



## VISION STATEMENT

### CHARTING THE FUTURE

#### PREAMBLE

The Delaware River Basin Commission was formed in 1961 by the signatory parties to the Delaware River Basin Compact (Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and the United States) to share the responsibility of managing the water resources of the Basin. Since its formation, the Commission has provided leadership in restoring the Delaware River and protecting water quality, resolving interstate water disputes without costly litigation, allocating and conserving water, managing river flow, and providing numerous other services to the signatory parties. The success of the past serves as a promise for the future as the Commission and the region move into the 21st century. In implementing the Compact, we will be guided by our Vision, Mission and Core Values.

#### VISION OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

The Commission will be the leader in protecting, enhancing, and developing the water resources of the Delaware River Basin for present and future generations. In performing this leadership role, the Commission will serve as a policy-maker, regulator, planner, manager and mediator on behalf of the Signatories to the Delaware River Basin Compact and the citizens of the Basin.

#### MISSION

We will:

- Provide comprehensive watershed management.
- Act as stewards of the Basin's water resources particularly with respect to:
  - Surface water quality, including both point and nonpoint sources of pollution;
  - Ground and surface water quantity, including water demands, water withdrawals, water allocations, water conservation, and protected areas;
  - Drought management; and
  - In-stream flow management
- Promote effective inter-agency coordination to prevent duplication of efforts.
- Seek increased public involvement.

By:

- Serving primarily basinwide and interstate interests; and national, statewide, regional, and local watershed interests as the need arises.
- Resolving interstate disputes through mediation.
- Regularly updating the Comprehensive Plan.

- Adopting and implementing policies to manage the Basin's water resources in an integrated, planned fashion.
- Integrating environmental and economic needs.
- Basing decisions on sound science.
- Providing meetings, conferences, seminars, and other opportunities for public education, information exchange, involvement, and resolution of issues.

#### CORE VALUES

We believe in:

- Serving the public.
- Treating everyone with fairness and respect.
- Acting in an open, honest and professional manner.
- Listening and responding to our constituents.
- Encouraging innovative, creative solutions to water management problems.
- Improving our expertise.
- Enjoying and respecting the magnificent resource that is the watershed of the Delaware River.