

# The Upper Delaware

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Spring time is beautiful on the Upper Delaware! We hope you take the time to enjoy the wildflowers and admire the landscape as it changes to its summer green. And be sure to take part in one of the UDC's Friends of the Upper Delaware cleanups scheduled for this spring. In this issue:

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Pictured above are the 1992 Upper Delaware Council Award winners and presenters, at the annual dinner March 7th in Lumberland. Front row, from left are: Gerri Howson, Elaine Giguere, Sharon Lapersonerie, Jill Padua and UDC Executive Director Bill Douglass. Back row: Congressman Ben Gilman, UDC Chair George Fluhr, Bob Everest, Herb Ebers, Brian Acciavatti, Tom Hill, Bob Bendick, Ed Sykes, Sr., and Martin Borko. Photo by Dave Soete.

## UDC Honors Twelve at Annual Awards Dinner

### Sykes Receives Distinguished Service Award

**T**he fourth annual Awards Dinner of the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) was held on Saturday, March 7, 1992 at The Orchard Inn in Glen Spey, Town of Lumberland, New York. There were 115 supporters present to honor the individuals, groups, businesses, and agencies whose efforts to make the Upper Delaware region a better place in which to live, work, and play were being publicly recognized.

Congressman Ben Gilman, from New York's 22nd Congressional District and a longtime advocate of the Upper Delaware River, delivered the keynote address. Phil Fitzpatrick, UDC

representative from Westfall Township, served as master of ceremonies. UDC chairman George Fluhr of Shohola Township presented the awards. Gilman also presented Congressional Certificate of Merit awards to each recipient.

### Distinguished Service

The Council's highest honor, this award is given to that individual who acted with distinction in support of the goals and objectives of the River Management Plan. Fitzpatrick introduced Edward C. Sykes as someone "whose work on the banning of personal watercraft,

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# George Fluhr Elected Chairman of UDC

**G**eorge J. Fluhr, Shohola Township representative, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Upper Delaware Council for 1992 at the January 2nd meeting. Mr. Fluhr, a long-time member of the Shohola Township Board of Supervisors, currently serves as secretary-treasurer and historian for the township. He has been the UDC representative since 1988.

"I look forward to serving as Chairman for 1992. The Council has had many successes in the few years since its inception. Protecting the resources of the valley and balancing those actions in the best interests of the towns and townships we represent is indeed challenging. I am excited to be elected Chairman, the Council has had much success, and I am eager to meet the challenges ahead," Fluhr commented.

Outgoing Chairman Tom Hill of Lumberland offered his support to the new Chairman. "I've enjoyed the experience and extend my best wishes to the new Chairman. I would like to thank my fellow Council members, staff, and the community for the support shown to me during the past year. I am personally proud of the Council's accomplishments during my term," Hill added.

Larry Richardson, Cocheton representative, was elected vice-chairman. Richardson chairs the Water Use/Resource Management Committee and is a member of the Project Review Committee as well.

Edward J. DeFebo, who served as Council Chairman in 1990, was elected Secretary-Treasurer. He has served as Lackawaxen Township's representative since 1988.



Incoming UDC Chair George Fluhr of Shohola, right, presents outgoing Chair Tom Hill of Lumberland with the Council's Old Oaken Gavel Award in appreciation for his service as Chair during 1991. Photo by Dave Soete.

## Janice Fischer Leaving the UDC Staff

Janice Fischer, the Council's secretary since 1988, has announced her plans to leave the UDC effective May 15th. We have appreciated her commitment to the organization's goals, and we wish her well with her future life. We will miss her.

A search for a replacement was underway at press time.

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# Friends Program Off To Fast Start

**I**n the words of Kathy Johnson, Administrative Director, interest in the Upper Delaware Council's newly created Friends of the Upper Delaware has been "overwhelming."

"The article in the previous edition of *The Upper Delaware* generated a lot of interest", explained Johnson. "Already over 100 people have volunteered or made donations. I always felt that there were people out there interested in protecting the environment, and now I know it's so. We set modest goals for 1992, but I think we will exceed them." Adopt-A-Highway, Adopt-A-Stream, and Green Watch are the three new initiatives for this year.

The Council has recruited key coordinators or group leaders for the New York Towns of Deerpark, Highland, Cochection, Tusten, Delaware and Lumberland. Lackawaxen Township in Pennsylvania also has a key coordinator, and volunteer group leaders have signed up from the Penn State Cooperative Extension of Wayne County and the Upper Delaware Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

"We are anxious to see all towns and townships in the river corridor represented in our Friends program", added Johnson. "If you would like to volunteer as a key coordinator or group leader, please let us know. If you would like to volunteer to join an existing group,

please call the Council office today for more information."

