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BIRD COUNT: Barbara Leo, left, and Vina Miller, right, of the Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society, conduct a bird census in an Upper Delaware River Valley forested habitat. Statistics are provided to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to help document the distribution and movement of birds. Two-person teams identify a location by Global Positioning System, record conditions, and count every bird they see in a three-minute period. (Photo courtesy of NEPAS)

Audubon Protects Important Bird Areas in Upper Delaware

If the Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society's (NEPAS) vision comes true, visitors will flock to the Upper Delaware Valley to check out our rich variety of bird species and take away with them a new understanding of what's required to sustain those critical avian populations.

NEPAS has initiated a campaign with the support of The Eagle Institute, Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Pennsylvania Audubon, and a growing list of other organizations, to designate the Upper Delaware as a bi-state birding trail.

The Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River has already gained recognition through the international "Important Bird Areas" (IBA) program, which establishes a network of sites with stewards committed to bird conservation.

In 1998, NEPAS successfully nominated the Pennsylvania side of the river, extending one-mile inland, as IBA #60. The Eagle Institute, through New York Audubon, sponsored IBA designations along the river corridor's New York State boundary and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Mongaup Valley Wildlife Management Unit in May 2005.

"A birding trail would allow the celebration of avian life along this river by using the bridges and the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway. These trails have no heavy impact on the environment and they can uplift the economies of small towns," says Barbara Leo, who chairs NEPAS' IBA #60 Stewardship Committee.

"Birdwatching is a sport that is becoming

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Most land along the Upper Delaware River is privately owned. Please be considerate and don't litter or trespass. Thanks!

Upper Delaware Profile: Stephen Barnes

With family roots that date back 250-plus years in the Upper Delaware River Valley, Stephen Barnes is as native as they come.

The 59-year-old Town of Highland, NY resident is now actively working to steer his town toward a stable and prosperous future for the next generation.

Armed with his intimate community knowledge, business savvy from having been self-employed for 25 years, and an insider's perspective on town government courtesy of being married to the woman who served as Highland's town clerk for 18 years, Barnes decided to run for town supervisor in 2003.

"After attending a number of town board meetings and listening to the public, it seemed that there was discontent with things that weren't being done," he explains.

His only political experience at that point was chairing the Town of Highland's Conservative Party for 15 years.

Barnes was narrowly defeated by the incumbent supervisor in that first 2003 election, but prevailed two years later on the Republican and Conservative ticket.

Since taking over the town's top position in January of 2006, Barnes says he is optimistic about the opportunities to effect positive change.

"I hope our meetings continue to be as progressive as they have been. The public has a lot to offer and we want their input. I'm happy with the way the board works together. We happen to be perfectly balanced with two Democrats, two Republicans, and me as the one Conservative. But they have the interests of the town as number one and everything else is secondary," he says.

The biggest project on their agenda right now is exploring the construction of a new Town of Highland Complex that would bring all of its offices and departments under one roof.

The goals are to save money compared to maintaining three separate buildings in Eldred and Barryville, provide needed parking, and streamline public service.

"We don't need the Taj Mahal, just something functional," says Barnes, adding that the issue will go to public referendum once the plan is fully outlined.

With the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct, eagle-watching accesses, and the Minisink Battleground Park all found in the Town of Highland, Barnes is appreciative of the historic and natural resources that attract visitors.

That's why another priority issue for the town is enforcing its building codes pertaining to unsafe and unsightly structures,



Stephen H. Barnes, Town of Highland

and junk cars on properties.

"When people come through your town, what they see either impresses them or depresses them," Barnes remarks.

The Minisink Ford resident takes great solace from the Upper Delaware. Growing up, it was his swimming hole and he worked alongside his father harvesting eels from the weir they set up north of Barryville. He still enjoys rafting and taking riverside drives to clear his head.

"It's an absolutely gorgeous river that always relaxes me. This is one of the prettiest areas on the East Coast," he says.

