

NLC Delaware River Workgroup Message Map

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NLC Workgroup Contact Info

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Three goals:

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To protect and restore the wild trout fishery of the Upper Delaware River, one of the most important tailwater fisheries in the United States

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To engage conservationists in advocacy efforts to improve the operations of the NYC Delaware River water supply system that ensure maximum protections for the UDR tailwaters

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To build effective local and regional coalitions that can speak as one voice in support of policies and projects that improve UDR water quality, aquatic habitat, and create world class angling opportunities

WHY are we doing this?

The Upper Delaware River is one of finest wild trout fisheries in the United States and attracts anglers from around the globe.

In the face of increasing pressures, especially climate change, Trout Unlimited and its conservation partners must act now to ensure that the river remains clean and healthy for future generations of anglers.

Workgroup Initiatives

- Engage in advocacy and grassroots organizing efforts to ensure the Flexible Flow Management Plan (FFMP) which governs the operations of the NYC reservoirs is effectively implemented and provides adequate water releases and protection of aquatic habitat and water quality.
- Educate TU Members and watershed stakeholders about the importance of protecting and restoring the Upper Delaware River.
- Represent TU's interests on the Delaware River Basin Commission – Subcommittee on Ecological Flows, the scientific and technical body that studies, evaluates, and makes policy recommendations on a suite of issues that directly impacts the wild trout fishery of the Upper Delaware River.

How does the DELAWARE RIVER Workgroup work?

The Work Group is led by TU volunteers from New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania plus national TU staff.

The Work Group hosts an in-person annual meeting and communicates regularly through conference calls and emails.

The Work Group works closely with Friends of the Upper Delaware River and other conservation organizations with an interest in protecting and restoring the wild trout fishery of the Upper Delaware River.

What can I do?

- Contact Work Group Chair to sign up for email updates and actions alerts.
- Attend the annual meeting of the Work Group at the New Jersey Fly Fishing Show in January.
- Educate your local TU Chapter / Council to expand advocacy and outreach efforts.

Visit the following sites for more information:

Office of the Delaware Rivermaster
<https://webapps.usgs.gov/odrm/>

Delaware River Basin Commission-Regulated Flow Advisory Committee
https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/about/advisory/RFAC_index.html

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
<https://www.fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx>

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/fishing.html>

New York City Department of Environmental Protection
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/reservoir-levels.page>

Friends of the Upper Delaware River
www.fudr.org