The CDRW 2019 Watershed-Wide Priorities:

• Watershed-Wide Planning

• Federal Policy & Funding

• State Policy & Funding

• Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity & Justice

The Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed identifies policy priorities each year through a nomination and adoption process with its members.
CDRW Federal Policy Actions:

● Direct advocacy
  ○ Briefings, in-district engagements, Delaware River Watershed Hill Day

● Outreach and education

● Grassroots organizing

Federal Policy & Funding

CDRW will support federal policies and spending that promote a healthy watershed.
CDRW Federal Policy Priorities:

- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Wild & Scenic Rivers and Partnership Rivers
- Water Infrastructure Investment and Clean Water Act
• CDRW Priority Statement
  • Permanent reauthorization and full, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and support of pending projects within the Delaware River Watershed.

• Background
  • Authorizes $900 million annually to fund land conservation and outdoor recreation projects
  • In operation for 55 years
• Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge
• Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River
• Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
• Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
• Tyler State Park
• Nockamixon State Park
• Permanent reauthorization victory with passage on John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act
  • March 2019

• Full $900M authorized is not appropriated yearly
  • #SaveLWCF is now #Fund LWCF
Figure 4. LWCF Annual Discretionary Appropriations, FY1965-FY2019
(in millions of dollars, not adjusted for inflation)

Source: Graphic created by CRS. The primary source for the data is the DOI Office of Budget. Additional sources of information include the annual DOI Budget in Brief and congressional documents accompanying the annual Interior appropriations bill.
There is momentum behind the bills to fully fund LWCF at $900 million annually
H.R. 3195, over 218 cosponsors
S. 1081, 50 cosponsors

Could this happen by Congressional recess in December?
Wild & Scenic Rivers and Partnership Rivers

Alan Hunt, Musconetcong Watershed Association
Do you care about...

Free-flowing Rivers
Recreation
Historical and Cultural Resources
Wildlife Habitat

Archeological Resources
Geology
Scenic Views
Water Quality

These are all **Outstandingly Remarkable Values**
The Delaware River is the largest undammed American river east of the Mississippi River.

437 river miles have already been designated Wild and Scenic by Congress.

436 miles are listed by the National Park Service on the Nationwide Rivers Inventory as prequalified for designation.

Any other free flowing rivers in the Delaware Watershed could be studied for Federal Wild and Scenic designation.

Maps: Fred Akers, Great Egg Harbor River Watershed Association
Wild and Scenic Rivers in the Delaware Watershed

437.3 miles

Legend
- Delaware Watershed
- Delaware River
- Wild and Scenic Rivers

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River = 73.4 miles
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area = 40 miles
Musconetcong Scenic and Recreational River = 22.2 miles
Maurice Scenic and Recreational River = 35.4 miles
White Clay Creek Scenic and Recreational River = 199 miles
Lower Delaware Scenic and Recreational River = 67.3 miles
Nationwide Rivers Inventory in the Upper Delaware Watershed

158 miles

Legend
- Delaware Watershed
- Delaware River
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Nationwide Rivers Inventory
Nationwide Rivers Inventory in the Delaware Bayshore

19 Segments
168 miles

Legend
- Delaware Watershed
- Delaware River
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Nationwide Rivers Inventory

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• Made a CDRW Federal Appropriations Priority in 2018
  • Included in 2018 Hill Day Outreach
  • CDRW shared the PWSR Appropriations Request Letter
  • Forum Breakfast Roundtable
  • Tim Palmer, Forum Guest Speaker
• CDRW Priority Expanded in 2019 to include outreach to CDRW
  • Included in 2018 Hill Day Outreach
  • CDRW shared the PWSR Appropriations Request Letter
  • July PWSR Webinar
  • October Forum Presentation

Learn More About Partnership Rivers Toolkit:
https://rms.memberclicks.net/PWSRToolkit
Clean Water Infrastructure Investment and Clean Water Act

Liz Deardorff, American Rivers
Clean Water Act

- Passed in 1972

- Jurisdiction:
  - All waters of the United States
  - The Nation’s waters

- Application of rules:
  - Navigable waters
  - Interstate commerce
  - Surface waters
What is the reach of the Clean Water Act?

Clean Water Rule

Adding clarity to the question of jurisdiction

Waters of the United States (WOTUS)
- Development of the Rule through the administrations: Bush, Obama, Trump
- Trump administration
  - Repeal of Clean Water Rule
  - Repeal litigated
  - New “Dirty” Water Rule
- Who decides:
  - Courts
  - Legislature
  - Agencies
  - People
Federal Funding for Infrastructure
- The Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- The Drinking Water Revolving Fund
- The Green Project Reserve

Needs far exceed appropriations
- Dwindling federal resources or commitment drives
  - Diversity
  - Competition
  - Innovation

CDRW supports SRF & GPR increases for Delaware basin
Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act

Annual SRF appropriations and GPR set aside allocation

Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act

Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act

What are the current resource opportunities?