Barnes favored the National Park Service's arrival in 1978 to help control the often chaotic river use and to protect the resource. The 1986 River Management Plan that spells out the home-rule, private lands partnership between federal, state, and local governments "is a good, workable plan for all," he believes.

Barnes serves as Highland's first alternate to the Upper Delaware Council. He is also a member of the Highland Lions Club, Yulan Rod & Gun Club, and Barryville Methodist Church.

He and wife Mary Ann are parents to Norman of Minisink Ford, and Robin of Iverness, FL, and have five grandchildren.

The 1966 Eldred Central School graduate is the proprietor of Minisink Ford Auto Sales. He has also done public relations for auto auctions in Pennsylvania and vehicle repossession work.

Barnes' favorite hobby? "People-watching," he replies. Other interests are cheering on his son at Kauneonga Speedway races, NASCAR, road trips, and spending time at his Citrus County, Florida home.

As for his political future once his two-year term expires, Barnes lives for now.

"I did not get elected to get re-elected. I got elected to do a job. The decisions we make won't always please everyone, but we're trying to work it out for a majority of the people," he says. ❖

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New York State Recognizes Local Sites On Its Revolutionary War Heritage Trail

Three Upper Delaware sites are featured in a glossy new brochure promoting the New York State Revolutionary War Heritage Trail.

The Minisink Battleground Park in Minisink Ford, Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg, and Fort Decker in Port Jervis appear on the comprehensive state map, in descriptive paragraphs, and in a pull-out section focusing on "The Strategic Hudson River Valley."



Recognizing that nearly one-third of the American Revolution's 300 battles and engagements took place on New York soil, Governor George E. Pataki issued a call in early 2002 for the public nomination of sites to be included on a thematic heritage trail.

The Upper Delaware Council was among others to submit support letters for the Minisink Battleground Park and the reconstructed, 1750s-era Cushetunk settlement



WALK THROUGH HISTORY: The wooded trails at Sullivan County's Minisink Battleground Park in Minisink Ford, NY help put the July 22, 1779 Revolutionary War battle that took place atop that hill into context. This path leads to Sentinel Rock, the site where Mohawk Chief Joseph Brant's forces of Indians and Tories were finally able to break through the militia line and defeat the remaining colonists. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

known as Fort Delaware, both owned by Sullivan County, as well as the Minisink Valley Historical Society's (MVHS) Stone

House owned by Lt. Martinus Decker, burned in July 1779 by Mohawk Chief Joseph Brant en route to the Battle of Minisink, and now serving as a museum!

Their designation as of March 2002 opened up access to a \$1 million Heritage New York grant program to help preserve the state's historic sites and educate visitors, and to inclusion in the new brochure.

Sullivan County is currently finalizing the production of four new interpretive signs at its 57-acre Minisink Battleground Park thanks to a \$5,250 Heritage New York matching grant.

Additional improvements to the self-guided trail system and exhibits at the National Register of Historic Places park site were completed by the county's Department of Public Works in consultation with MVHS Director Peter Osborne last summer.

Fort Decker benefitted from new signage showing its location on the statewide trail.

A major goal of Heritage New York is to promote heritage tourism by strengthening existing tourist destinations and fostering new ones. The focus is on ensuring authenticity and quality, preserving the resources, and making the sites come alive through interpretation.

To request a copy of the Revolutionary War brochure, visit www.HeritageNY.gov or call 1-877-HNY-1776.

Sullivan County Architectural Bus Tour Will Focus on Upper Delaware History

The 11th Annual Sullivan County Architectural/Historical Bus Tour on Saturday, April 29, will set its sights on the Upper Delaware River corridor between Minisink Ford and Pond Eddy, as well as the communities of Eldred, Highland Lake, and Glen Spey.

Two trips with identical itineraries are available at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. In addition to expert guided narration along the route, each tour includes a catered reception stop at ECCE Bed and Breakfast located high above Barryville. The historic property offers sweeping views of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River region.

