



8th Annual (Virtual) Delaware River Watershed Forum Program

Day 1: Monday, September 14th, 2020

10:00 AM Welcome Remarks and Town Hall with Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19)

11:30-12:30 PM Lightning Rounds and Next Steps for the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program

Back by popular demand! Several Coalition members will participate in Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund lightning rounds hosted by Mike Slattery of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Afterwards, an update will be provided regarding the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program's draft governance structure: where it stands and how you can influence the final steps, and what to expect after the final steps have been completed.

- Moderator: Mike Slattery, Landscape Partnerships Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Jen Adkins, Director, Clean Water Supply, American Rivers (representing Christina Conservancy)
- Rob Hossler, Wildlife Administrator, Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Lamar Gore, Refuge Manager, John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum
- Kristen Meistrell, Stewardship Project Director – South, NJ Audubon
- Jim Jordan, Executive Director, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance

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1:00-2:30 PM Breakout Session 1 (Concurrent Sessions)

- **People Power: Environmental Advocacy for the Delaware River Watershed**

This session will cover the importance of advocacy to our education, stewardship, and restoration work.

Learn how you can revamp your strategies to engage elected officials and community members in an effective and fun way!

- Moderator: Julie Slavet, Executive Director, Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership
- Kristin Zilcosky, Director of Digital Engagement, Conservation Voters of PA and New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
- Stephanie Wein, Clean Water and Conservation Advocate, PennEnvironment
- Ted Steinberg, Legislative Assistant, Congressman Brendan Boyle (PA-02)

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- **Reservoir Management in the Delaware Headwaters Affects Everyone in the Watershed: The Impacts of the Flexible Flow Management Program from the Catskills to the Delaware Bay**

The FFMP is a critical watershed planning tool because it requires the four border states and New York City to regularly convene to discuss basin wide water resource issues in a holistic manner. This session will provide a history of the FFMP, explain the basic mechanics of its operations, examine the current status of the plan, and to allow professional watershed practitioners who work with the FFMP on a daily basis to relay their views on its importance to all watershed stakeholders.

- Moderator: Jeff Skelding, Executive Director, Friends of the Upper Delaware River
- Jennifer Garigliano, Chief of Staff, Bureau of Water Supply, New York City Department of Environmental Protection
- Peter Kolesar, Professor Emeritus, Columbia University
- Steve Domber, Section Chief, Water Resources, NJ Department of Environmental Protection
- Hoss Liaghat, P.E. Chief, Clean Water State Planning Section, Office of Water Resources Planning, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- David Wunsch, PhD, Director and State Geologist, Delaware Geographical Survey
- Brenan Tarrier, Division of Water, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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- **Exploring the Partnership Wild and Scenic River Designation**

This session will dive into how to use the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Toolkit to determine the feasibility of a National Wild and Scenic River designation. Possible topic areas include de-mystifying the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers as a model for conservation and collaboration, ways to partner with your local Wild and Scenic River Council, the history and impact of the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River designation, ways the National Park Service can work with you along the Lower Delaware River (a collaborative brainstorm session), what to do if you're interested in getting your river designated (presenting a toolkit of information). This session will include collaborative brainstorming to advance this priority.

- Moderator: Alan Hunt, Director, Policy and Grants, Musconetcong Watershed Association
- Sarah Bursky, Natural Resource Specialist/River Manager, National Parks Service
- Patricia Ruby, Executive Director, Hunterdon Land Trust
- Mark Zakutanksy, Director of Conservation Policy Engagement, Appalachian Mountain Club

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- **Power and Privilege in the Workplace**

This interactive and reflective session will dive into privilege: what it is, what types of privilege do we perceive ourselves to have, and how it manifests in the workplace. Whether it be through recruitment and retention, volunteer engagement, or an overall sense of belonging for staff, understanding how privilege and power dynamics shape your organization's culture is integral to creating a more inclusive space. The session will also provide tools to get your board on board with equity work, acknowledging current privilege and power dynamics. Facilitators will ask that attendees come willing to practice mindfulness and participate in a liberated space.

