

# Retrospective Program

8:00 a.m. **Registration**

*Continental Breakfast*

9:00 a.m. ~ **Welcome and Introductions**

## CONSERVATION HERITAGE

19<sup>th</sup> Century Antecedents  
Early Parks and the National Park Service  
The Environmental Movement  
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

## CONTROVERSIAL SETTING ~ Panel Presentations

**Big Thirst for the Delaware's waters** ~ 1954  
Supreme Court Decree  
New York City Reservoirs  
Formation of the  
Delaware River Basin Commission

*Morning Coffee Break*

**The Fight over Tocks Island**

Outgrowth of Tocks: **"Save the upper river"**

Bureau of Outdoor Recreation's  
Qualification Study for the Upper Delaware

**The Qualifying Values**  
BOR Study Recommendations

**Local initiatives** ~ Citizen's Groups get involved  
and shape the legislation

November 10, 1978 ~ Upper Delaware Act

Citizens Advisory Council appointed

Early Plan Efforts and Controversy

The Council of Upper Delaware Townships  
Drafting the River Management Plan

*Buffet Luncheon and Keynote Speaker*

## THE FIRST THIRTY YEARS ~ Panel Presentations

### Ongoing River Management Plan Controversy

**Upper Delaware Council** formed in 1988  
Celebrating 20 years of service to the  
river valley

The Work of the UDC

Coordinated Management  
Valley wide forum  
Substantial Conformance  
Outreach and information  
Grant funding

## National Park Service Operations

**The River** ~ Ranger Operations, Commercial Use,  
LE&TR Program

**Natural Resources** ~ Flows, Water Quality  
Endangered and Invasive Species

**Cultural Resources** ~ Zane Grey Museum  
Roebling Bridge, Towpath Trail

**Interpretation** ~ Kiosks, School Days and  
Children's Programs, Brochures and Displays,  
Information Centers

*Afternoon Coffee Break*

**No One Can Do It Alone** ~

**Volunteers and Partners**

**National Canoe Safety Patrol**  
**Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance**  
**Zane Grey's West Society**  
**Delaware Highlands Conservancy**  
**Delaware River Sojourn**  
**KC Canoes River Cleanup**  
**D&H Transportation Heritage Council**  
**Eagle Institute**

**Upper Delaware Scenic Byway**  
**Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition**  
**Visioning, Roundtable and Common Waters**

## THE NEXT THIRTY YEARS ~ Round Table Discussion

Floods and Flows  
GIS and Growth Model  
20 years of monitoring Resource Threats  
Power lines, Gas wells and Pipelines  
Partnering to Protect the River  
River Management Plan and the  
Guidelines Update

*5:00 p.m. Cash Bar and Fellowship*

On November 10, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed the Public Law 95-625, the Omnibus Parks Act, which included among its provisions the establishment of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

On November 8, there will be a day-long symposium at the Central House Resort in Beach Lake, Pennsylvania to examine the past thirty years as well as look at the road ahead as the Upper Delaware Region faces unprecedented challenges.

The **Retrospective** will be an opportunity to see old friends as we gather to recognize the contributions that so many have made to the success of the Upper Delaware. The day will be packed full of panels of speakers who will share their reminiscences of their times and roles in shaping the Upper Delaware story. The program will provide an opportunity for participants to learn about the evolution, current operations and future of this valued unit of the National Park System.

The history and impacts of the 1968 passage of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the 1978 Congressional designation of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River and the 1988 establishment of the Upper Delaware Council will be analyzed by veterans of those often controversial times.

Panelists will discuss the forerunning federal-state-local management model that exists in the Upper Delaware, the drafting of the enabling legislation and the River management Plan, the NPS mission, the park unit's natural and cultural resource issues, partner contributions and planning to meet future needs.

The cost for this Retrospective symposium is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast, buffet luncheon, and two snack breaks. At the program's conclusion, there will be an opportunity to meet with old and new friends over a cash bar.

*The public is invited and welcome.*

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# *Upper Delaware*

## Scenic and Recreational River

**Established November 10, 1978**



*A Thirty Year Retrospective*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008**