Among the tour's highlights will be visits to the Victorian-era mansions built by Singer Sewing Machine executive George Ross Mackenzie in Glen Spey, Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct and the Delaware & Hudson Canal in Minisink Ford, and a sampling of the intact small resort buildings that once thrived in the river valley.

"Few areas of the county feature such architectural diversity or historical intricacies," comments Sullivan County Historian John Conway.

Tour founder and architect Robert Dadras points out that western Sullivan County's development was tied to various modes of transportation. The significant contributions of the D&H Canal and the railroad industry will be discussed.

"Just as the O&W boosted tourism along its route by heavy promotion, the Erie Railroad created the notion of the Upper Delaware Valley as a 'sportsmen's paradise' through its promotional efforts. All along the river and in places like Highland Lake, small resorts sprung up to cater to the tourists responding to that promotion," he says.

The bus tour event serves as a fundraiser for the Liberty Museum & Arts Center and "Historic Sullivan", the Preservation Society of Sullivan County.

Tickets are \$45 for reservations made by April 15 and \$50 after that date. To sign up and obtain more details, call the Liberty Museum & Arts Center at (845) 292-2394.

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more prevalent among older folks, and statistics have shown that birdwatchers tend to spend more money in an area than, for example, hunters," Leo adds.

Models for developing a trail exist all over the country, such as the PA watershed-based Susquehanna Birding Trail.

"We would work with organizations on the Upper Delaware to manage the trail, promote it, and find funding to produce a brochure, maps, and do signage where permitted. This would all take place on public highways and at public river accesses," Leo says.

For NEPAS, the birding trail would be a natural extension of this non-profit organization's goal since 1971 "to improve the quality of life for all living things."

The local Audubon chapter, in assuming responsibility for IBA #60, agreed to census birds on a regular basis, track conditions, and promote habitat conservation.

NEPAS, with 500-plus members, maintains a busy calendar of events, has an active educational committee, sponsors scholarships, offers a resource library, and owns two sanctuaries near Lookout and Lake Ariel that are open to the public.

"We did 120 points [field surveys with minimum distances of 500 feet] in the first year and found 125 different species. This area has a richness of habitat with the excellent water quality and forested understories. We want to let people know what they have here and what a treasure it is," Leo says.

NEPAS would like to have an opportunity to consult with developers before they significantly alter local landscapes.

"The birds have a lot to fight against, between (human) development and competition from other wildlife, like the deer that eat the understory. Much of the information that we collect could be used by land managers in deciding how to develop a property to conserve habitat. We can



SCARLET TANANGER: Pennsylvania supports 17% of the world's population of Scarlet Tanagers during breeding season. This bird is commonly found throughout the Upper Delaware Important Bird Areas in PA and NYS. (Photos courtesy of Pennsylvania Audubon)

also advise on how to create habitat for birds," offers Leo. "Once you begin to take certain habitats away, such as the wetlands that attract American Bitterns, those birds start disappearing and they're lost."

"It is hoped that the creation of an Upper Delaware Birding Trail would raise additional awareness for wise development, and encourage townships to include conservation development and green space in

their comprehensive plans," she added.

While the Upper Delaware's bald eagle population rightfully claims a lot of attention, Leo says that the contributions of more common, 'backyard' birds and water fowl should not be taken for granted.

To find out more and help speak for the birds, search <http://pa.audubon.org> and ny.audubon.org for information on the activities of local chapters. ❖

NEPAS Plans 2006 Programs

A sampling of upcoming programs sponsored by the Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society (NEPAS) includes:

Apr. 22 - Pike-Wayne Earth Day exhibit, 10-4 at the Wallenpaupack Environmental

Learning Center, Rt. 6, Hawley, PA.

Apr. 29 - Salt Springs State Park field trip.

May 6 - Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup along Rt. 191 near Lake Ariel, PA.

May 13 - Spring Migratory Bird Count Census, 5 a.m. to noon.

May 20 - Basha Kill Wetlands field trip.

June 17 - Delaware River Canoe Trip.

June 24 - Birdwatch & Wildflower Walk.

