



A Watershed United

June 10-11, 2013

Conference Agenda

Monday, June 10

- 9:30 am – 12:00 pm** **Steering Committee Meeting/Meet & Greet** (Open to All)
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm** **Welcome Lunch**
Joy Bergey, Federal Policy Director, Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)
Preserving Delaware Bayshore's Natural Phenomenon after Sandy – William Shadel,
Habitat Restoration Program Director, American Littoral Society
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm** **Plenary: State of the Watershed**
Moderator: Jennifer Adkins, Executive Director, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary
Robert Tudor, Deputy Executive Director, Delaware River Basin Commission
Eric Olsen, Delaware River and Bay Whole System Program Manager,
The Nature Conservancy
- 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm** **Break**
- 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm** **Plenary: A Watershed United – Overview of Coalition Priorities**
Moderator: Kim Beidler, Coordinator, Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed
Kelly Mooij, Vice President, Government Relations, New Jersey Audubon Society
Mark Zakutansky, Mid-Atlantic Policy Director, Appalachian Mountain Club
- 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm** **Field Trips (choose 1 of 3 options)**
Option 1: Dam Removal Site in Milford, New Jersey
Visit site of recently removed dam that was damaged during Hurricane Irene. Learn about the work that was done and benefits for flood mitigation and habitat.
PrincetonHydro, Inc.; Laura Craig, Ph.D., Associate Director, River Restoration Program, American Rivers
Option 2: Native Woods Restoration Site Along Delaware and Raritan Canal
Visit site on Bull's Island where frequent scouring by floods facilitated growth of non-native vegetation. Hear about partnership with local nursery to provide native plant stock and learn about the historic canal. Note: 20-minute easy hike required to access site.
Stephanie Fox, Naturalist, Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park
Option 3: Behind-the-Scenes Tour at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Tour this 134-acre preserve, which features more than 800 species of native plants and encompasses woodlands, meadows, ponds and Pidcock Creek. Note: Easy walking on trails required.
- 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm** **Launch Party**
Food, drinks, and the J.B. Kline Band on the back patio of the Station Restaurant



Tuesday, June 11

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast**

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Plenary: Government Partnerships in the Watershed**

Moderator: Bernie Marczyk, Director of Conservation Programs, Ducks Unlimited

Gregory Breese, Supervisory Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Delaware Bay Estuary Project,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Sean McGuinness, Superintendent, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River,
National Park Service

Karen Bennett, Delaware Bayshore Initiative Coordinator, Delaware Division of Fish and
Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Evan Madlinger, Biologist, Natural Resource Conservation Service

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

10:15 am – 11:15 am **Concurrent Breakout Sessions: Working Across the Watershed, Part I**

Session 1 – Restoration

*Moderator: Laura Craig, Ph.D., Associate Director, River Restoration Program,
American Rivers*

Dam Removal and River Restoration - Kristie Fach, Director of Ecological Restoration,
Wildlands Conservancy

Wetland Restoration - Bernie Marczyk, Ducks Unlimited

Mussel Restoration and Living Shorelines – Jennifer Adkins, Partnership for the
Delaware Estuary

Session 2 - Recreation

Moderator: Jan Jarrett, Environmental Policy and Outreach Consultant, Ad Hoc LLC

Panelists: Jeff Skelding, Friends of the Upper Delaware; Mark Zakutansky,
Appalachian Mountain Club; Pete Bacinski, New Jersey Audubon Society

11:15 am – 11:30 am **Break**

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Concurrent Breakout Sessions: Working Across the Watershed, Part II**

Session 1 – Education

*Moderator: Ginger North, Associate Director, Natural Resources Conservation,
Delaware Nature Society*

Advancing Community Understanding of Local Environmental Risks - Rachel Hogan
Carr, Director, Nurture Nature Center

Creating Meaningful Connections to Nature in Your Community - Scott Cope,
Vice President of Education, Wildlands Conservancy

Connecting with Urban Audiences - Leslie Bensinger, Education Coordinator,
DuPont Environmental Education Center



Tuesday, June 11, Continued

- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions: Working Across the Watershed, Part II (cont'd.)**
Session 2 – Protection
Moderator: Renee Brecht, Delaware Bayshore Program Manager, American Littoral Society
Engaging Sportsmen and Women to Protect Critical Fish and Wildlife Habitat from Shale Gas Impacts - Katy Dunlap, Esq., Eastern Water Project Director, Trout Unlimited
Protecting and Restoring Watersheds Through Integrated Water and Land Use Policies – Jennifer Coffey, Policy Director, Stonybrook-Millstone Watershed Association
Conservation Planning for Sea Level Rise – Richard Lathrop, Jr. Ph.D., Professor of Environmental Monitoring, Department of Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resources, Cook College, Rutgers University
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Luncheon**
Presentation of Watershed Champion Award
Governor Michael N. Castle, Honoree
- 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm From Source to Sea: Facilitated Discussion –
Creating a Stakeholder-Led, Integrated Land and Water Stewardship Effort
in the Delaware River Watershed**
*Moderator: Cinda Waldbuesser, Senior Program Manager,
National Parks Conservation Association*
Panelists: Eric Olsen, Delaware River and Bay Whole System Program Manager,
The Nature Conservancy; Diane Rosencrance, Conservation Project Manager, Natural
Lands Trust
- 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm Break**
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Plenary: Funders’ Perspectives and Priorities**
Moderator: Grant LaRouche, Regional Representative, National Wildlife Federation
Andrew Johnson, Senior Program Officer, Watershed Protection, William Penn Foundation
Amanda Bassow, Director, Eastern Partnership Office, National Fish and Wildlife
Foundation
- 4:30 pm – 4:45 pm Concluding Remarks**
Joy Bergey, Federal Policy Director, Citizens for Pennsylvania’s Future (PennFuture)