

# Management Council Meeting Agenda Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:00 AM- 11:30 PM via Zoom

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## 1. (5 min) Welcome - Richard Dodds, Chairman - Introductions and Land Acknowledgement

- We would like to acknowledge that our work as a Council is on the traditional lands and home of the Lenape People, Lënapehòkink, and we pay our respects to those who have stewarded this land from time immemorial and are still doing so today. We commit to improving this relationship, supporting Lenape recognition in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and working together on programs and projects to benefit the Delaware River.
- Approval of September 2025 Minutes (attached)
- Please introduce yourself in chat, name and organization/role

#### 2. (10 min) Mini-grant - Cindy

- Awardees to be notified beginning of January.
- Washington Crossing Park Association, NJ, video.
- Washington Crossing Historic Park, PA, video.
- 3. (10-15 min) SPLASH River Partners Presentation and Video Eric Clark
- 4. (5 min) Projects Update
- 5. (5 min) Budget, what ideas and priorities should be considered for the budget due in March? Alison
- 6. (10 min) Expansion Study Update Alison

#### 7. (15 min) Awareness and Outreach - Alison

- Outreach events
- Jr. Ranger Booklet
- Updated LDWS Website high res pictures needed!

### 8. (5 min) Available Resources - Alison

- Interested in joining the CDRW Steering Committee? Submit your application here!
- Federal: The American Flood Coalition created the Flood Funding Finder. Learn more.
- NJ

- o Historic preservation certified local government grants. Learn more.
- o Green acres local and nonprofit program. Learn more.
- o The Natural Climate Solutions Grant program. Learn more.
- o The Murphy administration invites local governments and nonprofits to apply for parks and open space grants. Learn more.
- NJ Council for the Humanities Community History grants and training program https://njhumanities.org/programs/community-history/; due Dec 9
- Applications for site recognition on NJ Historical Commission's Black Heritage Trail https://form.jotform.com/252824905361155
- PA
- o The Shapiro Administration will invest up to \$882,000 in volunteer fire companies to help protect rural communities from wildfires. Learn more.
- o Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Program Accepting Applications for Spring 2026 Training. Learn more.
- o Pennsylvania Environmental Council-Protect Your Drinking Water Grants are now open. Learn more.

# 9. (15-20 min) Ongoing Matters - Richard and all

- Hal H. Clark, Boat Launch, (Pedestrian Trails Coming To New County Park In <u>Solebury</u>). NPS Section 7 Review Sarah.
- Top court rules in favor of <u>H&K Quarry</u> in Springfield, Upper Bucks, by Tohickon Creek
- Paunacussing Sarah and Mark
  - o Paunacussing Creek
  - o Gas line -Work done and put sod down.
  - o Fleecydale Rd erosion PennDOT put the project off 3 years.
- Washington <u>Crossing Bridge</u> replacement. Army Corps added Sarah to an interagency team for bridge redesign alternatives. Sarah
- NJ bill from June 2025, Authorizes construction, installation, and operation of certain energy project components on preserved farmland Bob H.
- Lambertville Cavallo Park closed due to soil <u>contamination</u>. Progress has been made but the park is still not open Alison
- PFAS found in Wrightstown wells, Bucks Co., PA.
- Comprehensive article on ebike trends and regulatory environment https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/30/magazine/e-bikes-accidents-safety-legislation-california.html?
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- Phillipsburg secures historic 33-acre land <u>preservation deal</u> on site eyed for <u>warehousing</u>. The area is along a park by the river, which may help to revitalize the waterfront. Opportunity to extend the rail trail which goes across where Lehigh and Delaware Rivers meet Alison
- Easton EAC continues work on light pollution ordinance Alison
- Headquarters Road Bridge work <u>started</u>. Martie-Water quality testing done.
- Lumberville Aqueduct is open for biking and hiking.

- Sunoco Energy Transfer leak in Washington Crossing, Upper Makefield, read the latest <a href="here.">here.</a> Jet fuel being checked this <a href="month">month</a>. Pipeline bill <a href="proposed">proposed</a>. Mark
- Rockfall Rt 29 Alison and Cindy
  - o Devil's Tea Table -Inquiry sent from DTT Alliance and LDWS inquiring as to timing and whether additional community meetings will be held. Response is they are working on alternatives, including possibly moving the road. Reconvene meetings spring 2026.
  - o Lambertville/W Amwell no update
- What issues are emerging?

#### **Issues with No Update**

- PFAS in Lambertville
- Sandcastle Winery unpermitted work, stormwater runoff into canal. Zoning appeals proceed.
- Golden Pheasant Canal Bridge Cindy Penn DOT presented options.
- Groundwater contamination
  - o PFAS in Washington Township, Warren Co, NJ on the Musconetcong.
- Warehouse
  - o Upper Mt. Bethel River Pointe Logistics- Amazon pulled out.
  - o Phillipsburg Warehouse (will update when decisions are made).
- In Durham, on Rodges Run is a Landmark Hospitality venue <u>Durham Springs</u>. Sewage plant and 44 cabins proposed.
- The Land project, Dubliner on the Delaware sold to Landmark Hospitality
- Creamery Rd Bridge
- Nockamixon Dam water release evaluation.

#### 2026 Dates:

• Thursdays 10 A.M.: March 26, June 25, September 24, and December 24 (need to reschedule)

#### **Attachments/Handouts**

- September Minutes
- November Agenda

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