- Moderator: Olivia Le Warn, Engagement Coordinator, Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed
- Todd Pride, Managing Director, The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County

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Day 2: Tuesday, September 15th, 2020

9:00-10:00 AM New Jersey Member Session

In this collaborative session, join the Coalition's NJ State Lead, NJ League of Conservation Voters, to learn how our networked approach to policy works and how we are utilizing partnerships to achieve adopted priorities. Participants will engage with other attendees on strategies and tactics used for advocacy along with further developing what actions are needed for successes in the months ahead. This NJ-based session is open to all attendees. Check out our [state-based priorities here](#).

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10:00-11:00 AM The Intersection of Public Health, Equity, and Restoration

The health of our communities is inexorably linked to the health of watersheds. Many communities, particularly those of color, suffer from environmental injustices. At a time when low-income communities of color are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and the threats of climate change, it's important now more than ever to focus on the intersectionality of our work. When water supplies are degraded or there is a lack access to parks and waterways, public health is jeopardized. If people don't feel like they have a stake in protecting their waterways, advocates for clean water dwindle. This interactive session will showcase dynamic problem solvers who are creating intersections between public health, equitable access to parks, and strong water infrastructure for all. Learn how your commitment to equity, justice, and public health can engage our communities to help create impact for the Delaware River watershed.

- Moderator: Ronda Chapman, Senior Associate, PolicyLink
- Benita Hussain, Director, 10 Minute Walk Campaign, The Trust for Public Land
- Berenice Tompkins, Jersey Renews Campaign Organizer, NJ Work Environment Council

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11:30-12:30 AM Breakout Session 2 (Concurrent Sessions)

- **Connecting Urban Communities to Waterways**

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've witnessed incidents of racial injustice that have resulted in an enormous collective response to oppression, including a blatant act of discrimination against Christian Cooper, a Board Member of New York City Audubon, in Central Park. As the Coalition continues to ensure outdoor recreation opportunities are accessible for all, we must also ensure they are welcoming and safe for all participants. This breakout will focus on outdoor recreation in an urban setting, specifically focusing on youth engagement.

- Moderator: Joann Higgins, Assistant Director of Experiential Learning, Urban Promise
- Noilda Sousa, Environmental Education Program Director, Urban Promise
- Tykee James, Government Affairs Coordinator, National Audubon Society
- Scott Quitel, Founder and CEO, LandHealth Institute
- John Harrod, Manager, DuPont Environmental Education Center, Delaware Nature Society

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- **Riparian Buffer and Floodplain Policies and Practices**

The session will discuss opportunities to increase riparian buffer protections for waterways using federal, state and local programs for flood mitigation and floodplain management. The presentation will cover: 1) the role trees and riparian buffers play in flood management, 2) an overview state and federal flood mitigation programs that include property acquisition and are ripe for riparian buffer implementation, 3) outlying and navigating the challenges to these programs including 'no rise' certificates and long term maintenance planning, 4) floodplain programs that provide incentive for riparian buffers such as the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, and 5) municipal responsibility and opportunity to increase riparian buffer protection.

- Moderator: Jennifer Adkins, Director, Clean Water Supply, American Rivers
- Eileen Shader, Director, River Restoration, American Rivers
- Josh Lippert, Assistant Director, Managing Director Office: Floodplain Manager, City of Philadelphia

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- **Civic Engagement Strategies for Watershed Conservation**

This session will explore different methods of civic engagement throughout the basin. Learn about the Rodale Institute's Grow Clean Water Campaign that works with young families in Philadelphia to make connections between healthy farms and clean water, the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed's new online webpage that acts as a "one stop shop" for civic engagement opportunities, and citizen engagement projects in New Castle County (DE) and the City of Wilmington from Water Words that Work LLC comparing the performance and cost of print, broadcast, and online outreach methods while offering guidance to participants on how to make smart choices for their own campaigns.

- Moderator: Rita Yelda, Outreach and Communications Manager, Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed
- Colleen Walters, Delaware River Basin Program Manager, River Network
- Eric Eckl, Owner, Water Words that Work
- Diana Martin, Director of Communications and Marketing, Rodale Institute

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- **Creative Strategies for Implementation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure on Private and Public Lands**

Green stormwater infrastructure is being hailed as a top strategy for addressing stormwater pollution while improving the beauty, safety, and health of communities, but getting private and public landowners to invest can be challenging. Creativity is key to advancing interest and showcasing pilot projects. Learn about programs throughout the watershed using creativity to get projects in the ground and educate landowners about the benefits of green stormwater infrastructure, including The Stream Smart House Calls program in southeastern Pennsylvania.