July 8 - 3rd Annual Energy Field Trip, visit to alternative energy-based sites (fee for lunch and bus transportation).

July 22-23 - Audubon Juried Art and Craft Festival, 10-5 at the Wallenpaupack Area School Complex, Rt. 6, Hawley (fee).

Aug. 13 - NEPAS' Installation of Officers Potluck Picnic.

Sept. 16 - Delaware Highlands Conservancy Meadow Party exhibit, 12-5 p.m., Milanville, PA.

For a complete schedule of activities, visit www.nepaaudubonsociety.org, phone (570) 253-9250, or write to NEPAS, Box 711, Honesdale, PA 18431. ❖



WOOD THRUSH: Wood thrushes thrive in the Upper Delaware IBA based on their attraction to wooded habitats that provide healthy understories of growth.

UDC Updates Visitor Map & Guide

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) announces the availability of an updated, free brochure titled "Visitor Information Map and Guide for Touring the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River: New York & Pennsylvania".

A shipment of 30,000 copies was recently received to prepare for the kick-off of the 2006 visitor season.

The guide features a comprehensive, 17x22-inch map of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor and a listing of all public river accesses and lands in the 73.4-mile span between Hancock, NY and Mill Rift, PA.

Surrounding the map is a directory of businesses located within the 1978 Congressionally-designated river corridor boundaries.

The listings, provided as a public service, pertain to the four most commonly requested visitor categories of Accommodations, Restaurants, Liveries and Campgrounds, and Bait & Tackle Shops.

The guide also includes 12 panels offering information on river safety, sightseeing, boating, camping, fishing, hunting, emergency and agency contacts, traveling directions, and the services of the UDC.

While the brochure is subsidized by the non-profit UDC organization as a public outreach and educational project, a number of businesses voluntarily contributed monetary donations to help offset the printing costs. Their generosity is denoted by an asterisk next to their listing in the guide.

"Twenty-three businesses contributed a

total of \$1,000 to assist the UDC with the 2006 printing," said Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie. "We're grateful for the support and the recognition that this brochure fills a current void in the Upper Delaware for a bi-state, river-oriented brochure to benefit visitors to this unique region."

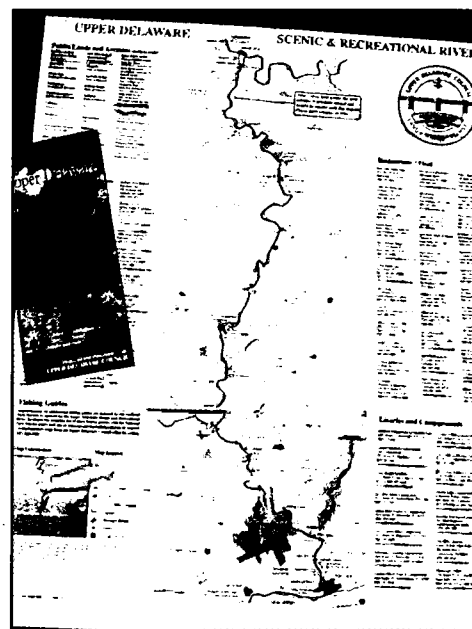
Businesses that contributed were:

River Partners (\$100) - Indian Head Canoes & Campground, Barryville, NY; The 1906 Restaurant, Callicoon, NY; River Market, Barryville, NY; and Bridge Place, Minisink Ford, NY.

River Sponsors (\$50) - Peck's Markets, Callicoon and Narrowsburg, NY; Silver Canoe Rentals, Pond Eddy, NY; Kittatinny Canoes and Campgrounds, Barryville, NY; Slumber at The Spring House Commons, Barryville, NY; and Sylvania Country Lodging and Tree Farm, Lackawaxen, PA.