## Projects Already Underway

The first cleanup project took place March 14 in Damascus Township. The River School and Atco Road Neighbors, who have adopted 5.5 miles of roadway in the township, collected two pickup truck loads of trash along River and Atco Roads. Tom Van Orden, the Friends coordinator in Damascus, said that his fifteen person crew came from four states to participate in the project. "People were very enthusiastic, and we were able to recruit more volunteers." He also noted that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation had been very cooperative in assisting the work.

Many more projects are scheduled throughout the spring.

## Donations Encouraged

The Council is raising funds to support these programs, and all funds collected will be earmarked specifically for Friends projects. Your tax-deductible contribution to the "Friends of the Upper Delaware" is encouraged and welcomed. When we receive your donation, we will send you a nifty decal for your car or home.

## Adopt-A-Highway Program

The Adopt-A-Highway program is designed to become part of state wide programs now underway in New York and Pennsylvania. To become caretakers of NY and PA highways, a group should generally agree to the following conditions:

- Sign an agreement with the affected state
- Adopt at least a two-mile segment of highway
- Pick up litter four times annually
- Conduct safety meetings with group members prior to the pickup
- Wear orange safety gear and post safety signs during the pickup periods
- Group members must be at least 10 years of age in PA and at least 12 years of age in NY

The requirements for adopting a highway are minimal, but the satisfaction is maximum.

*Be A Friend Of The Upper Delaware!*

Yes! I'm a Friend of the Upper Delaware! Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to support Friends projects. Please contact me about opportunities to volunteer for projects and events. Enclosed is my check for:

\$10 (Students and Seniors)

\$20 (Regular Members)

\$Other (Enter Amount)

### Name and Address

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Area(s) of Interest

Adopt-A-Highway \_\_\_\_\_


Adopt-A-Stream \_\_\_\_\_

Green Watch \_\_\_\_\_

Friends Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## DRBC Proposes New WQ Regulations

 After years of studies, discussions, and revisions, the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) has reached the long-awaited point where public hearings have been scheduled on proposed revisions to the DRBC's water quality regulations relating to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The proposed changes to the regulations are designed to protect the existing water quality of the Delaware River from Hancock, New York to the Delaware Water Gap, and those parts of tributary streams located within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor.

The existing water quality exceeds present water quality standards. The proposed regulations are also designed to accommodate local growth and development without undue constraints.

Water quality data collection has been ongoing for many years. In 1988 a more intensive program was initiated which was to lead to a water resources management plan for the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, which includes within its boundary the Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

In 1990, DRBC decided to expand the aerial scope of the water quality protection planning effort to include the Upper Delaware, as well as the area between the Upper and Middle Delaware in the Port Jervis vicinity.

A DRBC Staff Report published in October 1990 described the various issues involved and presented alternatives. This was followed in November and December by public briefings on the contents of that report. In April of 1991, the DRBC published a response document which provided summaries of questions and comments they received regarding the alternatives and DRBC staff's answers and responses.

### Proposed Changes Would Raise Standards

The proposed revisions to the DRBC's regulations are designed to prevent the deterioration of existing water quality in what are termed "special protection waters." DRBC proposes two new sub-categories to this classification — "outstanding basin waters" and "significant resource waters."

The Upper Delaware River and the parts of its tributaries within the corridor are proposed to be classified as out-


standing basin waters under the special protection waters designation.

Key provisions of the proposed changes to the DRBC's water quality regulations include:

- No measurable change (except towards natural conditions) will be allowed to the existing water quality of waters classified by the DRBC as special protection waters.
- Direct discharges to special protection waters are discouraged, but are not completely prohibited.
- Tributaries to special protection waters must be regulated by the states so that there is no measurable change to the existing water quality as the tributary crosses the special protection waters boundary.
- In special protection waters, the threshold for DRBC's requirement for submissions for review and approval of proposals for wastewater discharges will be set at 10,000 gallons per day, down from 50,000 gallons per day.

*(Please see "DRBC", next page)*

## Callicoon Treatment Plant On Line

 In December 5th, 1991 the new sewage treatment plant in the hamlet of Callicoon began operation. One of the first customers to hook into the system was the Delaware Valley Job Corps Center with its 300-plus student population. The Center's existing package sewage treatment plant will now be retired from service. All of the other residents and businesses in the new sewage system's service area will have one year to connect to the new plant.

Plans for sewerage Callicoon go back more than a decade and a half. A federal

grant which had been awarded to the project early on in the process was in jeopardy of being lost several times because of a lack of progress. The first time the project went out to bid (in the fall of 1989), the bids came in at nearly \$4.6 million, far exceeding the engineer's estimated costs of \$3.2 million.

