

# THE LOWER DELAWARE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS PARTNERSHIP



*Strengthening Stewardship of Rivers*



# What is The Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Partnership?

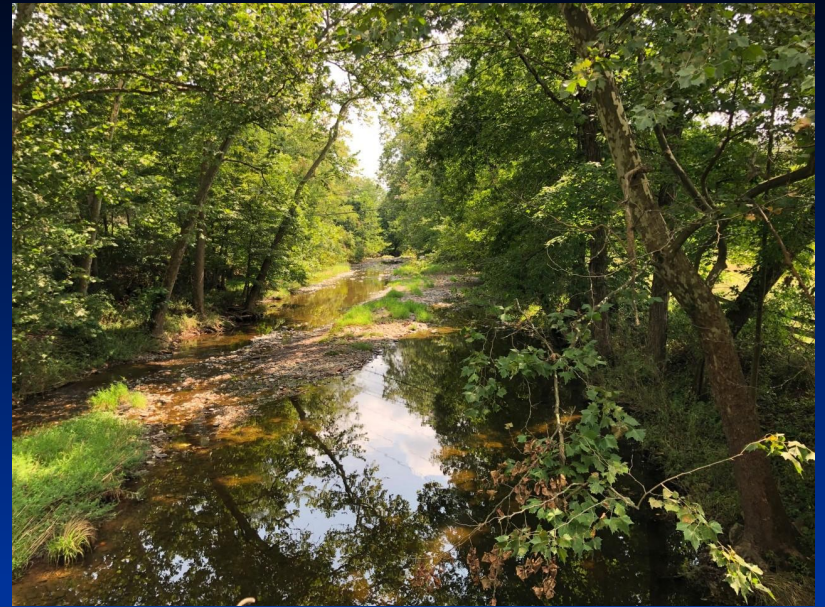
The Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River (LDWSR) Partnership is part of the national wild scenic rivers system, a partnership program between the National Park Service, state and local entities, non profit organizations, etc. along the Delaware River between the Delaware Water Gap and Washington's Crossing.

We are The Lower Delaware tributary project task force, with the goal of adding eligible tributaries to our very special designation.

# Why Are We Here Today?

- To introduce our new tributaries expansion program
- To endorse adding your creeks, rivers, and streams for congressional designation
- To answer questions about the value of this program
- To describe how we can move forward together