River Boosters (\$25) - Matthew's on Main, Callicoon, NY; 27 Main Pizzeria and Restaurant, Callicoon, NY; Roebing Inn on the Delaware, Lackawaxen, PA; Smith's Colonial Motel, Hancock, NY; Sandercock House Bed & Breakfast, Equinunk, PA; ECCE Bed & Breakfast, Barryville, NY; Delaware Dips 'n Dogs, Pond Eddy, NY; Carini Pizza, Narrowsburg, NY; Jill's Kitchen, Narrowsburg, NY; The Inn at Lackawaxen, Lackawaxen, PA; Rainbow Diner, Barryville, NY; Ascalona Campground, Minisink Ford, NY; Bonny Bank Bed & Breakfast, Mill Rift, PA, and Crandall's Bed & Breakfast, Narrowsburg, NY.

The brochures will be distributed by



NEW BROCHURE: The Visitor Guide offers a map depicting the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River's Congressional boundaries. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

tourism promotion agencies, welcome centers, interested local businesses, chambers of commerce, and at National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River facilities.

To request individual copies or inquire about obtaining a supply, contact the Upper Delaware Council at 211 Bridge St., P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764; telephone (845) 252-3022; fax (845) 252-3359; or e-mail udcramie@hvc.rr.com. ❖

Group Aims to Restore Streams to Original Flows

The Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) has embarked on a major long-term tributary and floodplain restoration

program for the Upper Delaware watershed with the hiring of the environmental engineering firm LandStudies, Inc.

"We've learned that over the past three centuries, man has drastically altered the flow patterns of virtually all of the Delaware's tributaries. Restoring these streams to their historical condition not only will enhance wild trout spawning, improve aquatic insect life and reduce pollution, but also will, by more fully utilizing the region's natural floodplains, contribute to flood minimization," says FUDR President Craig Findley. "FUDR believes that this new program is a central part of a comprehensive fisheries plan, a vital concern to the region's landowners and residents, and is a key to restoring the area's natural ecology."

Public and private funding contributions will be sought to enable the implementation of individual restoration projects focusing on sediment build-up and bank erosion. Visit www.fudr.org/tribplan or call (315) 656-8313 for more information. ❖

Reservoir Spill Program Expands

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently announced a new spill control program for the Pepacton and Neversink Reservoirs that is based on potential runoff from rainfall. This supplements the existing snow pack program.

Voids will be maintained through March 31 in both reservoirs large enough to completely capture the expected runoff from a one-inch rain storm occurring over a six-hour period. When snow pack is also a factor, the larger void capacity will take precedence.

"The DEP crafted this program out of concern about downstream locales and was able to gain the approval of all the parties to the 1954 Supreme Court decree for its implementation," said NYC DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd.

"This will help protect the people and properties in flood-prone areas ... while also ensuring that water supply remains at desired levels to serve the millions of New Yorkers that rely on this important resource," said Denise M. Sheehan, commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

New York City's Delaware Water System, comprised of the Pepacton, Cannonsville, Neversink, and Roundout Reservoirs, provides about 50% of the city's daily supply of 1.2 billion gallons of water. ❖

UDC Highlights Quarterly Activities

Upper Delaware Council (UDC) activity highlights from late December 2005 to mid-March 2006, not covered elsewhere, are:

FUNDING ISSUES

The UDC received acknowledgements and requests for further information from NYS Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, to date, regarding the River Management Plan's references to NY and PA contributing \$100,000 annually to the UDC's operational budget.