### UDC Grant Helps

The bids were turned down on the first proposal and the Town retained another firm to redesign the system when the engineer said he could save the Town \$1 million. The Upper Delaware Council

approved a grant of \$10,000 to the Town to help pay for the new design. With this money as startup funds, the redesign was quickly completed and the project was put out to bid for the second time in the spring of 1990.

This time bids came in near the \$3.2 million estimated cost and contracts were awarded to start construction. The collection system and treatment plant were completed on time with little or no unanticipated problems. The project can treat up to 120,000 gallons of sewage per day and should serve the community well into the next century.

- Wastewater treatment facilities discharging to special protection waters will be required to have available standby power facilities, a remote alarm system and response provisions if not staffed 24 hours a day, and an emergency management plan.
- Natural wastewater treatment technologies and non-discharging alternatives must be fully evaluated and proven to be infeasible or disadvantageous by applicants seeking wastewater treatment project approval.
- Discharge plumes from wastewater treatment facilities will not be allowed to cause visual impacts in outstanding basin waters.
- A new set of minimum wastewater treatment requirements for all new and expanding wastewater treatment projects discharging to special protection waters will be established.
- A new goal will be set to control non-point sources (sources of pollutants carried by surface and sub-surface runoff that are derived from human activities and land use) in the drainage area of special protection waters so there is no increase of cumulative non-point sources.
- All applicants to the DRBC seeking project approval for a project serving new areas under Section 3.8 of the DRBC Compact will be required to submit a non-point control program to prevent increases in non-point pollutant loadings in the new service area of the project.

A cornerstone of these new regulations will be a water quality monitoring program. Existing water quality is statistically defined by the proposed regulations using data from past water quality monitoring efforts.

Future abatement actions will be predicated on measurements of water

quality at key in-stream and boundary control points.

The success or failure of the proposed management program will be determined by how much or how little water quality changes over time.

A major expansion of the existing water quality monitoring program will be necessitated.

### Public Hearings Set

DRBC has scheduled two public hearings. The first will be on Tuesday, May 5th at the Best Western Inn at Hunts Landing in Matamoras, PA.

The second will be on Wednesday, May 6th at the Tusten Theatre in Narrowsburg, NY. They run from 2:00 pm to 5:00 and then reconvene at 7:00 pm.

Copies of the proposed regulations are available from the DRBC at P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628 or by calling (609) 883-9500. Anyone wishing to testify at one of these hearings is requested to contact DRBC so they can be placed on a list.

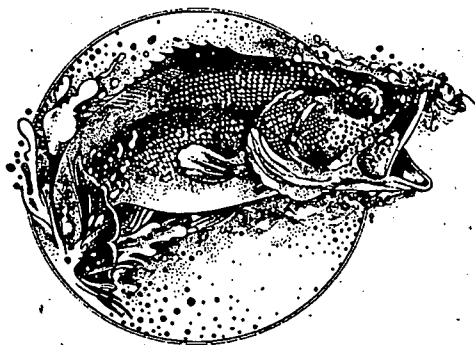
## Cannonsville Dam Valve Finally Approved

**N**ew York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner Thomas C. Jorling and New York City Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Albert F. Appleton announced on March 3rd the signing of an agreement for installation of a variable release throttling valve at the city's Cannonsville Dam on the West Branch of the Delaware River.

"The new valve will help ensure a protected and well-managed watershed, benefiting both the State's natural resources and the city's water supply," Jorling said.

Commissioner Appleton said, "The new control valve will give the city much greater flexibility in the management of the Cannonsville Reservoir. This should be advantageous for all downstream who depend on the water from the reservoir."

The agreement calls for the city to install the valve at a projected cost of



\$800,000, of which \$546,000 will be reimbursed by the state. The valve will be the property of the City of New York, which reserves the right to incorporate the valve into a hydropower facility should one be constructed at a later time.

A variable release valve will provide the ability to manage flow releases downstream from the reservoir in sufficient quantity to benefit downstream

fisheries and to allow potential water conservation as a result of improved flow control, while sustaining the reservoir as a water supply for New York City.

The valve currently in use is capable only of releasing either 45 or 325 cubic feet per second (cfs). The new valve will allow for variable flow control over the full range from 45 to 325 cfs.

Management of downstream flow to Catskill fisheries from the reservoir becomes particularly acute in times of drought conditions, such as those that exist currently. The state legislature has already appropriated \$546,000 to pay for the work.

The UDC expects that the new valve will contribute greatly to the dependable support of a year round coldwater fishery in the upper river and to modest improvements in the river's already outstanding water quality. This is a big victory for the protection and management of the Upper Delaware.



Ed Sykes, Sr., of Callicoon, was the most surprised person in the house when his name was announced as this year's Distinguished Service Award winner. Photo by Dave Soete.

the Draft New York State Open Space Plan, and the Upper Delaware Tailwaters Fishery Management Plan has been exemplary and has assisted the Council in meeting its objectives."

