



### Management Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 24, 2026 10:00 AM– 11:30 PM via Zoom

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- **(5 min) Welcome - Richard Dodds, Chairman – Introductions and Land Acknowledgement**
  - We would like to acknowledge that our work as a Council is on the traditional lands and home of the Lenape People, Lënapehòkink, and we pay our respects to those who have stewarded this land from time immemorial and are still doing so today. We commit to improving this relationship, supporting Lenape recognition in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and working together on programs and projects to benefit the Delaware River.
  - Approval of June 2026 Minutes (attached)
  - Please introduce yourself in chat, name and organization/role
- **(20 min) DRBC Delaware River Recreation Map Update - Beth Brown, DRBC**
  - How can W&S support?
- **(15 min) Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Study and Management Plan and municipal outreach- Sarah/Alison**
- **(10 min) End of Year Projections- Alison**
- **(15 min) Council Programs:**
  - **Ranger launch was a success!** - Cindy/Sarah (and Eric and others)
  - **Mini-grant Update** - Cindy
  - **Unigrid Update**-Cindy
  - **Awareness and Outreach Updates - Alison**
    - Outreach event, DRBC “Our Founding Waters” September 2 - Cindy
    - Delaware River Improvement [Partnership](#) - Alison
- **(20 min) Local Issues of Concern - All**
  - Comments on issues below, resources listed below
  - Community updates and concerns

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### Available Resources

- **Both PA & NJ**

- **River Use: PA Fish & Boat Access [Strategy](#)**, appendix p. 30: Physical Barriers: Features of public access points that make accessing water for users due to tangible disconnections.
- **USDOT**, The PROTECT Competitive Grant [Program](#), closes 10/9
- **Open Space Institute**, Greater Philadelphia Land Protection [Program](#). Applies to Mercer and Bucks Counties.
- **Watershed Institute**
  - Community Watershed Advocate [Program](#), September 30, 2026 - November 4, 2026
  - Art of [Commenting](#), October 2, 1 PM
  - Native Plant Landscaping & Stormwater Solutions [Certification](#), October 14 & 17
  - Stormwater Design [Webinar](#), October 16, Noon

- **PA**

- **WeConservePA**
  - Caring for Community Trees – PA's Urban and Community Forestry [Program](#), September 23, Noon - 1:00 PM
  - 2026 EAC & Municipal Sustainability [Conference](#), October 24
  - Open Space [Summit](#), November 13, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- **Foundation for PA Watersheds**, Several grants [available](#).
- **Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts**. Lawn Conversion and Riparian Buffer Mini-Grant [Program](#).
- **Pennsylvania Environmental Council**, Several grants [available](#).
- **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society**, Trees for Watersheds Grant [program](#).

- **NJ**

- **New Jersey Community Watershed Watch Network**, NJ Community Water Monitoring Grants [Program](#)
- **Hunterdon County**
  - History Partnership [Program](#) (grant)
  - Local Arts [Program](#) (grant)

### **Ongoing Matters Will update**

- Fleecydale Road - Sarah
- D&R Canal Tree Removal - Sarah
- NJ Access areas - Sarah
- Sandcastle Winery/Blind Fox Vineyard unpermitted work, stormwater runoff into canal. Filed [lawsuit](#) against Tinicum regarding permits and weddings. - Cindy
- Resolution Island tires and pool ladder, Tinicum area - Following up with PA Fish & Boat, law enforcement - Cindy
- Data Centers
  - Lower Mt. Bethel Township farmland at the intersection of Martins Creek Belvidere Highway, and Gravel Hill Road. <https://www.nodatacenterlmbt.com/proposedsite> No formal proposal as of [August](#). Opposition grows.
  - River Pointe in Upper Mt. Bethel-legal [dispute](#)
    - Slate Belt Holdings sent [MOU](#) to the Upper Mount Bethel Township Supervisors, offering to drop their Validity Challenge and provide \$50 million in nonprofit donations to the township, but only if the data centers were to reach 2 gigawatts, in exchange for a "mutually acceptable" text amendment for zoning, among other requests. Slate Belt partners are River Pointe Logistics and Talen Energy. Changes were made to the MOU hours before the BOS meeting. Vote to table the [decision](#). - Richard

- Kingdom Provisions/Shull Farm, Plumsteadville/Pipersville - Animal waste [dumping](#). - Richard
- Hunterdon County Master [Bike Plan](#) open to comments - Bob/Katherine

### **Issues with No Update**

- Sunoco Energy Transfer leak in Washington [Crossing](#), Upper Makefield, cleanup moving slowly. Submitted its [Remedial Action Plan](#) to the PA DEP in June.
- Biking
  - Ebikes-Comprehensive article on ebike [trends](#) and regulatory environment. NJ bike law license, registration and insurance for [eBikes](#).
- Other development
  - [Durham Springs](#) in Durham, on Rodges Run, a Landmark Hospitality venue. Updated plan with buildings sliced from 44 to 2, and partially hid the proposed pair of guest cottages (10 bedrooms each) behind a slope on the hillside property off Lehnenberg Road. No mention of the sewage plant in the latest plan.
  - Finkle's/Strand Theater owners back with revised development proposal. "Event space" at Strand, seating up to 150. Demolish portion of historic railroad shed for parking lot. Waiver full site plan review. Refined Hospitality [webpage](#) on the project. -
  - The Land project, Dubliner on the Delaware sold to Landmark [Hospitality](#)
- Bridges
  - Washington [Crossing Bridge](#) Alternatives Analysis-Held an open house presenting 11 options plus "do nothing". Project [video](#). Army Corps added Sarah to an interagency team for bridge redesign alternatives.
  - Creamery Rd Bridge
  - Golden Pheasant Canal Bridge - Cindy Penn DOT presented [options](#).
- Rockfall
  - Rt. 29 Devil's Tea Table -Inquiry sent from DTT Alliance and LDWS inquiring as to timing. Response: "NJDOT is continuing to work on designs internally and then will be coordinating with state agencies. We hope to reengage with the Design Working Group in the fall."
  - Rt. 29 Lambertville/W Amwell
  - I-80 S-Curve and rockfall mitigation pushed back to 2030, pg 27 NJTPA [minutes](#)
- Hal H. Clark, Boat Launch, (Pedestrian Trails Coming To New County Park In [Solebury](#)).
- [NJ bill](#) from June 2025, Authorizes construction, installation, and operation of certain energy project components on preserved farmland.
- Groundwater contamination
  - PFAS in [Washington](#) Township, Warren Co, NJ on the Musconetcong.
  - PFAS in [Lambertville](#)
  - Sunoco Energy Transfer leak in Washington Crossing, Upper Makefield, read the latest [here](#). January 31 [article](#), no real update.
  - [PFAS](#) found in Wrightstown, Bucks Co., PA wells. Lobby for expanded state [aid](#).
- Nockamixon Dam water release evaluation.

### **2026 Dates:**

Thursday 10 A.M.: December 3

### **Attachments/Handouts**

- June Minutes
- September Agenda

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