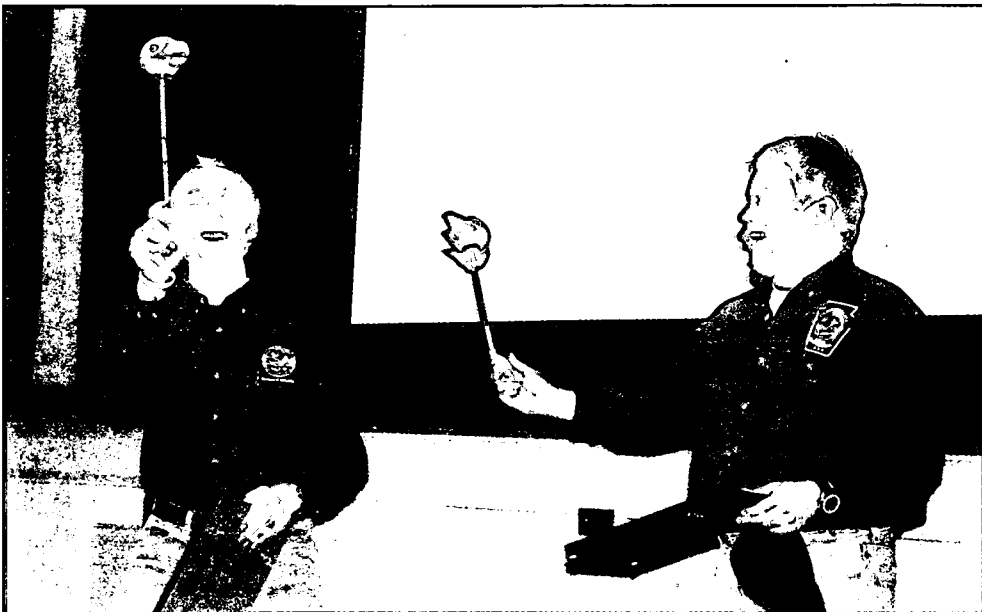
The fourth round of Community Projects State Grants secured for the UDC's eight NYS member town by Sen. Bonacic opened with a request for submission of their \$6,250 project proposals by Mar. 31.

TROUT SEASON

The UDC approved a Feb. 2 letter to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) supporting a proposed Sportsfishing Regulations change that would extend the open season for trout from Sept. 30 to Oct. 15 in the Main Stem of the Delaware River and its West Branch bordering Pennsylvania, on the basis that very little wild trout spawning occurs there and the regulation would be consistent with PA's current open season.

"However," the letter added, "we are concerned that extending the open season for trout in the tributaries of the Delaware River and the tributaries of its West Branch from Sept. 30 to Oct. 15 may adversely affect the wild populations of brown trout which spawn in the fall of the year."

Unless scientific evidence can be produced to refute that concern, the Council



PICKER-UPPER: Eagle-headed grab sticks given to panelists at the 5th Annual Narrowsburg EagleFest on January 14 amused Peter Nye, left, leader of the Endangered Species Unit of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Doug Gross, right, a wildlife biologist and endangered bird specialist with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Their panel at the Tusten Theater discussed Bald Eagle Conservation Efforts. The day-long EagleFest, featuring educational programs and exhibits, live raptors, an art show, poster auction, ice sculptures, and assisted eagle viewing, was sponsored by the Delaware Valley Eagle Alliance. (UDC Photo by David B. Soete)

asked the DEC to "err on the side of protecting the natural resource."

PROJECT REVIEW

The UDC issued comment letters to: the Lackawaxen Township Supervisors on Dec. 14 and 21 for applications on the expansion of a bluestone mine and a minor subdivision, respectively; to the NYS DEC

on Jan. 17 on the Draft 2005 NYS Open Space Conservation Plan; and to the Cochecton Zoning Board of Appeals on Mar. 23 on an area variance request for a sand and gravel mine operation.

LEARN AND SHARE

Some meetings and events in which the UDC participated this quarter included:

-- Feb. 23, First meeting of the newly reconstituted Regulated Flow Advisory Committee in West Trenton, NJ.

-- Mar. 3, UDC Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee meeting with NYS Assemblywoman Gunther to discuss the status of dam repairs at the dewatered Mongaup System Swinging Bridge Reservoir, owned by Mirant Gen-LLC.

-- Mar. 7, Tri-State, Five-County Regional Tourism Summit in Milford, PA.

-- Mar. 21, Discussion of a "Proposal for an Adaptive Minimum Release Policy for Management of Water in the Upper Delaware River", as drafted by the Delaware River Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, and Trout Unlimited, in a framework presentation at NPS headquarters in Beach Lake, PA.