Sykes, who represented the Town of Delaware on the UDC from its inception in February of 1988 through December

of the Council. "Everyone in attendance deserves an award," declared Fluhr, "Those who are active and those who support those who are active in protecting the river and the valley." Commenting on the state of the river, Fluhr noted that there is water flowing down, but,

1991, stated "My past four years serving on the Council was one of the finest experiences I've ever had in my life. I've met the most dedicated people that I have ever experienced meeting in my life. I want to thank all of you."

After a brief greeting by Fitzpatrick, the current UDC chairman George Fluhr delivered some welcoming remarks on behalf

because of the drought conditions, there is not nearly enough.

He recalled a recent conversation he had with a Barryville resident, who some 40 or 50 years ago had witnessed engineering studies for a proposed New York City water supply reservoir on the Delaware River. The project would have flooded Barryville and changed forever the ecological and cultural traits of the river valley.

Fluhr reminded the audience that it is the existence of the Council and the river management plan that protects Barryville from the resurrection of such projects both now and in the future.

### Gilman Recalls the Long, Hard Process

Congressman Ben Gilman congratulated the Council for all the good things they have been doing over the years. He related how he became involved in the legislation which designated the Upper Delaware as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. He also recalled the raucous meetings, picketing, and other difficulties of the early years.

Gilman pointed out that, while people come to the area to recreate and enjoy the natural beauty of the region, they also help the local economy. Reviewing a long list of recent accomplishments affecting the entire country in the area of environmental protection, he applauded the cooperative effort of the local governments in the Upper Delaware region, working with their state and federal partners, to make certain that we move forward in a strong, progressive manner.

### Recreation Achievement

The Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America received the recreation achievement award in recognition of the lease agreement they entered into with the National Park Service, which provides greater public access to the Upper Delaware River, and for their continuing work in annual litter cleanup programs. In accepting on behalf of the Scouts, Ronald Green said "The Dela-



From left, Janice Fischer, Judy and Phil Fitzpatrick, and Kathy Johnson are all smiles during the evening's festivities. Janice is the Council's secretary, and Kathy is the Administrative Director. Phil served as Council Chair during its first year of operation in 1988. He served as host for the event. Photo by Dave Soete.

ware River is a vital part of the Ten Mile River scout program and the most beautiful part of the Ten Mile River (TMR) camps. TMR is the largest scout camp in the entire United States with over 12,000 acres. Some 7,000 scouts are anticipated to participate in 1992 at the camp. The Scouts are proud of this award, and are also proud of their role in educating our next generation of citizens in conservation and the beauty of the river."

### Volunteer Award

Geraldine Howson was named the recipient of the volunteer award in recognition of her seemingly endless list of



Jill Padua of Citizens for Tusten accepts the Community Service Award for her organization while fellow recipients Elaine Giguere of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, at center, and Sharon Lapersonerie of the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce await their turns at the podium. The three groups won because of their success in making Narrowsburg's Riverfest a major event in the river valley in 1991. Photo by Dave Soete.

volunteer activities. Howson serves on the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council, is an active member of the National Canoe Safety Patrol, does volunteer work on a regular basis for the National Park Service, instructs girl scout groups, worked on the time-of-travel study last summer, and is secretary of the Buckingham Township Planning Commission.

In accepting the award, Howson commented, "I think most everyone here is here because they care for the river. And, each one of you shows it in your own way. My volunteer work is my way of showing that I care. I am pleased to know that my caring is appreciated. I agree with George Fluhr that everyone

here who does care for the river does deserve an award also."

### Cultural Achievement

The cultural achievement award was awarded to Floyd Campfield in recognition of his donation of an extensive collection of Indian artifacts, found in the Upper Delaware valley, to the National Park Service. Because Campfield was unable to attend the dinner, the award will be presented to him at a future Council meeting.

### Certificate of Merit

This year's recipient was the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)

which was recognized for conducting the time-of-travel study during the past summer, its continuing work on water quality monitoring, and the work involved with making educational presentations on, and finalizing the technical language of, the proposed new water quality standards for the Upper Delaware River. Accepting for the DRBC was Robert Everest who stated, "I'm absolutely delighted to be able to accept this certificate and the award on behalf of the Commission." Everest felt that the award should really go to the many, many people who worked on these programs, and he wanted them to be duly recognized in the acceptance of the award.



Congressman Ben Gilman was the keynote speaker. He recalled less happy days in the river valley, but applauded the Council's efforts to make the partnership plan a success. Photo by Dave Soete.

