



### Management Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 26, 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, Lēnapehòkink, 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 March 2025 Minutes (attached)
- Please introduce yourself in chat, name and organization/role

**2. (10 min) State of the LDWS Program and Looking Back on Five Years - Richard**

**3. (15 min) Expansion Study Accomplishments - Alison**

**4. (10 min) 5 Years of Mini-Grants - Cindy**

**5. (20 min) Partner Preservation**

- Hunterdon Land Trust - Jackie
- Heritage Conservancy - Matt

**6. (15 min) Awareness and Outreach - Alison**

- Sojourn
- Logo/branding
- Jr. Ranger Booklet
- Updated LDWS Website

**7. (10 min) Water Safety**

- Safety Issues to Date
- Low head [dams](#)
- Outreach in Lambertville

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

- DEP accepting nominations through July 25 for annual awards recognizing New Jersey's recycling and sustainability leaders. Nomination [packet](#).

- The Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Water Resources Program has funding from NJDEP to help towns address their municipal separate storm sewer (MS4) permit requirements. [More info.](#)
- New Jersey State Historical Marker Program 250th [Initiative](#)

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

- Headquarters Road Bridge-DEP approves [permit](#)
- Solebury purchased [quarry](#). Primrose Creek runs through the quarry
- What issues are emerging?

#### Issue No Updates:

1. Hal H. Clark, Boat Launch, (Pedestrian Trails Coming To New County Park In [Solebury](#)). Ramp project is on track after some funding uncertainty.
2. The Lumberville Aqueduct is in the process. NPS (Wild and Scenic, and National Historic Landmark team) had to be consulted about some changes in design. But all of the approvals have been made and that one is well underway.
3. Nockamixon Dam water release evaluation-drought
4. Paunacussing gas line - Mats have been removed and permanent fix is in the works
5. Fleecydale Rd - NPS and PennDOT in consult about erosion repairs
6. Ground Water Contamination
  - a. PFAS in [Lambertville](#)
  - b. PFAS in [Washington](#) Township, Warren Co, NJ on the Musconetcong
  - c. Washington Crossing recovery wells will be [drilled](#)

#### 2025 Dates:

- Thursdays 10 A.M.: September 25, December 25 (need reschedule)

#### Attachments/Handouts

- March Minutes
- June Agenda

#### Steering Committee

Attendance: Matt Babbitt, Mark Baum Baicker, Bob Hornby, Amanda Khalil, Martie Kyde (Vice Chair), Jackie Middleton, and Lauren Seip

Staff: Alison Sommers-Sayre and Cindy Kunnas

#### 1. Opening Activities

- a. Approval of April minutes

#### 2. NPS Update

- a. National Parks Conservation Assoc. Press [Release](#)

- b. Attended Partnership Wild and Scenic River meeting. No funding update.

### 3. Expansion Project

- a. Easton passed a council resolution in April for mainstem designation, with potential Bushkill Creek inclusion under consideration
- b. Phillipsburg has designation on their June meeting agenda
- c. Both Easton and Phillipsburg are now eligible for designation (previously weren't due to industrial history and prior approach to urban areas)
- d. Lambertville has resolution on consent agenda tonight covering local creeks (Alexauken)
- e. Upper Mt. Bethel supports potentially supportive of mainstem designation but not tributary creeks
- f. Mercer County has passed a support resolution and Hunterdon County resolution is currently with their attorney for review

### 4. Water Safety Junior Ranger Badges and booklet Invasive Plants of BC, where to distribute

- a. Plan to put at Bull's Island, Washington Crossing both sides, and possibly Nurture Nature Center, Canal Museum in Easton, and the DCNR office for canal state park, Bowman's Hill, and potentially distribute at events.

### 5. River Use - Next step is to find a way to engage DRJTBC.

### 6. Partner Updates

- a. HLT- Jackie - End of NPS Current Cooperative Agreement was April 30.
- b. HC - Matt - Shared a map of preserved properties.
- c. NJ DEP - Lauren - NJ Real Rules are pending, not expected until the end of summer/beginning fall.
- d. Bucks Parks - Hal Clark, which faced potential funding loss, seems to be back on track, proceeding with permitting and funder approvals
- e. DRBC - Amanda - Focusing on water quality and quantity compliance.

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