SCENIC BYWAY

The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. finalized the layout of a new historic trivia brochure in March that will soon be available, and applied for a \$15,000 grant project to develop a copyrighted byway map and promotional placemats. ❖

Take Water Snapshot

The 11th annual, basin-wide water quality sampling event known as "Water Snapshot" will take place on April 21-30, revolving around Earth Day on April 22.

The Upper Delaware Council co-sponsors this program locally, offering a limited number of simple water testing kits, as well as data sheets.

Completed forms should be returned to the Delaware River Basin Commission by June 2 for publication on the informational web site, www.drbc-edweb.net.

To request a free kit and data sheets from the UDC, call (845) 252-3022 or e-mail udcramie@hvc.rr.com. ❖

Chance to Grow Smarter

The Visioning Committee of the Upper Delaware River Corridor will sponsor a special, free presentation titled "Smart Growth: It's Everyone's Business" at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, at Woodloch Pines Resort in Hawley, PA.

Peter Hausmann, a real estate and commercial developer from Chester, will discuss how open space planning initiatives in his region have been beneficial to both the economy and the environment.

There will be a free continental breakfast and optional tour of the new Reserve at Woodloch Springs. Reservations are required. Call (570) 226-8220. ❖

Sojourn Picks Theme

The Delaware River Sojourn has selected as its 2006 theme, "A Long Drink of Water", for the boating, camping, and educational adventure on June 18-25.

View day plans and registration details at www.delawareriversojourn.org. ❖

New Canal Web Site

The Delaware & Hudson Canal Transportation Heritage Council announces a new web site address at www.dhthc.org. Explore history, events, and members. ❖

Council Elects 2006 Officers

Town of Tusten, NY Representative Charles Wieland was sworn in as the 2006 chairperson of the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) on January 5.

Tusten Town Justice Alfred Smith III administered the oath of office to Wieland, who succeeds John McKay of Lackawaxen Township in the leadership role.

Wieland has served as Tusten's UDC representative since 1991 and was a long-time chairperson of the Council's Water Use/Resource Management Committee. He now chairs the Operations Committee.

He previously held the UDC chairmanship in 1997, was its vice-chair in 2005, and served five terms as secretary-treasurer in 1994, 1996, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Wieland retired in 2001 as Assistant Superintendent of the Narrowsburg Water and Sewer District, and is a part-time local worker.

Fellow 2006 elected officers are Vice-Chairperson Alan Bowers of Westfall Township, PA, and Secretary-Treasurer John B. Niflot of Town of Fremont, NY.

Bowers, a board member since 1992, chaired the Council in 1998 and serves on all three standing committees. This is his fifth, non-consecutive term as vice-chair. He is employed as Senior Research Technician at New York University Medical Center's Nelson Institute of Environmental Medicine in Sterling Forest.

Niflot was first appointed to the UDC as an alternate in 1994, before becoming Fremont's representative in 1997. His 2006 election as secretary-treasurer is his fifth stint in that office. He is a Town of Fremont councilman and founder/president of the Basket Historical Society.

Changes to the 2006 UDC membership include the replacement of Town of Highland Alternate Allan Schadt with new Town Supervisor Stephen Barnes; and the departure of Shohola Township UDC Representative Bruce Selneck, replaced by former Alternate Nelia Wall. ❖



2006 MEMBERSHIP: The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) held its annual meeting on Jan. 5 at the Tusten Town Hall in Narrowsburg. Elected as 2006 officers were, seated from left to right, Vice-Chair Alan Bowers, Westfall Township; Chairperson Charles Wieland, Town of Tusten; and Secretary-Treasurer John B. Niflot, Town of Fremont. Joining them, in back from the left, were: UDC Executive Director William E. Douglass; Dennis DeMara, Commonwealth of PA; Sandra Schultz, National Park Service; Bob Tudor, Delaware River Basin Commission; Harold Roeder, Jr., Town of Delaware; Bill Rudge, State of NY; Larry H. Richardson, Town of Cochection; Jim Rodgers, Town of Fremont; F. Gerald Mackin, Town of Hancock; Lew Schmalzle, Town of Highland; John McKay, Lackawaxen Township; Mel Decker, Town of Deerpark; Nadia Rajs, Town of Lumberland; and Phil Chase, Town of Deerpark. In the photo below, 2005 Chairperson McKay, right, passes the gavel and "Robert's Rules of Order" to Wieland. (UDC Photos by David B. Soete)