### Outstanding Community Achievement

The Town of Highland received this award for their successful cleanup campaign that was held in the Town during earth week. One-hundred tons of debris was collected in a town-wide effort. Brian Acciavatti and Herb Ebers accepted for the Town. Acciavatti stated that the credit goes to the citizenry and the community's backing. "We have a number of local residents who give days

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Bob Everest, retiring from the DRBC at the end of March, was honored for his years of service dedicated to the Upper Delaware planning process. The Council will miss his diligence. Photo by Dave Soete.

## Fishing the Upper Delaware

**T**he Upper Delaware is a tough river to fish. It's big, fast, deep, has limited access and is at times absolutely treacherous. It is not the best river for a person who is an in-experienced flyfisher. But if one wants to experience some of the best trout fishing in the area or go from beginner to journeyman flyfisher as rapidly as possible, the Delaware is the place to go. The very nature of the water forces the angler to stretch his abilities, learn technique and the methods of reading water. The ability to make long casts, although not absolutely necessary, does pay some dividends on the Delaware. But more than anything else, patience and effort will make the successful Delaware flyfisher.

The river is somewhat of a minor miracle. Located so close to major population areas, it is still able to remain one of this country's premier trout rivers. There are areas on the river where one gets the sense that they are hundreds of miles from any city and out in some wilderness area.

Protected by its size, difficult access and still reasonable (albeit growing) angling pressure, the river is one of only a handful of streams in the Northeast producing a significant number of stream-bred Rainbow Trout. The Rainbows, which were first stocked accidentally in the Delaware system in the 1880's, have become a strain of fish that is especially noted for its strength, size and aggressiveness. The river also contains a good number of Brown Trout. Many of the Browns are stocked fish, but there is a substantial quantity of hold over and stream-bred fish, enough to make angling for them a more than just interesting challenge.

Fishing the Delaware is in many ways different than most of the other streams in the area. Angling success is rarely ever determined by the number of fish caught. Rather, it is the quality of the fish hooked. The opportunity for large trout is much greater on the Delaware than on any other stream in the

vicinity. Landing a really large Rainbow on a fly provides the angler with a memorable experience.

Although any of the various methods of fly fishing will work at certain times, the Delaware is ideally suited for dry fly angling. The hatches of insects that can be experienced on the river can be truly immense. I have seen the remains of the spinner of the Green Drake, the Coffin Fly, solidly carpeting huge areas of the river. The eddies were completely white with the bodies of the dead insects. Practically all the standard Catskill hatches will occur on the river and a few that aren't often found on many of the surrounding waters. Of course at the time of the hatches, matching the insect that



is coming off becomes important. The fish zero in on those insects and refuse virtually all flies that are not representative of those hatching. One of the ways that the Delaware can be fished successfully is to walk the bank and watch for fish rising to specific insects. The challenge is to match the insect coming off and trick the fish into taking the artificial fly. Often this method requires a great deal more time for walking and searching than it does fishing.

When no insects are coming off, it is possible to fish the river with terrestrials

and have success. At these times though, it is often better to fish the runs and riffles with large, high floating flies such as any of the several Wulff patterns. Rainbows, and to a lesser extent Browns, can be made to take a well placed fly that is rapidly drifting by overhead. The fishing is really quite similar to methods that are used on some of the larger Western streams. Hooking a reasonably large Rainbow Trout in fast water can provide an angler with a level of excitement that can't normally be found on much of the waters of the northeast.

Because of space limitations, I have limited myself to fishing on the main stem of the Delaware. It should be noted that there are many other waters, all part of the Delaware watershed, than can provide the angler with ample opportunity to experience many different fishing situations. The East and West Branches, when the flows are good, provide the possibility of fishing smaller water where large fish can be caught. Many of the larger fish on the branches probably work themselves upstream from the main stem, influenced by the cold water reservoir releases.

I have not mentioned Shad fishing with a fly because it warrants more space than I have available. But, the Shad fishing on the Delaware is second to none and has to be experienced to be appreciated. It is much simpler than trout fishing and even a neophyte has a good chance of landing a good size fish.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the Delaware is a fragile resource and requires protection and care from whoever uses the water. The angler has a double responsibility because he has to protect the fish and the quality of the water. With a certain amount of luck and care we can have a fishery that we can enjoy for many years into the future.

