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Berlin Township Joins UDC

BEACH LAKE – The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. (UDC) welcomes the unanimous vote on November 18 by the Berlin Township Board of Supervisors to join the UDC’s non-profit organization.

“This was a 20-year overdue, proactive move,” said Paul D. Henry, chairperson of the Berlin Board of Supervisors.

“We felt that it was in the best, long-term interest of the township with all the things going on in the river corridor. To be on the inside is a lot better than to be on the outside looking in,” he added.

Berlin’s three supervisors, including Charles Gries and Anthony Franklin, had been actively exploring the voluntary membership option since early 2008.

In addition to numerous discussions, their research included inviting UDC Executive Director William E. Douglass and Shohola Township, PA Representative George J. Fluhr to give presentations at Berlin’s meetings in May and October, and attending the June UDC meeting.

“We appreciate Berlin Township’s decision to become a member of the Upper Delaware Council,” said 2008 UDC Chairperson and Westfall Township, PA Representative Alan Bowers. “We look forward to their input on river valley issues, and their participation in our advocacy, technical assistance, educational, and grant programs.”

The UDC was formally established in 1988 as the oversight body responsible for the coordinated implementation of the “River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River” by local, state, and federal stakeholders in the river valley.

Working together to conserve the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

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Eight New York State towns and seven Pennsylvania townships with land frontage on the Upper Delaware River qualify for membership. To date, 13 out of the 15 local municipalities have joined. Still eligible to join are Manchester Township, PA and Buckingham Township, PA.

The UDC board also includes representatives from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) and the State of New York (Department of Environmental Conservation). The Delaware River Basin Commission is a non-voting member. The UDC operates under a Cooperative Agreement with the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

For more information on the UDC's history, services, and activities, please visit www.upperdelawarecouncil.org or call the Narrowsburg, NY office at (845) 252-3022.

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