New Subscribers and Address Changes Welcomed

If you have friends or colleagues who would be interested in receiving our free newsletter, we will be happy to add them to the mailing list. Please also advise us of any address changes to help update our records. Return this notice to the Upper Delaware Council, P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764, call (845) 252-3022 or e-mail udcramie@hvc.rr.com.

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Congresswoman Sue Kelly to Give Keynote Address at UDC's Awards

The Honorable Sue W. Kelly, who represents the 19th Congressional District of New York, will serve as keynote speaker at the Upper Delaware Council's 18th Annual Awards Ceremony to be held on Sunday, April 30, at Flo-Jean Restaurant in Port Jervis.

The public is welcome. Reservations are requested by April 17.

Congresswoman Kelly (R/C) is currently serving her sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. The 19th District includes all of Putnam County and portions of Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, and Westchester Counties. Both the Delaware and the Hudson Rivers are natural assets found within the district.

Rep. Kelly's diverse background as a teacher, small business owner, patient advocate, rape counselor, PTA president, and biomedical researcher preceded her 1995 Congressional election.

In January 2001, Rep. Kelly was appointed to chair the House Financial Services Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee. She founded the bipartisan Congressional Anti-Terrorist Financial Task Force in 2004 and maintains a senior position on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.

As the lead sponsor of the Clean Water Infrastructure Financing Act, Rep. Kelly has taken a leadership role in advocating a stronger federal commitment to environmental infrastructure.

The Katonah resident, who has four children and eight grandchildren with her husband Edward, is very involved in her local community as well.

Her efforts have earned recognition from advocates for senior citizens, taxpayers,



Rep. Sue Kelly (NY-19th District)

small businesses, farmers, and military personnel.

Banquet Reservations

The UDC's April 30th banquet is taking place at Flo-Jean Restaurant, a popular eatery since 1929 located at 2 Pike Street in the City of Port Jervis, along the banks of the Delaware River, one-half mile from Interstate 84, across from Matamoras, PA.

Festivities get underway at 3 p.m. with a reception featuring hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Dinner will be served at 4 p.m. The menu includes homemade soup, garden salad, rolls and muffins, entree, potato, vegetable, dessert, and coffee or tea.

Entree choices are: Country Ham with Fruit Sauce; New England Baked Scrod; or Roast Turkey with Herb Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce.

After dinner and Congresswoman Kelly's keynote address, the presentation of awards will take place.

Every year since 1988, the UDC has honored individuals, organizations, agencies, and communities, based on public nominations, that have acted to enhance the quality of life and protect the resources of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Valley.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Please make reservations with advance choice of entrees by April 17. Contact UDC Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie at P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764; phone (845) 252-3022; fax (845) 252-3359; or e-mail udcramie@hvc.rr.com. ❖

Annual Report Out

The Annual Report of the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) for Fiscal Year 2005 is now available.

The report covers the federal fiscal year period of Oct. 1, 2004 to Sept. 30, 2005.

It includes UDC activity highlights; FY 2005 revenues, expenditures, and fund balances; directories of the 2005 annual awards and Technical Assistance Grants programs; board membership and staff rosters; a column by 2005 Chairperson John McKay, statement of authority; and objectives for FY 2006.

To request a copy of the Annual Report, please call (845) 252-3022 or e-mail udcramie@hvc.rr.com. ❖

The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Three standing committees, Water Use/Resource Management, Operations, and Project Review, meet on the third and fourth Tuesdays of every month at the UDC office, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY. All meetings are open to the public. Call (845) 252-3022 for specific meeting dates and agendas.

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