



# Upper Delaware Council

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Caption for attached photo: Upper Delaware Council Senior Resource Specialist David B. Soete displays an Upper Delaware poster featuring his photograph of Point Mountain at Hancock selected for Pennsylvania's 2011 River of the Year poster series to highlight the Delaware River.

## *UDC Staffer's Photo Chosen for PA Delaware River of the Year Poster*

NARROWSBURG – A photograph by Upper Delaware Council, Inc. (UDC) Senior Resource Specialist David B. Soete highlighting the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River at Point Mountain in Hancock, NY graces a poster recently issued to celebrate Pennsylvania's 2011 designation of the Delaware as its River of the Year.



A four-poster series was released in deference to the Delaware River's diversity. Images were selected in June and the posters were printed in late August.

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### ***Working together to conserve the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River***

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Town of Deerpark • Damascus Township • Berlin Township • Lackawaxen Township • Shohola Township • Westfall Township  
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The Middle Delaware poster features a photograph titled, “Early Morning at Dingman’s Campground” by Andy Smith. Todd Stone provided a painting titled “From the Palisades II” for the Lower Delaware poster. The Tidal Delaware poster’s photo, “Paddling into Philadelphia”, was a second contribution by Andy Smith.

Soete had provided the poster image as well in June 1995 when the Delaware was previously honored as Pennsylvania’s River of the Year, with a photograph depicting Kilgour Spur near Equinunk, PA.

Pennsylvania has presented an annual River of the Year program since 1983.

For the first time in 2011, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR) made the selection through a public nomination and voting process.

The Delaware River received 2,520 votes of the 10,000-plus ballots cast in the online contest to win the designation that was announced on Jan. 13, 2011.

A Delaware River of the Year Steering Committee chaired by Kate O’Hara from the Delaware River Basin Commission has been meeting since January to coordinate a series of activities to highlight the designation.

Further information and a listing of events are available online by visiting [www.riveroftheyear.com](http://www.riveroftheyear.com).

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