

Management Council Meeting Agenda Thursday, March 27, 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 December 2024 Minutes (attached)
- Please introduce yourself in chat, name and organization/role

2. (10-15 min) DRBC Chloride Grant Proposal - Amanda

3. (15 min) Overview of FY25 Council budget - Richard

- NPS budget and state of things Sarah
- Partner proposals review Richard
- Council projects Outreach, Visitor Use, Expansion Study Alison
- Questions and input by broader Council? Richard

4. (10 min) Next Phase of Expansion Study

- "Segments & Tributary Expansion" Robert
- Council questions and feedback?

5. **(5 min) Next phase of visitor use management coordination** – Alison

6. (15 min) Ongoing Matters - Richard and all

- NPS Bank Stabilization guide is available for municipalities etc. Sarah
- Groundwater contamination Council steps with this?
 - o PFAS in Lambertville
 - o PFAS in Washington Township, Warren Co, NJ on the Musconetcong
 - o Washington Crossing jet fuel pipeline leak, wells contaminated
- Rockfall Rt 29 in Lambertville/W Amwell, March 13 meeting Richard/Alison next steps
- What issues are emerging?

7. (5 min) Available Resources - Alison

• Navigating the DEP System: Explaining Enforcement

- Shapiro Administration Launches Statewide Program to Replace Invasive Trees and Shrubs
- ANJEC 2025 Environmental Commission Grants for Open Space Stewardship <u>Projects.</u> Deadline is May 12.
- DCNR Grant to Advance Parks, Recreation, and Conservation <u>Projects.</u> Community Conservation Partnerships Program applications are due April 2.

8. (5 min) Upcoming Events - Cindy

- Call for Artists for Wine & Art at the Farm, Hunterdon Land Trust June 20th, 5:30 PM 8:30 PM
- The Musconetcong Watershed Association's annual River Clean-Up, April 12th, 9 AM
- Aquetong Watershed Annual Litter Clean-Up, April 5, 9:00 AM

NOTICES

ISSUES being tracked/Quick updates:

Steering Committee Updates - Richard

- 1. BioHabitats gave a presentation on the River Use Project and Cooperative Action Plan summary. Final <u>report</u> and executive <u>summary</u>.
- 2. Approved support in urging the New Jersey State Planning Commission to designate the Sourland Region as an Area of Critical State Concern (ACSC) in the final State Development and Redevelopment Plan
- 3. 2025 Min-Grant Awards
 - a. Friends of Washington Crossing, PA
 - b. Aquetong Watershed Association
 - c. Paunacussing Watershed Assoc.
 - d. Washington Crossing Park, NJ
 - e. Frenchtown EC/Solebury School

Issue Updates:

- f. Solebury will <u>purchase</u> the New Hope Crushed Stone quarry site in the Primrose Creek runs through.
- g. Frenchtown-Uhlerstown Bridge closed February 18. Slated to <u>reopen</u> it in time for Frenchtown's Riverfest in late summer 2025. DRJTBC Fact <u>Sheet</u>.
- h. Lambertville Bridge is now open and they conducted lighting testing.
- i. Warehouse, River Pointe Logistics Upper Mt. Bethel, \$1.5M granted to clean up former Slate Belt coal plant
- j. Headquarters Rd Private bridge redesign has been permitted and is moving forward
- k. Hal H. Clark, Boat Launch, Pedestrian Trails Coming To New County Park In <u>Solebury</u>. Construction to begin in the spring.
- I. High Falls is in design and construction
- m. 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.
- n. Nockamixon Dam water release evaluation-drought
- o. Paunnacussing gas line Matts have been removed and permanent fix is in the works
- p. Fleecydale Rd NPS and PennDOT in consult about erosion repairs

2025 Dates:

Thursdays 10 A.M.: June 26, September 25, December 25 (need reschedule)

Attachments/Handouts

- December Minutes
- March Agenda

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