



Coalition *for the* Delaware River Watershed

8th Annual (Virtual) Delaware River Watershed Forum Schedule-At-A-Glance

Day 1: Monday, September 14th, 2020

10:00 AM Welcome Remarks and Town Hall with a Member of Congress

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, Mike will provide an update regarding the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program's draft structure: where it stands and how you can influence the final steps, and what to expect after the final steps have been completed.

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

- **Environmental Advocacy for the Delaware River Watershed**
 - 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
 - Ted Steinberg, Legislative Assistant, Congressman Brendan Boyle (PA-02)

- **The Watershed-Wide Importance of the Flexible Flow Management Plan**
 - 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
 - Mark Klotz, Director, Division of Water, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
 - Peter Kolesar, Professor Emeritus, Columbia University

- **Explore Partnership Wild and Scenic River Designation**
 - Alan Hunt, Director, Policy and Grants, Musconetcong Watershed Association
 - Fred Akers, Administrator, Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association
 - Sarah Bursky, Natural Resource Specialist/River Manager, National Parks Service

- **Power and Privilege in the Workplace**
 - TBD

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. These state-based workshops are open to any members that have staff and/or capacity in this region. This NJ-based session is open to all attendees. Check out our [state-based priorities here](#).

10:00-11:00 AM DEIJ Plenary- Theme: Assessing Your Organization's Culture

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

- **Connecting Urban Communities to Nature**
 - Joann Higgins, Assistant Director of Experiential Learning, UrbanPromise

- **Riparian Buffer and Floodplain Policies and Practices**
 - Liz Deardorff, Director, Clean Water Supply, American Rivers
 - Eileen Shader, Director, River Restoration, American Rivers
 - Agency Representative (TBD)

- **Civic Engagement Strategies across the Basin**
 - Colleen Walters, Delaware River Basin Program Manager, River Network
 - Diana Martin, Director of Communications and Marketing, Rodale Institute
 - Rita Yelda, Outreach and Communications Manager, Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed

- **Creative Strategies for Implementation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure on Private and Public Lands**
 - Jaclyn Rhoads, Executive Director, Pinelands Preservation Alliance
 - Chris Obropta, Extension Specialist, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
 - Isabella Castiglioni, Outreach Manager, Pinelands Preservation Alliance and Association for New Jersey Environmental Commissions
 - Susan Miller, Executive Director, Darby Creek Valley Association

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.

2:00-3:00 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. These state-based workshops are open to any members that have staff and/or capacity in this region. This NY-based session is open to all attendees. Check out our [state-based priorities here](#).

Day 3: Wednesday, September 16th, 2020

9:00-9:45 AM Virtual Field Trip 1 (Concurrent Sessions)

Morning Mindfulness and Yoga, Live Tree Staking Demonstration

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

- **A Drinking Water Guide for Advocacy and Outreach**
 - Katherine Baer, Director of Science and Policy, River Network
 - Colleen Walters, Delaware River Basin Program Manager, River Network

- **Beyond the Plastic Bag**
 - Logan Welde, Esq., Staff Attorney, Clean Air Council
 - Nandini Checko, Project Director, Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions

- **Creating and Leveraging Municipal Revenue Streams to Support Stormwater Management and Water Quality Benefits**
 - Ellen Kohler, Program Director for Water Resources, University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center
 - Lia Mastropolo, Associate Director of Urban Stormwater, American Rivers
 - Renee Reber, Campaign Manager, PennFuture
 - Susan Myerov, Watersheds Program Director, Pennsylvania Environmental Council
 - Municipal Representative (TBD)

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

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

- **Watershed Education Activities for Youth and Adults**
 - Jennifer Fetter, Water Resources Team Leader, Penn State Extension
 - Penn State Extension Staff

- **How to get Amazing Media Attention for Your Work**
 - Julie Slavet, Executive Director, Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership
 - Adam Hymans, Managing Director, Resource Media
 - Alex Mulcahy, Publisher, Grid Magazine

- **Preparing for Newly Elected Officials**
 - Kristin Zilcosky, Director of Digital Engagement, Conservation Voters of PA and New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
 - Ed Potosnak, Executive Director, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters

- **So, You're a Leader, What's Next?**
 - Brenna Goggin, Leadership Development Manager, River Network

- Mariah Davis, Policy and Campaigns Manager, Choose Clean Water Coalition

2:00-3:00 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. These state-based workshops are open to any members that have staff and/or capacity in this region. This PA-based session is open to all attendees. Check out our [state-based priorities here](#).

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. These state-based workshops are open to any members that have staff and/or capacity in this region. This DE-based session is open to all attendees. Check out our [state-based priorities here](#).

11:-12:30 PM Cross Partnership Coordination Session with the William Penn Foundation

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

- **The Path from Outdoor Recreation to Clean Water Advocate: Cultivation Strategies**
 - TBD
- **A Fishable, Swimmable, (and Drinkable) Delaware River Estuary**
 - Delaware River Basin Commission

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

Fly Tying Demonstration, UrbanPromise River Guides Tour