- Moderator: Jaclyn Rhoads, Assistant Executive Director, Pinelands Preservation Alliance
- Chris Obropta, PhD, Extension Specialist, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
- Isabella Castiglioni, Outreach Manager, Pinelands Preservation Alliance and ANJEC
- Susan Miller, Executive Director, Darby Creek Valley Association

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1:00-2:00 PM How Water Utilities are Adapting in the Face of a Pandemic

The Delaware River watershed is managed as an engineered system to provide a sustainable water supply and combat climate change impacts from droughts to floods. How can we coordinate across state lines to ensure that all residents depending on the Delaware River Watershed have access to clean and affordable drinking water from reliable water infrastructure? This session will explore how water utilities have been addressing critical issues facing our watershed through creative programs, such as assisting low-income households and communities during the current public health emergency.

- Moderator: Patty Elkins, Director of Planning, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Committee
- Randy Hayman, Esq. Commissioner and CEO, Philadelphia Water
- Robert Boos, Deputy Executive Director for Project Management, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
- Cheryl Norton, President New Jersey American Water
- Nathan Gardner-Andrews, General Counsel and Chief Advocacy Officer, National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)

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2:30-3:30 PM New York Member Session

In this collaborative session, join the Coalition's NY State Lead, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, to learn how our networked approach to policy works and how we are utilizing partnerships to achieve adopted priorities. Participants will engage with other attendees on strategies and tactics used for advocacy along with further developing what actions are needed for successes in the months ahead. This NY-based session is open to all attendees. Check out our [state-based priorities here](#).

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Day 3: Wednesday, September 16th, 2020

9:00-9:45 AM Virtual Field Trips (Concurrent Sessions)

- **Cooper River Ecology and History Tour**

Join the UrbanPromise RiverGuides on their ecology and history tour that they conduct on the Cooper River from the comfort of your home. While COVID-19 created challenges to the traditional tour format, these student ambassadors adapted to continue sharing their knowledge of the Cooper River within their communities. The pre-recorded tour will be followed by a Q&A with some of the student RiverGuides to provide their insights, you won't want to miss it! This session will last 30 minutes.

- Joann Higgins, Assistant Director of Experiential Learning, Urban Promise
- Noilda Sousa, Environmental Education Program Director, Urban Promise

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- **Fly Tying 101: What is a Fly and why do we Tie?**

This field trip will dive into the fly selection process - matching the hatch and a demonstration on tying four classic Fly Patterns for targeting the famed wild Brown & Rainbow Trout of the Upper Delaware River. Presenters will tie and cover techniques for tying nymph, emerger, dun and spinner phases of a mayfly life cycle.

- Ben Rinker
- Rich Thomas

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- **Seeing What We See - The Upper Delaware River with LightHawk**

Sometimes you need to go North - Jump on board with LightHawk eastern region staff for a narrated flight above the source of this amazing river and learn more about how we advance the work of our conservation partners from Source to Sea. LightHawk's eastern region program director, Jonathan Milne, and flight coordinator, Audrey Ek-Psomas will share best practices for making every flight count.

- Jonathan Milne, LightHawk, Eastern Region Program Director
- Audrey Ek-Psomas, LightHawk, Eastern Program Coordinator

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10:00-11:00 AM Breakout Session 3 (Concurrent Sessions)

- **A Drinking Water Guide for Advocacy and Outreach**

This interactive session will introduce and explain how participants can use a new River Network online resource, the Drinking Water Guide: A Resource for Advocates that reflects the increasing intersection of affordability, equity, and environmental quality highlighted by drinking water crises. River Network worked with an advisory committee, consultants and partners to develop a layperson-friendly drinking water guide including components relating to source water, treatment, funding, safety, sustainability and policy frameworks with a focus on equity and community engagement. This session will provide an introduction and overview of the guide, and time to dive deeper into select topics.

