



Management Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 26, 2026 10:00 AM– 11:30 PM via Zoom

(Visit www.lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org for the Zoom and for additional reference information.)

- **(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, Lēnapehòkink, 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 December 2025 Minutes (attached)
 - Please introduce yourself in chat, name and organization/role

- **(30 min) Reviewing Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Management Plan Goals - A discussion**
 - An update on the “Expansion Study process” - very close to a final document
 - Facilitated discussion: Please review the original management plan goals on page 3 of: <https://lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org/index.php/resources/documents/lower-delaware-wild-and-scenic-management-plan>
 - Questions:
 - Where have we succeeded with these goals?
 - What should these goals for Wild and Scenic sound like for the next 25 years?

- **(10 min) Bucks County Parks Comprehensive Plan - Angie**

- **(10 min) Presentation of next year’s Council (2026/2027) Budget- Alison**
 - Exciting supplemental funding
 - Share screen of next budget

- **(15 min) Council Programs:**
 - **Mini-grant Awardees Announcement - Cindy**
 - Lambertville Parks & Rec.-Riparian Buffer & Pollinator Garden
 - Washington Crossing Park Assoc., NJ-Bank Restoration, Native Planting, & Educational Signage
 - Delaware Riverkeeper-Citizen Science
 - Lenape Youth Council- Canoe-Making & Education/When the Rivers Speak Film
 - Holland Township-Invasive Removal and Tree Replenishment
 - Lenape Nation of PA-Rising Nation River Journey
 - Tohickon Watershed Association-Stewardship Projects & Outreach/Community Engagement

- **Awareness and Outreach Updates - Alison**
 - Outreach events
 - Jr. Ranger Booklet
 - Updated LDWS Website

- **(20 min) Local Issues of Concern - All**
 - Comments on issues below, resources listed below
 - Community updates and concerns

→ June Delaware River [Sojourn](#) - 20th-26th

→ MC June meeting date - 18th

Available Resources

- Both New Jersey and Pennsylvania
 - Delaware Watershed [Conservation](#) Fund 2026. Proposal labs due March 24th
- New Jersey
 - ANJEC Open Space Stewardship [Grants](#). Applications are due April 13.
 - The New Jersey Treasury's Grants Management Office grant [finder tool](#)
 - Historic Preservation Certified Local Government [Grants](#) deadline March 31, 2026
 - Solid Waste Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Higher Education Research [Grant](#) Program deadline April 24, 2026
- Pennsylvania
 - The Foundation for Pennsylvania [Watersheds](#) is accepting letters of intent (LOI) due March 20.
 - Community Conservation Partnership [Program](#) Grants.
 - Department of Environmental Protection Growing Greener Plus [Grant](#).
 - Bucks County Conservation District Water [Quality](#) Fund Proposal for Collaborative Project Funding. Round 2: May 1 – June 15 with a late July award.
 - Trout Unlimited 2026 Coldwater Heritage Partnership Coldwater [Conservation](#) Grant, proposals due April 15.

Ongoing Matters

- Biking
 - Ebikes-Comprehensive article on ebike [trends](#) and regulatory environment. NJ bike law license, registration and insurance for [eBikes](#).
 - Hunterdon County Master [Bike Plan](#)
- Some good news! Lambertville's Cavallo Park opened March 1st. It was closed due to soil [contamination](#).
- More good news: Delaware Canal Lumberville Aqueduct and High Falls are now open for hiking/biking.
- [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. -

- 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.
- [PFAS](#) found in Wrightstown, Bucks Co., PA wells. Lobby for expanded state [aid](#).

Issues with No Update

- Hal H. Clark, Boat Launch, (Pedestrian Trails Coming To New County Park In [Solebury](#)). NPS Section 7 Review. - Sarah toured with Angie
- Fleecydale Rd erosion - Recent meeting with NPS
- [NJ bill](#) from June 2025, Authorizes construction, installation, and operation of certain energy project components on preserved farmland - Bob H.
- Rockfall Rt 29
 - Devil’s Tea Table -Inquiry sent from DTT Alliance and LDWS inquiring as to timing and whether additional community meetings will be held.
 - Lambertville/W Amwell - no update
- Sandcastle [Winery](#) unpermitted work, stormwater runoff into canal. Zoning appeals [proceed](#).
- Golden Pheasant Canal Bridge - Cindy Penn DOT presented [options](#).
- 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.
- Warehouse -
 - Upper Mt. Bethel River Pointe Logistics- Amazon pulled out.
- The Land project, Dubliner on the Delaware sold to Landmark [Hospitality](#)
- Creamery Rd Bridge
- Nockamixon Dam water release evaluation.

2026 Dates:

Thursdays 10 A.M.: June 18, September 17, and December 3

Attachments/Handouts

- December Minutes
- March Agenda

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