

# Delaware River Basin Commission

## Water Resources Program Coordination: *Recreational Use*

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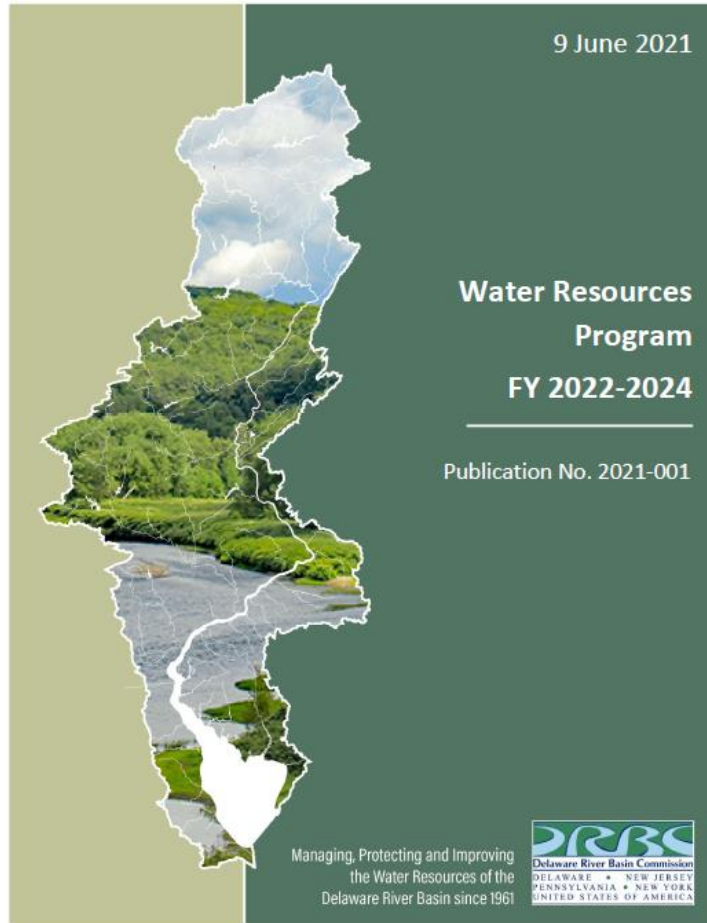
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# Scope and Organization of WRP

- Section I – Basin Conditions
  - *Summarizes water resource conditions in the Basin*
- Section II – Work Program
  - *Describes primary issues and work program initiatives the Commission will undertake during the planning period*



# Water Resources Program Coordination

- ❑ On March 3, WQAC and participants were asked to provide inputs on the pre-draft of the Recreation/ Recreation Use section of the FY2022-2024 Water Resources Program (WRP)
- ❑ Three groups provided comments by March 16, 2021:
  - The Municipal and Industrial representatives to the Water Quality Advisory Committee (WQAC) and the Delaware Estuary TMDL Coalition
  - Tim Dillingham, Executive Director, American Littoral Society; Carol Collier, Sr. Advisor, Watershed Mgt & Policy, Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel; Andy Kricun, Sr. Advisor, Water Center at Penn; Donald Baugh, President, Upstream Alliance
  - Delaware River Keeper Network submitted two previously submitted petitions as means of comments
- ❑ The entire draft WRP will be available for public comment during May 2021
- ❑ The Commissioners are expected to adopt the draft WRP on June 9, 2021

# Draft WRP work plan: Recreational Designated Uses

- ❑ Actively engage with the WQAC and co-regulators on development of near-term and long-term activities to improve water quality and improve recreational opportunities
- ❑ Activities that may be considered:
  - ❑ Monitoring – *e.g.*, shore based, tributary and non-point source, near real-time, source assessment using qPCR
  - ❑ Special studies & analyses – *e.g.*, characterization of sources and loads, physical hazard or recreational use area mapping, research on ingestion and inundation, and conservation and restoration activities to reduce loads
  - ❑ New assessment tools – *e.g.*, bacteria statistical model
  - ❑ Increased coordination and collaboration – *e.g.*, amongst co-regulators, leveraging work of other organizations, and engaging stakeholders through the WQAC
- ❑ DEIJ principles to provide additional guidance