- Katherine Baer, Director of Science and Policy, River Network
- Colleen Walters, Delaware River Basin Program Manager, River Network

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- **Beyond the Plastic Bag: Achieving Success through Connecting Advocacy, Research, and Unique Partnerships**

Plastic bag bans are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to turning off the tap on single-use plastic pollution. However, COVID-19 did put a significant damper on progress made as bag ban legislation was paused and the CDC recommended restaurants use single-use cutlery. How should we be evolving our advocacy and messaging to prioritize science in the COVID-19 era? Learn about the interconnectedness of public health and climate change implications to collaborating with sustainable businesses and researchers on the latest data. This session will feature plenty of time for interactive conversation aimed at solutions and policy strategy.

- Moderator: N. Dini Checko, Project Director, ANJEC
- Logan Welde, Esq., Staff Attorney, Clean Air Council
- Jonathan Cohen, Associate Professor, School of Marine Science and Policy, University of Delaware
- Thomas Oppel, Executive Vice President, American Sustainable Business Council

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- **Creating and Leveraging Municipal Revenue Streams to Support Stormwater Management and Water Quality Benefits**

Municipalities have many options when it comes to funding stormwater management, whether it is implementing stormwater fees or using existing revenue streams such as liquid fuels revenues, shade tree programs, and open space programs. Join us for a lively discussion on the various options as we clarify the differences between fees, taxes and other fund sources. Using Pennsylvania as an example, we will cover the basics and include case studies of successes and lessons learned. And we will discuss ways you and your organization can support the various options as an integral component of a robust community stormwater management program.

- Moderator: Ellen Kohler, Program Director for Water Resources, University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center
- Susan Myerov, Watersheds Program Director, Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Lia Mastropolo, Associate Director of Urban Stormwater, American Rivers
- Renee Reber, Campaign Manager for Watershed Advocacy, PennFuture

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- **Why Business is a Key Partner in Watershed Protection**

Policymakers and the media listen to business, but too often it's the wrong ones. The reality is that the business community is split on issues such as clean water protections. This session will explore how bringing businesses to the table in support of protecting the watershed, strengthens advocacy and weakens the power of the opposition. Adding the business case to the environmental case is a winning combination. Hear about where this strategy is paying off and join the discussion on how to amplify collective impact.

- Moderator: Bob Rossi, Executive Director of New York Sustainable Business Council
- Representative Leanne Krueger, Pennsylvania's 161st District
- Dominique Lueckenhoff, Senior Vice President for Corporate Affairs and Sustainability, Hugo Neu
- Liz Murray, Director of HR and Communications, Marlow Collective

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1:30-2:30 PM Workshops (Concurrent Sessions)

- **Watershed Education Activities for Youth and Adults**

Participants will get a chance to experience hands-on activities that they can use when working with the general public, youth groups, watershed associations, community leaders, and any other audience. A variety of resources will be shared, and virtual hands-on experiences will be included so that participants leave feeling more prepared to lead the activities themselves. These activities include Penn State Extension's award winning "Rain to Drain-Slow the Flow," "Watershed Decisions," and more.

- Brad Kunsman, Extension Educator, Penn State Extension Water Resources
- Jennifer Fetter, Water Resources Team Leader, Penn State Extension

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- **How to Get Amazing Media Attention for Your Work**

Picture this: you plan and execute a stellar event from soup to nuts. Everything ran smoothly and the turnout was exceptional, except you didn't receive the media coverage you were hoping for. Pitching to the media can be challenging, especially in today's "new normal." This workshop will dive into innovative tips and tricks from the pros on how to position your event to attract press coverage. Speakers will share strategies for both in-person and virtual events as we grapple with program adaptation amidst the pandemic.

- Julie Slavet, Executive Director, Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership
- Adam Hymans, Managing Director, Resource Media
- Alex Mulcahy, Publisher, Grid Magazine

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- **Preparing for Newly Elected Officials**

It's 2020! In just a few short months, there will be scores of officials who will be elected to municipalities and districts across the watershed many of whom will be holding office for the very first time. This transition period presents a great opportunity for 501c3 non-profits to build relationships with and educate newly elected officials about issues that matter to your organization, your local watershed, and the Delaware River watershed. Conservation Voters of PA and New Jersey LCV will share best practices on how to build relationships early with newly elected officials that will pay off in the long run.

