



Management Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 28, 2024 10:00 AM– 11:30 PM via Zoom

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1. **(10 min) Welcome - Richard Dodds, Chairman – Introductions and Land Acknowledgement- (5 min)**
 - We would like to acknowledge that our work as a Council is on the traditional lands and home of the Lenape People, Lenapehokink, 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 2023 Minutes (attached)
2. **(15 min) 2024 Budget Review – Richard**
 - a. Review draft
 - b. Q&A
3. **(10 min) Council Projects – 20 min**
 - **Next Steps on River Use Workgroup** – Sarah
 - **Outreach materials - JR Ranger booklet and logo process-** Alison
 - If interested in serving on future MC Outreach subcommittee let Richard/DRGP know
 - **Expanding MC membership** and keeping contact info up to date – Cindy/Alison
4. **(15) Delaware River Tributaries and new designations presentation– Robert McEwan and Tara**
 - Major milestones
 - Areas needing MC support?
5. **(5 min) Mini-Grant Projects – Cindy**
 - Bucks County Parks and Recreation-Hal H. Clark Boat Ramp
 - City of Lambertville Parks and Recreation-Cavallo Park Riparian Buffer Restoration
 - Delaware Riverkeeper Network-Community Scientists Survey for the Lost Plant: Podostemum
 - Eastern PA Alliance of Climbers-High Rocks Improvement Project
 - Foodshed Alliance-Protecting the Paulins Kill – Storytelling through Video
 - Holland Township, NJ-O'sakame Preserve Visitor Area Enhancement
 - Ridge and Valley Charter School-Water Quality Monitoring on the Lower Paulins Kill
 - Tinicum Township-Backyard Environmental Stewardship in Tinicum (BEST) Initiative
 - Washington Crossing Park Association-Continental Lane Forest Restoration in Washington Crossing State Park NJ
 - Withdrew: Palisades High School-Peppermint Park Tree Planting
6. **(20 min) Ongoing Matters**
 - Warehouses
 - RPL Mt. Bethel, supervisors grant preliminary approval. PA DEP November permit meeting. LDWS submitted comments. Supervisors disband sewer authority.
 - Paunacussing gas line and Aqueduct– Sarah
 - Rockfall mitigation – Tara and Stephen
 - Devil's Tea Table



1. Change the safety bar-NPS to meet with FHWA to see if this can be required by FHWA as a condition of federal funding.
 2. Options such as just monitoring the road, changing the speed limit on the road and expanding the ditch were written off for reasons that there is nowhere to station a police car, the expanded ditch does solve the problem, and just monitoring is not considered an option.
 3. NJDOT offered up a lower impact option that they still need to investigate involving moving the road, but they stated that this might have other impacts on the canal towpath and other natural resources (trees). This is more impactful to other resources because they are refusing to lower the 95% criteria. If they lower to 90%, it will likely be less impactful on other resources.
 - [Headquarters Rd Bridge](#)
 - [Canal Bridge](#) by Golden Pheasant Inn, Tinicum, PA, closed in December, is now open
 - DRJTBC announced an RFP for replacing the Washington [Crossing Bridge](#) which may take years
 - The [Landing in New Hope](#)-NPS received plans
- New business – Other issues?

2024 Dates:

- Thursdays 10 A.M.: June 27, September 26, and December (TBD)

Attachments/Handouts

- December Minutes
- March Agenda
- Proposed budget (this year)

ISSUES being tracked with no update:

- a. Route 46 Bridge DWG Amtrak (no update)
- b. Nockamixon Dam water release evaluation (no update)
- c. Hal Clark boat launch-received a mini-grant (no update)
- d. [H & K's \(Center Valley Materials\) quarry application](#) Springfield Township (no update)

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