

A RESOLUTION to amend the Comprehensive Plan by the addition of policy on the conservation of water.

WHEREAS, the Commission seeks a balanced program of water management throughout the basin in which measures to reduce water demand may be integrated with programs to augment and protect water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the signatory parties, in adopting the Delaware River Basin Compact, expressed their intention to bring about "increasing economies and efficiencies in the use and reuse of water resources" (Section 1.3(d)) and to "encourage and provide for the conservation...of the water resources of the basin" (Section 1.3(e)); and

WHEREAS, experience and research have demonstrated that economic incentives and construction design can be utilized to achieve substantial reductions in water use; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

The Comprehensive Plan is amended by the addition of the following statement of policy:

1. The Commission will undertake a long-range continuing program to reduce water use throughout the basin for the purposes of:

(a) reducing the likelihood of severe low stream flows that can adversely affect fish and wildlife resources and recreational enjoyment;


(b) assisting in the maintenance of good water quality by the provision of minimum dilution flows and repulsion of salinity; and

(c) deferring the need for construction of new storage reservoirs and other water supply structures.

2. It shall be the policy of the Commission (a) to require maximum feasible efficiency in the use of water by new industrial, municipal and agricultural users throughout the basin, and (b) to require eventual application of those water-conserving practices or technologies that can feasibly be employed by existing water users.

3. The Commission will undertake research and planning programs needed to give effect to this policy; adopt regulations affecting water use, including the application of economic incentives; and provide for the integration of measures to reduce water demand with planning for the provision of new water supplies.

  
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John C. Bryson, Chairman pro tem

  
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W. Brinton Whitall, Secretary

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