- Kristin Zilcosky, Director of Digital Engagement, Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania and New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
- Ed Potosnak, Executive Director, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
- Josh McNeil, Executive Director, Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania

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- **So, You're a Leader, What's Next?**

Whether you coordinate volunteers, manage staff, or implement large projects, you likely need to navigate conflict daily. This workshop will teach participants how to manage conflict and foster positive feedback loops by learning techniques to work through difficult conversations, promote positive dialogue at all levels, and build confidence within staff. This workshop includes interactive role playing and exercises to take back to your organization.

- Brenna Goggin, Leadership Development Manager, River Network
- Mariah Davis, Policy and Campaigns Manager, Choose Clean Water Coalition

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2:30-3:30 PM Pennsylvania Member Session

In this collaborative session, join the Coalition's PA State Lead, PennFuture, to learn how our networked approach to policy works and how we are utilizing partnerships to achieve adopted priorities. Participants will engage with other attendees on strategies and tactics used for advocacy along with further developing what actions are needed for successes in the months ahead. This PA-based session is open to all attendees. Check out our [state-based priorities here](#).

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Day 4: Thursday, September 17th, 2020

9:00-10:00 AM Delaware Member Session

In this collaborative session, join the Coalition's DE State Lead, Delaware Nature Society, to learn how our networked approach to policy works and how we are utilizing partnerships to achieve adopted priorities. Participants will engage with other attendees on strategies and tactics used for advocacy along with further developing what actions are needed for successes in the months ahead. This DE-based session is open to all attendees. Check out our [state-based priorities here](#).

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11:00 AM-12:30 PM Connecting the Dots Between Watershed-Wide Partnerships

What if everyone across the watershed came together to solve one problem? While we've had much success in cleaning up the Delaware, we still have trouble crossing the lines of our coalitions, alliances, networks, and initiatives. Whether it's the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed, Alliance for Watershed Education, the Circuit Trail Network, or the Delaware River Watershed Initiative, there are several large-scale initiatives and even more small collaborations and impactful efforts underway. How can CDRW's policy work perform to advance the protection goals that are engrained in the DRWI? How can monitoring efforts contribute to storytelling to engage the outdoor recreation community which can then advance policy and inclusion and equity efforts? Why is it so hard to get us all to work in concert? This session will highlight what our collective strengths are, the challenges we face, and will get your input on what it will take to start working together toward the same broad goals, such as a more equitable watershed and improved surface water quality. Whether you're neck deep in an initiative, part of a smaller collaborative effort looking for support, or a group looking from the outside-in, there's space to discuss how to embark in a wide-spread coordinated effort to make this watershed even more powerful in its efforts for healthier waters.

- Moderator: Nathan Boon, Senior Program Officer Watershed Protection, William Penn Foundation
- Aseel Rasheed, Director of Public Programs, Bartram's Garden
- Patrick Starr, Executive Vice President, Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Carol Collier, Senior Advisor, Watershed Mgt. & Policy, Academy for Natural Sciences
- Sandra Meola, Director, Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed

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1:00-2:00 PM Breakout Session 4 (Concurrent Sessions)

- **The Path from Outdoor Recreation to Clean Water Advocate: Cultivation Strategies**

Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, community members are still looking for ways to connect while so many of our beloved outdoor programming and events are cancelled. This session will dive into harnessing the passion outdoor enthusiasts have with taking action to advance clean water policies and regulations. Speakers will explain how to design outdoor programming while baking in advocacy messaging and amplifying motivators including environmental protection and economic vitality. Attendees will break out into small groups to strategize how to get more value from community members to take action toward policy goals.

