



Managing, Protecting and Improving the Basin's Water Resources Since 1961

Vision:

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) will provide trusted, effective, and coordinated management of our shared water resources.

The vision of the Delaware River Basin Commission is built upon the Compact signed in 1961 by Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and the federal government. It is defined in the Delaware River Basin Compact as, "the conservation, utilization, development, management and control of water and related resources of the Delaware River Basin under a comprehensive multipurpose plan will bring the greatest benefits and produce the most efficient service in the public welfare."

Mission:

The DRBC will "develop and effectuate plans, policies and projects relating to the water resources of the Basin" through:

- Watershed-based planning and management
- Effective, efficient, and coordinated regulatory programs
 - Policies and practices informed by science
- Collaboration with and among our state and federal signatory partners
 - Adaptive and innovative water resource management
 - Public education and outreach
 - Public and stakeholder input
- Dedicated and engaged staff in a high performing workplace

To accomplish this mission, the Commission will continue to lead and collaborate with the signatory parties to: protect and improve water quality; manage river flows to meet diverse and at times conflicting Basin needs; reduce damage caused by floods; provide for the reasonable and sustainable development and use of surface and ground water; and promote water conservation and efficiency.

Values:

The DRBC will be guided in its mission by the following core values:

- Service: to the public, the regulated community, and our DRBC colleagues.
- Respect: for each other, the public, and the Basin's water resources.
- Professionalism: defined by high ethical standards, integrity, continuous improvement, and accountability.