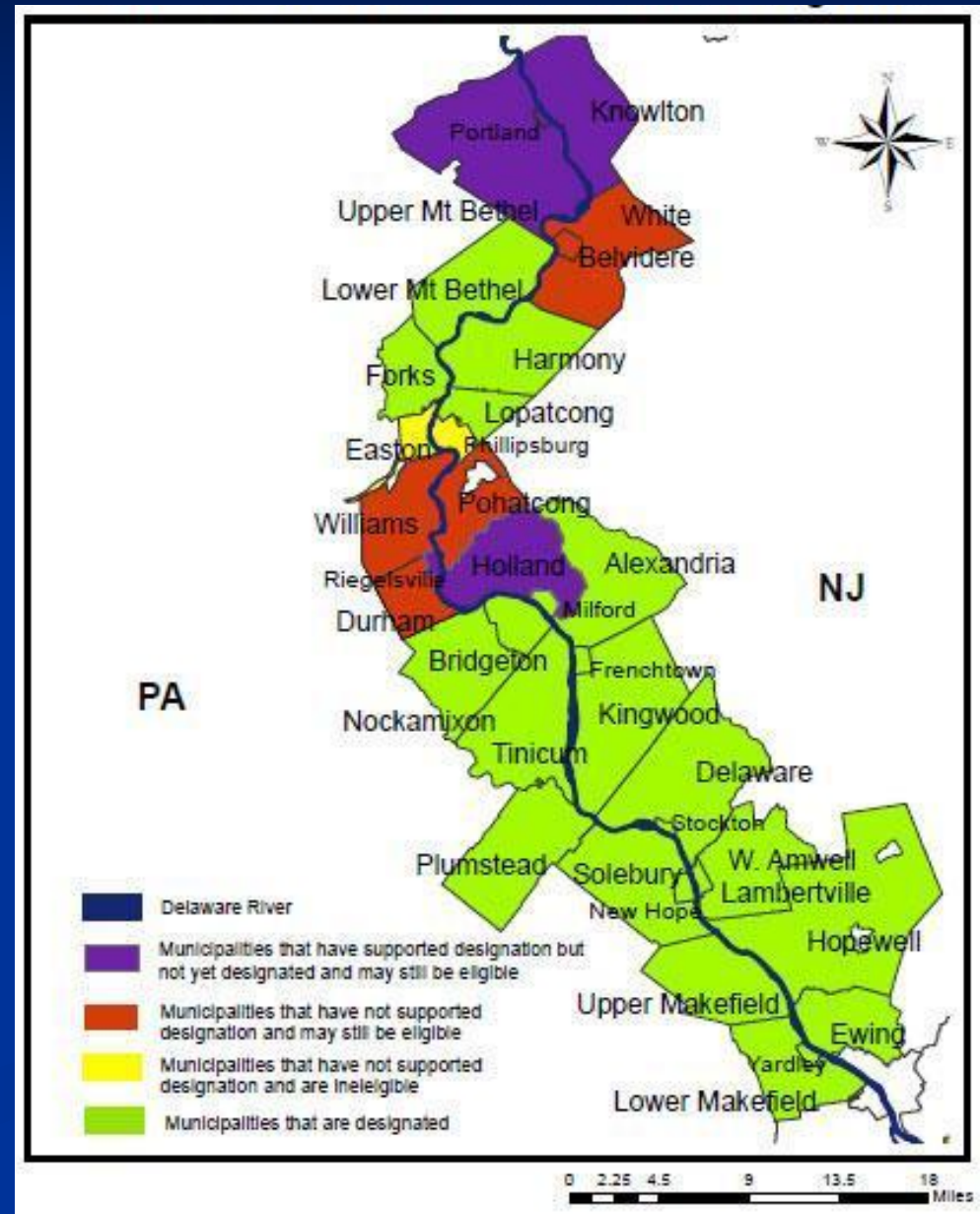
# The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act - 1968