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*This article was written by Arthur S. Geller, Director of the Upper Delaware Chapter of Trout Unlimited.*



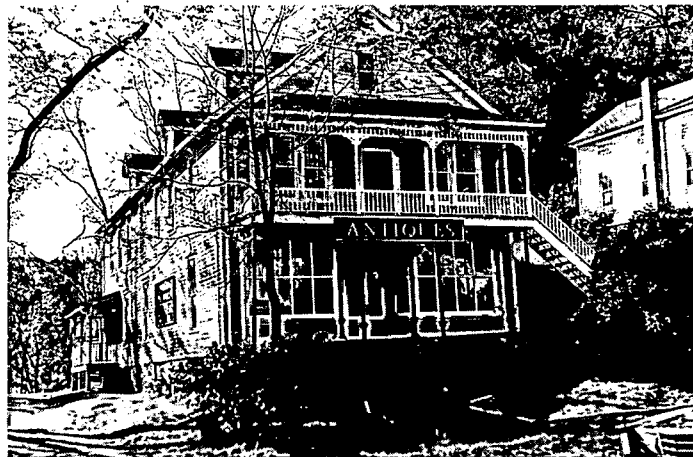
# Historic Sites to Be Listed on Register

**O**t's called the Historic and Architectural Resources in the Upper Delaware Valley, NY and PA, and includes about 400 of the valley's historic structures and sites. Beginning in June of this year, about half of those sites will be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

This unusual project has been sponsored by the Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance, with support from the National Park Service and technical assistance from the states of New York and Pennsylvania. Its goal is to protect local historic sites from government impacts, and to make local people more aware of their value.

Nearly a decade in the making, the local National Register project has involved photography, mapping, field research and development of site histories. That inventory encompasses a wide variety of sites, from the imposing Romanesque St. Joseph's Seminary (Job Corps) at Callicoon to the tiny gem of community hall at Mill Rift. The architectural diversity ranges from the simple Federal styling of the Curtis Drake House in Cochection to the brooding Victorian grandeur of the Alva Lord House in Lordville.

The inventory material, prepared locally, was presented to the New York and Pennsylvania historic preservation offices, which determined what sites are



*This D & H Canal era store/boardinghouse in Pond Eddy may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Photo by NPS.*

eligible for the National Register. That eligibility is determined by such criteria as historic significance and architectural integrity (i.e., how much of its original form and fabric are intact). The states completed their evaluations in 1991.

## Nominations Moving

Now, a group at a time, nomination forms are prepared for eligible properties. They go to the states' review board,

then on to the Keeper of the National Register. State preservation officials will be in the river valley in May to meet with all affected property owners.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about the National Register," says NPS Cultural Resources Specialist Mary Curtis. "People get it mixed up with municipal landmarks programs that restrict how a property can be altered. The National Register has no such authority over those kind of private actions. State officials should answer people's questions about it to allay any fears."

Although it seems infinitely sensible to valley historians, this bi-state approach is new to Pennsylvania and New York. Because of its size and complexity, the nomination procedure will be spread out over five state review sessions. The work is expected to be completed in June, 1993.

Anyone with questions about the National Register program is invited to contact Mary Curtis with the National Park Service at (717) 729-7842.

*This article was written by Mary Curtis, a Callicoon native who works to protect historical sites in the Upper Delaware corridor for the National Park Service. Mary is a frequent contributor to The Upper Delaware.*

## What is the National Register?

The National Register of Historic Places was developed to help the federal government avoid damage to America's historic sites. Enforcement is only utilized in cases where federal or state money, ownership or permitting authority is involved.

Listing on the National Register has *no affect* on private use of private property. It can protect a property from negative impacts of highway, bridge or dam construction.

It can make the community and the property owner more aware of the site's historic or architectural value. It may even increase its sales potential on the real estate market.

## UDC Announces New Publications Available

The Fiscal Year 1991 Annual Report of the Upper Delaware Council is now available upon request from the Council office. It is free of charge. The report highlights 1991 activities and looks forward to FY 1992.

The 1992 Local Government Directory listing government officials for town and county governments is also available. Contact Kathy Johnson for more information at (914) 252-3022.

## River Safety

# Before Getting on the River . . .

*(Editors note: The following guidelines are reprinted from "Visitor Information for Touring the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River," published by the Upper Delaware Council.)*

**L**ike any large river, the Upper Delaware is potentially dangerous and must be treated with respect. The tragic drownings which occur annually teach a lesson of supreme importance: while boating, swimming, or tubing, you are strongly advised to wear a life vest, or personal flotation device (PFD)!

Because of dam releases or heavy rains, the Upper Delaware can run cold enough to stun even during summer months. A person may also be incapacitated by striking the rocky river bottom. In such situations, a PFD is often the only chance for survival. Before getting in a boat, swimming, or tubing, make certain that everyone has a PFD and is wearing it properly. Almost all Upper Delaware drowning victims did not wear securely fastened PFDs.

