



Science and Technical Advisory Committee
Partnership for the Delaware Estuary:
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Agenda for STAC meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

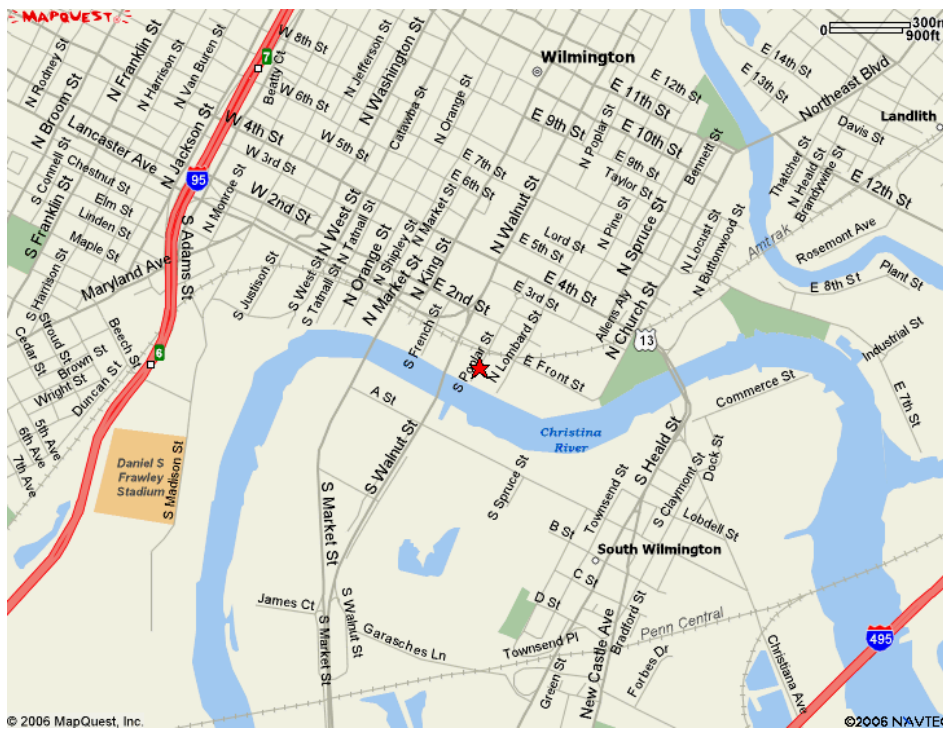
Partnership for the Delaware Estuary - Wilmington, DE

- 9:30 **Welcome and Introductions** - *Dan Soeder, STAC Chair*
Review agenda, discuss & approve minutes from 10/4/07 meeting
- 9:45 **PDE General Updates** - *Jennifer Adkins, PDE Executive Director*
Joint EIC-STAC fall meeting; PDE and NEP budget status; etc.
- 10:00 **PDE Science Updates** - *Danielle Kreeger, PDE Science Director*
Refer to handout; highlights include the Regional Restoration Initiative, Delaware Estuary Wetland Workgroup, National Water Quality Monitoring Network DE Pilot Report, website upgrades, Delaware Estuary Benthic Inventory, National Vegetation Classification System DE map, grants, restoration projects
- 10:30 **Presentation, Discussion, Task: Channel Deepening** – *Dan Soeder, facilitator*
- Review of what we do and don't know by Christopher Sommerfield (UDel) and Allison Allen (NOAA)
- Discussion, and if warranted, craft specific question(s) for the EIC to elevate on behalf of PDE (as per action item from EIC-STAC meeting on 10/4/07)
- 11:15 **Indicators & 2008 State of the Estuary Report**- *Amie Howell (EPA)*
- Review of SOE outline and assignment of indicator-specific tasks – D. Kreeger
- *Working Lunch*
- 12:15 **2009 Science & Environmental Summit Planning** - *Danielle Kreeger*
- PDE advance planning to date for 2009 conference - get STAC feedback
- Science program planning; ideas for keynote/plenary speakers and sessions
- 1:00 **Presentation and Discussion: Ecological Flows** – *Danielle Kreeger, facilitator*
- " Historical and Proposed Flow Regulation in the Delaware River Basin" by Tom Fikslin (DRBC)
- Discussion, review & comment on PDE 1-pager on estuary resource questions
- 1:45 **Discussion: Data Management & Web Clearinghouse**– *Dan Soeder, facilitator*
- Current work and future plans for PDE Information Gateway – Danielle Kreeger and Maurie Kelly, Penn State (via conference phone)
- Current plans for NWQMN/DEWOOS data hub - Eric Vowinkel (USGS)
- Discussion by STAC of pros and cons of a holistic "one-stop-shop"

- 2:15 **Benthic community monitoring in 2008 (RARE DEBI effort)**
 - Update, planning and call for technical workgroup members – Danielle Kreeger and Amie Howell
- 2:30 **Joint PDE/Academy of Natural Sciences Climate Change Workshop**
 - Update, planning and suggestions – David Velinsky (ANSP)
- 2:45 **Review of Action Items, Future Meeting Plans and Other Business**
 - Spring STAC elections
 - Fall EIC-STAC meeting
- 3:00 **Adjourn**

For additional information or to suggest topics for the agenda, please contact **Dan Soeder**, Phone 443-498-5513, email: dsoeder@usgs.gov; or, **Danielle Kreeger**, Phone: 302-655-4990 x104, email: DKreeger@DelawareEstuary.org.

A map and the STAC membership list are attached. If you have any travel or parking problems the day of the meeting, please call Danielle's cell phone at 610-329-0055.



Location: The meeting will be held in the conference room at the office of Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, One Riverwalk Plaza, 110 South Poplar Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The PDE office is on the second floor.

DELEP STAC Members:

Allison Allen – NOAA
Gregory Breese – USFWS
Gary Buchanan – NJDEP
Lance H. Butler – PWD
Alan Everett – PADEP
Tom Fikslin – DRBC
Dewayne Fox – Delaware State Univ
Jack Gallagher - Univ of Delaware
Jawed Hameedi – NOAA
Bob Hoke - DuPont
Amy Jacobs – DNREC
Desmond Kahn - DNREC
Sue Kilham – Drexel University
John Kraueter – Rutgers University
Danielle Kreeger – PDE
Larry Miller – USFWS
Dave Russell – EPA Region 3
Jonathan Sharp – Univ of Delaware
Dan Soeder - USGS
Chris Sommerfield - Univ of Delaware
David Velinsky - Acad Nat Sciences