commercial, or industrial operations, residential development, environmental conservation, regulatory issues, flooding of homes or businesses research. Then they asked some open-ended questions about what do you think are the top three things that the DRBC has done for the region and what have they not done.

**Keep Hawley Honesdale Beautiful 6/26 Lackawaxen River Cleanup:** Hall-Bagdonas has shared about UDC Litter Kits for the 6/26 Keep Hawley Honesdale Beautiful (KHHB) Lackawaxen River cleanup. There will be one group meeting at the CVS parking lot in Honesdale at 10 a.m., going by boat to White Mills. The second group will be in Hawley focusing on the river and the river walk trail. Meet at the Housefly Fishing on Main Ave at 10 a.m. Bags and gloves will be distributed.

**Delaware River Flow & Storage Report:** A copy of the 6/7 DRBC Hydrological Conditions Report was provided in members' packets. Total combined storage was at 99.5%.

**Other:** Henry said the Coast Guard requires that everyone serving on a small boat wear a full dry suit if water temperatures dip below 50 degrees. He said we need to book into that one because that's one the NPS has not really enforced too stringently.

Henry asked what the status was of the "Wear It" Life Jacket lawn signs. Cilento said when she and Hall-Bagdonas were reviewing the tasks for WU/RM Five-Year Plan she mentioned that Ingrid Peterec from NPS had distributed them at Zane Grey Museum. Cilento reached out to Peterec about obtaining some signs to distribute here to members and public.

Ramie wanted to mention about the NPS Oral Histories since cultural resources are a part of the WU/RM Committee's charge. NPS has a reference guide which states what interviews they have, who they've spoken with, what year, and what the subject matter was in general. Lauren Hauptman from NPS has said that all of these interviews are available to people by either tape or a transcript of it. Ramie said that historical societies in particular would have an interest in this. She did say that the Damascus Historical Society and the Cocheton Preservation Society have received the ones that were in their area. There were three pages alone on the Erie Railroad with interviews of people. Hauptman is currently updating this reference over the summer, but she did also provide us with a few names of people from which they did not receive permission to release theirs and is asking if people happen to know those individuals or their next of kin.

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Cilento said she knows Hamilton and Padua had inquired about a land use complaint in Tusten. This was brought up at the last Project Review meeting. Susan Sullivan had brought it and her and Aaron Robinson had exchanged some information about logging. A resident on River Road in Milanville said directly across from her property 2.7 miles up on the NY side which she believes is Ackerman Rd. was some cutting or logging and also ATV paths that were disturbing eagle's nests there. Cilento gave the homeowner Town of Tusten Code Enforcement Officer Jim Crowley's contact. Crowley got back to Cilento today and told her he checked it out and nothing's going on. Hamilton said there's logging going on on a higher ridge, up on the hillside. It's well outside the 660 feet from the eagle's nest. He doesn't know about the ATV use but one of the NPS rangers was going to check into it and get back to him. Cilento said she feels like there is a communication breakdown between the CEO and property owner. Henry recommends that Cilento find out if it's a logger that's doing the job because there are Best Management Practices for most forest jobs and they would have to fill out a permit.

Padua said regarding the railroad and coming back to the Emergency Response Plan he would like a contact for Central New York Railroad. He took a picture of a culvert pipe by Hankins. The last time he passed it, it was raining, all the water was coming through everything. There was no water coming through the culvert. So it's probably the next one to go. He would just like to maybe express some concern to the railroad about that particular culvert. Padua will put a GPS pin on it and forward the information. Ramie said she will provide the railroad's public affairs contact information.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** A motion by Henry seconded by Padua, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. was carried.