

## The Delaware River Basin Commission

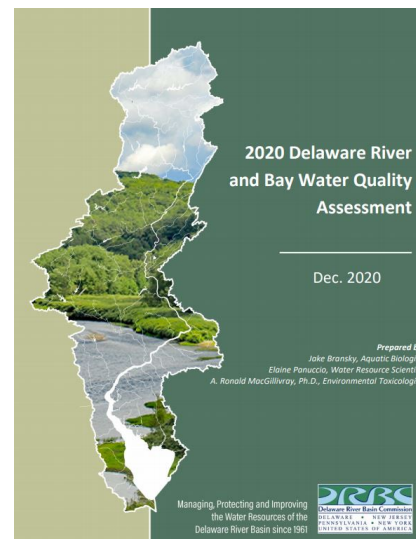
The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) is a cooperative agency of four adjacent states and a federal partner, whose interests lie in preserving the economic well-being and biological health of the Delaware River Basin. Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, New York, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers work together to manage the resources and issues that arise from maintaining the waterway.

The primary objectives of the DRBC focus on flow and drought management, flood loss reduction, water quality, water monitoring, permitting, water supply, and conservation. DRBC establishes or revises water quality standards, water quality criteria and designated uses for the mainstem Delaware River. Each basin state's water quality regulations refer to or defer to DRBC for the mainstem.

Every two years, the DRBC compiles a **Delaware River and Bay Water Quality Assessment Report**, which provides an assessment of the Delaware River and Bay's support of designated uses. The DEP uses the DRBC main stem assessments as part of the Integrated Report.



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## Delaware Estuary Program

The Delaware Estuary Program is an alliance of local, state, federal, non-profit, private, and regional organizations, of which the DEP is also a partner. Hosted by The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, the Delaware Estuary Program seeks to enhance and protect the estuary through enforcement of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and its impact on the neighboring states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

The Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan outlines the intentions of maintaining a healthy river and bay for all. It is continuously updated by a panel of contributors to prioritize the health of the watershed for the foreseeable future.



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## Delaware Riverkeeper Network

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is a nonprofit organization led by Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper. The mission of the DRN focuses on the preservation of the watershed shared by Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Delaware, and its members advocate for social and legislative change. Staff and volunteers accomplish the goals of their mission through a series of educational programs, sustainable projects, and litigation support.

Due to industrialization, pollution, and commercial and residential developments, the Delaware River requires this advocacy to ensure its resources will be protected for present and future generations. The DRN has instituted the "For the Generations" Initiative, and programs in advocacy, awareness, Water Watch, Habitat Restoration, and River Tech. By involving neighborhood communities and fighting for stricter policies, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network is able to find success in securing support through a multitude of schools, organizations, and local citizens.



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## William Penn Foundation

The William Penn Foundation mission is to help improve education for low-income children, ensure a sustainable environment, foster creative communities that enhance civic life and advance philanthropy in the Greater Philadelphia region. The Foundation is a leading provider in the Delaware Region of watershed protection funding. In 2019, the William Penn Foundation provided \$33,791,457 in grant funds towards watershed protection.

The Foundation's Watershed Protection Program aims to create the long-term conditions such as the practices, policies, and public engagement that will ensure the Delaware River Watershed supports aquatic life and recreational uses. In 2014, the Foundation launched the Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI) to address four primary threats to clean water in the river basin: stormwater, runoff from agricultural fields, forest loss, and groundwater depletion. The DRWI coordinates and aligns the work of over 50 organizations funded by the William Penn Foundation, with a goal of achieving significant, durable water quality improvements. The program has committed more than \$100 million to date to support this effort.



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## Volunteer Monitoring Programs

Alliance for a Living Ocean  
<http://www.livingocean.org/>

Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River  
<https://www.cumauriceriver.org/>

Cohansey Area Watershed Association  
<https://www.cohansey.org/>

Cooper River Watershed Association

Crafts Creek Spring Hill Brook Watershed  
Association  
[www.craftscreekwatershed.org](http://www.craftscreekwatershed.org)

Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association  
<https://www.gehwa.org/>

Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership  
<https://lowerraritanwatershed.org/>

Musconetcong Watershed Association  
<https://www.musconetcong.org/>

Rahway River Watershed Association  
<https://rahwayriver.org/>

Rancocas Nature Preserve  
<http://rancocasnaturecenter.org/index.html>

Raritan Headwaters Association  
<https://www.raritanheadwaters.org/>

Shark River Clean Up Coalition  
<http://www.sharkriver.org/>

South Jersey Land and Water Trust  
<https://www.sjlandwater.org/>

Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association  
<https://restorethewatershed.net/>

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee  
<https://wrwac.org/>

Woodbridge River Watch  
<http://www.woodbridgeriverwatch.org/>