*It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.*



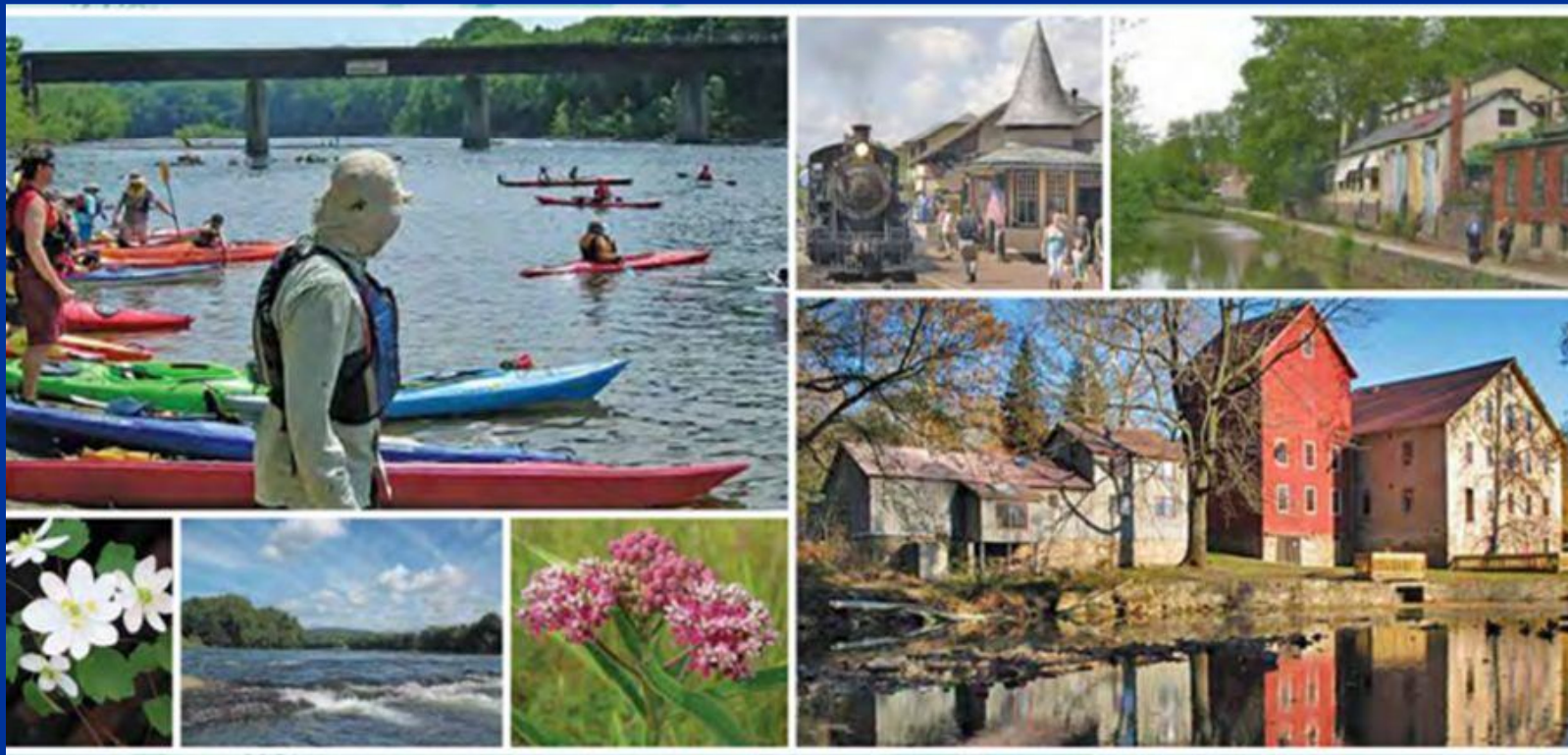
# The Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River



# Local Partnership Impacts

Economic prosperity through community involvement

- Over \$2M in National Park Service grants provided to our river communities since 2000
- Over 80 partnership projects completed
- Over 50 partnership organizations involved





# New Designation Project

- Project of the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Council
- Studying all eligible rivers, creeks and streams in NJ and PA along the Lower Delaware
- First step is determining interest



# Tributary Designation

- Accomplished only with local support
- Land ownership remains private, subject only to local government zoning and water management codes
- No federal land taking is in the designation legislation
- Local council with broad representation





# Goals of the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River Management Plan

- **Water Quality**  
Maintain and/or improve water quality
- **Natural Resources**  
Preserve and protect the River's outstanding resources
- **Historic & Cultural Resources**  
Preserve and protect the character of the landscape
- **Recreation**  
Encourage recreational use in sustainable ways
- **Economic Development**  
Encourage sustainable development
- **Open Space Preservation**  
Preserve open space to maximize health



# Benefits of Designation

- Draws attention to congressionally noted special values and gives them national recognition
- Helps protect our resources for present and future generations
- Assures the local communities they are part of the managing process
- Provides a framework for bi-state water and river issues management
- Opens a door to NPS' technical and financial support

**Together we strengthen all efforts to protect and improve our rivers, streams, and creeks!**

# Potential Tributaries

## Pennsylvania

- Jacoby
- Oughoughton
- Martins
- Bushkill
- Frys
- Cooks
- Gallows Run
- High Falls
- Cuttalossa
- Primrose
- Aquatong
- Pidcock
- Jericho

## New Jersey

- Paulins Kill
- Pequest
- Lapatong
- Pohatcong
- Copper
- Lockatong
- Wickecheoke
- Alexauken
- Fiddlers
- Jacobs



# Designation Process

Support a river, creek, and streams



Local watersheds, residents, and non profits approve designation



Townships approve



County approves



National Park Service

- Confirms local support and approves
- Prepares Study Report
- Submits Study Report to congress



**Our congressional delegates introduce a bill that amends the  
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to include your tributary**

# Thank You!



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