- Moderator: Wes Gillingham, Associate Director Catskill Mountainkeeper
- Derek Eberly, Pennsylvania Field Representative, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Lisa Darrigo, Program Coordinator, New York League of Conservation Voters

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- **Watershed Forest Management: Long-term Protection through Resistance and Resilience**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Division of Water Supply Protection (DWSP) manages and protects the drinking water supply watersheds that provide unfiltered source water for approximately 3 million Massachusetts residents. The three active and one emergency watersheds cover over 400 square miles, and DWSP owns or controls about 130,000 acres, including two large reservoirs. DWSP's mission is to conserve water and other natural resources and assure the availability of pure water for future generations. This talk will describe a variety of programs DWSP uses to support its mission including land protection, active management of forested and non-forested areas, and wildlife management.

- Moderator: John Parke, Stewardship Project Director - North Region, New Jersey Audubon
- Daniel E. Clark, PhD, Regional Director, DCR - Division of Water Supply Protection
- Brian Keevan, Natural Resource Analyst, DCR – Division of Water Supply Protection

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- **A Fishable, Swimmable, (and Drinkable) Delaware River Estuary**

One of the primary goals of the federal Clean Water Act is to achieve water quality in surface water that are fishable and swimmable - meaning that a level of water quality “for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and to provide for recreation in and on the water.” The combined successes of the DRBC and the Clean Water Act programs have resulted in remarkable, measurable and significant improvement in the quality of water in the Delaware River Estuary, but there is more work to be done. Drinking water treatment continues to be challenged by contaminants and pollutants of emerging concern as well as the change in the balance between sea water and freshwater likely to result from sea level rise. This presentation will discuss the: a) The primary sources of pollution that are impacting and threatening a fishable, swimmable and drinkable Delaware River Estuary. b) DRBC’s programs and priorities to meet Clean Water Act goals, and c) how wider contributions from the Basin community can help to advance these goals.

- Moderator: Steve Tambini, P.E., Executive Director, DRBC
- John Yagecic, P.E., Manager of Water Quality Assessment, DRBC
- Amy Shallcross, P.E., Manager of Water Resource Operations, DRBC

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- **Research in the Delaware River Basin Lightning Talks**

This session will preview work to be presented in more detail at the (Virtual) 4th Annual Delaware Watershed Research Conference to be held in Fall 2020. Talks will highlight research on the Delaware River Watershed including studies occurring within the Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI) and those funded by the Delaware Watershed Research Fund (DWRf). Topics will include water quality monitoring and modeling, community science, stream temperature modeling, flooding and hydrology, forest protection, public health and socio-economic perspectives, and restoration ecology.

- Stefanie Kroll, Watershed Ecology Section Leader, Patrick Center for Environmental Research
- Marie Kurz, Geochemistry Section Leader, Patrick Center for Environmental Research
- Lin Perez, Environmental Data Science Section Leader, Patrick Center for Environmental Research

ZOOM LINK

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2:30-3:30 Virtual Field Trips (Concurrent Sessions)

○ **Self-Care During Unprecedented Times**

Our own Coalition Director and 200-hour certified yoga teacher, Sandra Meola, will walk through ways to prioritize mental health during these stressful, unprecedented times. This interactive "field trip" will dive into the unhealthy habits that are sabotaging our effectiveness from our home offices, and offer self-care tips and tricks including desk stretches and a quick chair yoga sequence you can do every day!

- Sandra Meola, Director, Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed

ZOOM LINK

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○ **Stream Bank Erosion Monitoring**

Learn how Master Watershed Stewards in Bucks County are monitoring stream bank erosion for the Conservation District and local municipalities. Master Watershed Steward Jim Walter will walk you through the ins and outs of setting up an erosion monitoring program. Bucks County Master Watershed Steward Coordinator Kathleen Connally will discuss how you can partner with MWS volunteers in your area to put a similar program together.

- James Walter, Penn State, Master Watershed Steward
- Kathleen Connally, Bucks County Master Watershed Steward Coordinator

ZOOM LINK

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○ **Elevate Your Knowledge of the Catskill Mountains**

Join the Catskill Center to explore the diverse ecosystems and rare species of the Catskill Mountains, starting in the Mountain Spruce-Fir Forest on the Catskill's highest mountain and working down in elevation, touching on the Catskill's unique cultural history along the way. From the Bicknell's Thrush to the dwarf wedgemussel, learn about the various species that call the Catskill Mountains home.

- John Thompson, Crisp Coordinator, Catskill Center

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