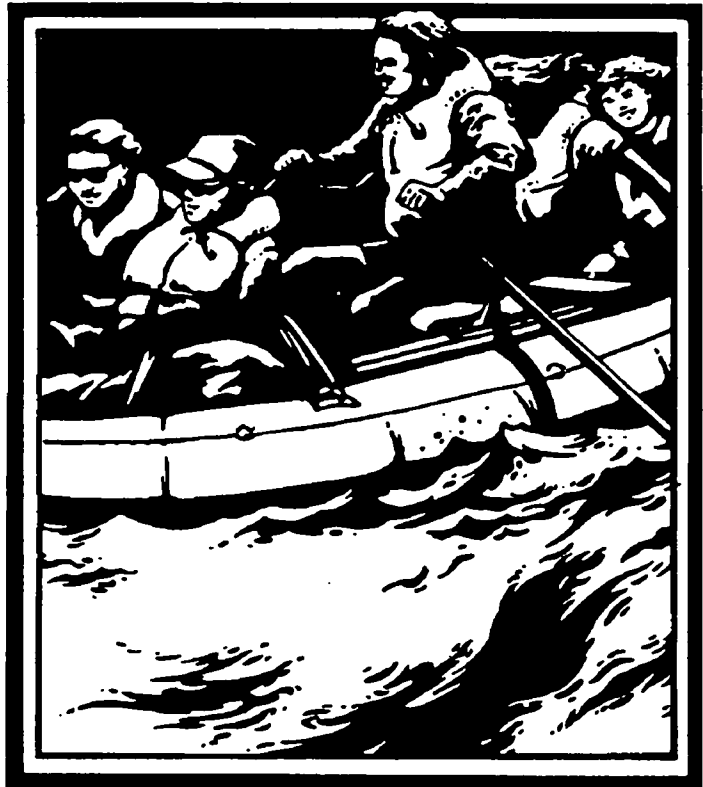
### If Boating . . .

- Wear a securely fastened Personal Flotation Device!
- Don't drink. Alcohol impairs your judgment and increases the effects of cold. Many boating accidents and drownings are alcohol related.
- Know how to swim. If you are in a boat, assume that sooner or later you will be in the water.
- Scout the rapids. There are seven relatively difficult class II rapids on the river. Scout the rapids from shore before attempting to run them.
- Beware of weirs. In the river there are a number of eel weirs which can trap and swamp your boat. Ask NPS rangers or livery personnel for information on how to locate and avoid them.

- Hypothermia is dangerous when the water temperature is below 70°. You should know how to prevent, recognize and treat hypothermia. Call NPS at (914)252-7100 for info.
- Wear warm wool clothing when boating in cold water. If the sum of the water temperature plus air temperature is less than 100°, wear a wet suit.
- Do not overload your boat. Keep weight evenly distributed.
- Wear protective foot gear.
- Avoid boating alone. The American Red Cross recommends traveling with a minimum of three craft. Use the buddy system and keep other boats in sight.
- Be courteous. Extend courtesy to fishermen and other users of the river.
- Don't litter or trespass. Most land along the river is privately owned and should be treated with due respect.
- River conditions are ever changing. High water or cold weather can increase the danger for boaters. For a report on river conditions call NPS at (914) 252-7100.

### If Your Are Swamped . . .

- Even a swamped boat will float. Stay with the boat unless common sense



tells you safety will be increased by leaving it.

- Hold on to the upstream end of the boat in order to avoid being crushed between the boat and a rock. Float on your back with your feet pointed downstream and near the water surface. Do not attempt to stand in fast water unless it is too shallow to swim, since the current can pin you under if your foot is caught in the rocks.
- Save people first. Save equipment later only if it can be done safely.

### If Swimming or Tubing ...

- Never swim alone.
- Never swim across the river.
- Wear foot gear to protect against sharp rocks and broken glass.
- Wear a securely fastened PFD!

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of their time to come and actually pick up garbage," explained Acciavatti.

### Community Service

This award honors work done which has made a significant contribution to protect a section of the Upper Delaware River, or one or more of its valuable resources. This year's award went to three organizations that jointly held a hugely successful Riverfest in Narrowsburg last July—the Citizens for Tusten, Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce, and Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Accepting on behalf of their respective organizations were Jill Padua, Sharon Lapersonerie, and Elaine Giguere.

Padua expressed the Citizens for Tusten's appreciation for the award, reminded everyone about the upcoming litterpluck, and expressed appreciation for the UDC's new initiative with its adopt-a-highway program. Giguere expressed pride in the partnership with business where the arts have been able to help bring about some vitality and spirit to the community which will continue into the future. Lapersonerie expressed thanks to the UDC and acknowledged the cooperative efforts of the three organizations in the Riverfest, noting that the 2nd annual Riverfest will be held on the last Sunday in July.

### Award of Recognition

Three awards of recognition were awarded this year.

One was to Robert Bendick, Deputy Commissioner of the New York State

Department of Environmental Conservation, for his personal support and involvement in many projects the UDC has been involved with in the past year.

