

February 2, 2009

Carol Hoffman, NJ Co-Chair  
Nancy Janyszeski, PA Co-Chair  
Lower Delaware River Wild and Scenic Management Committee  
P.O. Box 298  
Milford, New Jersey 08848

**Re: DRBC Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Program Grant Proposal**

Dear Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Janyszeski:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Chuck Barszcz of the National Park Service to request the Committee's consideration of a Wild and Scenic Rivers program grant to help realize the potential of DRBC's July 2008 Special Protection Waters (SPW) designation of the Lower Delaware River. With the support of Clean Water Act Section 106 funds, DRBC developed a water quality model of the Lower Delaware River in 2007. Although virtually complete, the model cannot yet be used because it lacks essential point discharge data required for calibration. Attached please find a brief description of the model and need for this data.

Funding the point discharge data collection effort described in the attached would allow DRBC to complete the Lower Delaware water quality model and apply it toward implementation of the Special Protection Waters program in the Lower Delaware River. This would be a substantial step toward recognizing the full potential of SPW designation for realizing Goal 1 of the Lower Delaware River Management Plan (LDRMP): to "maintain existing water quality in the Delaware River and its tributaries from measurably degrading and improve it where practical." *LDRMP* (Aug. 1997), p. 3.

The estimated cost of the project reflects two sampling events at each point discharge in the model domain. Funding a portion of the project could allow DRBC to sample the point discharges once instead of twice or to focus on high priority discharges. Partial funding could also enable us to leverage other sources of funding for a more complete characterization.

I look forward to hearing from you and to working with you on this important element of realizing Goal 1 of the Wild and Scenic River Management Plan for the Lower Delaware. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Robert Tudor  
Deputy Executive Director

c: Mick Drustrup, PA Co-Vice Chair  
Sandra McNicol, Co-Vice Chair  
Charles Barszcz, National Park Service