Bendick said he was pleased to accept this award and hoped it is an indication of the Department's increasing commitment to save our natural resources, our exceptional places, like the Upper Delaware, in cooperation with local citizens and local government. "Conservation is a partnership," stated Bendick. "It is not successful unless it is a partnership. I think we will find in the Delaware, and in the State as a whole, that if we work together to save these exceptional pieces of our heritage we'll be joined not only to the land that we love, but to each other."

The second Award of Recognition was presented to the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) for the outstanding educational programs they have put on for the benefit of the local citizens. In presenting the award, Fitzpatrick explained that the CAC broke ground on the concept of community public involvement in a federal effort to protect the river.

Martin Borko, current CAC chairman, accepted the award and noted that their educational efforts will continue into the future. Borko recognized the other members of the CAC present and gave special praise to Carla Hahn of the National Park Service for the excellent assistance she gives the organization.

A third, unscheduled, Award of Recognition was presented to Congressman

Gilman for the unwavering support he has given from the beginning.

### Oaken Gavel

This award is presented annually to the person who chaired the UDC during the previous year. Thomas Hill, UDC representative from the Town of Lumberland, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the previous chairmen who took a lot of the heat and aggravation, to the UDC members, staff, and the town officials and the people of the Town of Lumberland for their support. Hill noted the hard work that went into two issues in particular this past year—the upgrading of the water quality standards in the Delaware River and the evaluation of the use of personal watercraft (commonly referred to as jet skis).

### Encore for Everest

Before closing, Fitzpatrick called Robert Everest back to the podium. Everest, who has worked for the DRBC since its creation in 1961, had been given a plaque at the March 5th UDC meeting congratulating him on his upcoming retirement from that agency.

"I can't help but note that I'll be retiring from the DRBC, but I'll be leaving the UDC," Everest philosophized. "Never have I been a recipient of such accolades in my life, from friends who have sort of just developed out of sheer time and through an involvement that I never thought would develop into such a heart-rending type thing. I've enjoyed my time up here."

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# Calendar of Upper Delaware Events

## April 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NY Trout Fishing Season Opens	2 UDC Meeting 7:30 PM, Tusten Town Hall Narrowsburg	3	4
5	6	7 UDC Conference on Tourism as a Tool for Economic Development Best Western Matamoras	8	9	10	11 NPS Bookstore in Narrowsburg Opens Weekends Today Thru May 10th
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 PA Trout Fishing Season Opens
19	20	21 UDC Water Use & Resource Mgmt Committee 7 PM Tusten Town Hall	22 DRBC Monthly Meeting, Wilmington, DE, call 609-883-9500 for details	23 Public Hearing on EIS Re: Introduction of Salmon, 7 PM, Holiday Inn Port Jervis NY	24 CAC Meeting, 7 PM, Tusten Town Hall, Re: Impact on WVO of NYC Water Supply Plan	25
26	27	28 UDC Operations & Proj Review Committees 6:30 PM UDC Office, Narrowsburg	29	30		
<b>The Upper Delaware Shad run generally begins in late April!</b>						

## May 1992

<b>May 2-10 Is National River Cleanup Week!</b>						1	2 Sullivan County LitterPluck; call Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce for info
3 May is American Wetlands Month!	4	5 DRBC WQ Hearing 2.5 PM & 7 PM Best Western Inn, Matamoras	6 DRBC WQ Hearing 2.5 PM & 7 PM Tusten Theatre, Narrowsburg	7 UDC Meeting 7:30 PM, Tusten Town Hall Narrowsburg	8	9 Minisink Battlefield Park open daily from May 9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 NPS Bookstore Opens Daily; info kiosks open daily 8:30 - 5 PM	
17	18	19 UDC Water Use & Resource Mgmt Committee 7 PM Tusten Town Hall	20 DRBC Monthly Meeting, Chadds Ford, PA call 609-883-9500 for details	21	22	23 Fort Delaware open weekends thru June 21	
24	25	26 UDC Operations & Proj Review Committees 6:30 PM UDC Office, Narrowsburg	27	28	29 CAC Business Meeting, 7 PM, Tusten, Town Hall	30	
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## June 1992

	1	2	3	4 UDC Meeting 7:30 PM, Tusten Town Hall Narrowsburg	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 UDC Water Use & Resource Mgmt Committee 7 PM Tusten Town Hall	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 UDC Operations & Proj Review Committees 6:30 PM UDC Office, Narrowsburg	24 DRBC Monthly Meeting; call DRBC at 609-883-9500 for details; Fort Delaware open daily	25	26 CAC Meeting, 7 PM at Wild and Scenic River Tours, Barryville, NY	27
28	29	30				
<b>June is American Rivers Month and Pennsylvania Rivers Month!</b>						

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