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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The mission of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary is to lead collaborative and creative efforts to protect and enhance the Delaware Estuary and its tributaries for current and future generations. Our efforts reach across three states and include all of the tidal tributaries of the Delaware River, from its uppermost reaches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to the mouth of the Delaware Bay.

During 2005, the Partnership strengthened our existing partnerships with environmental and community organizations, schools, businesses, and government and built new ones. In collaboration with our partners, we developed exciting new initiatives to enhance habitat restoration and protect the vital resources unique to the Delaware Estuary.

The continued growth of our education programs and projects helped not only with preservation and restoration, but also with developing stewards for our Estuary. On the scientific side, we hosted the first Delaware Estuary Science Conference in ten years and published a white paper on its proceedings.

On the staffing side, the Partnership added 3 new positions - Science Coordinator, Schuylkill Targeted Watershed Grant Administrator, and Marketing and Communications Specialist - and welcomed four new employees. And in April, we moved to beautiful new offices on the banks of the Christina River in Wilmington, Delaware.

I am pleased to share with you many of these exciting accomplishments in this 2005 Activity Report. We thank our partners who have made so many of the described good works possible. And, we look forward to an exciting 2006 10th Anniversary year that will include new and innovative strategies, more opportunities for collaboration, and a growing number of success stories.

To keep up-to-date on our activities throughout the coming year, please visit us at www.DelawareEstuary.org

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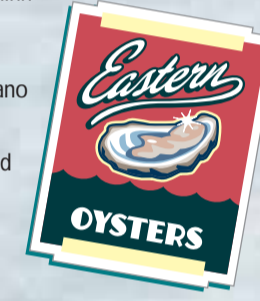
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MINIGRANTS

Since 1991, the Delaware Estuary's Minigrant Program has awarded 126 grants, totaling more than \$408,000. In 2005, the last year for the program, \$33,000 funded eight habitat enhancement projects by: Wissahickon Restoration Volunteers, Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, Pine Hill Scout Reservation, Saddler's Woods Conservation Association, Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Awbury Arboretum Association, and the Philadelphia Water Department.



2004 AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended
December 31, 2004

Support and Revenue:

Government Contracts	\$834,969
Contributions and Grants	172,274
Membership Dues	68,736
Interest and Investment Income	4,647
Other Revenue	5,840

Total Support and Revenue \$1,086,466

Expenses:

Program Management and General Fundraising	\$852,140
	130,826
	26,766

Total Expenses \$1,009,732

Change in Net Assets \$76,734

Net Assets at Beginning of Year \$328,543

Net Assets at End of Year \$405,277



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Partnership continued to reach out to smaller suburban and rural municipalities in the Delaware Estuary to assist with storm-water management programs for their communities. Programs such as partnerships with businesses, storm drain marking, and dog waste pick-up initiatives helped improve water quality throughout the region. For example, *The Pike Creek Doggie Doo Program* in the Pike Creek Watershed installed over 40 dog waste clean-up bag dispensing units in more than 16 parks and communities. Pre- and post-testing of the water by DNREC and DelDot measured the program's effect on reducing water pollutant levels caused by dog waste.

Over 1,500 children entered the annual *Clean Water Begins and Ends with You Drawing Contest* in Philadelphia's public, private, and parochial schools. The Delaware Department of Transportation also hosted their second drawing contest for Delaware students. These programs helped educators teach the importance of environmental issues to their students and provided 32 budding young artists with the opportunity to have their artwork published in calendars and on advertising that was featured on public transportation in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

The ninth annual *Delaware Estuary Teachers Watershed Workshop* provided twenty regional teachers with field and laboratory skills to survey assess, and research environmental issues in the Estuary. The Partnership's collaboration with scientists from The Academy of Natural Sciences and the Stroud Water Research Center enhanced the technical and scientific aspects of the program and gave teachers the opportunity to work directly with scientists.

The Partnership, under contract to the Philadelphia Water Department, and in partnership with local organizations conducted two *Source Water Workshops* in the Schuylkill Watershed. At the workshops, we introduced businesses and community members to our *Delaware Estuary Corporate Environmental Stewardship Program*, *Clean Water Partners*, and *Sense of Place* programs.

In 2004, a \$1.4 million Schuylkill Watershed Initiative Grant (SWIG) was awarded to the Partnership by the Environmental Protection Agency. During 2005, implementation began on over 30 different projects, including studies, demonstrations, and education/outreach efforts by more than a dozen collaborating organizations and agencies who are part of the Schuylkill Action Network (SAN). Projects are addressing source water threats caused by abandoned mine drainage, agriculture and stormwater runoff.

Estuary News, a quarterly publication, became a full-color publication and served as an educational resource for more than 28,000 readers across the country.

We totally revamped and updated our website, www.DelawareEstuary.org, to include a wide variety of new information about our educational efforts, programs, teachers' materials, habitat restoration, science and research, and more.

We began developing an ecotourism network, built around an interactive website, that will feature places to experience in the region.



HABITAT ENHANCEMENT & RESTORATION

The Partnership's many habitat enhancement and restoration programs for schools, corporations, and municipalities helped enhance over 50 acres in 2005. One such program, the *Corporate Environmental Stewardship Program*, provides corporations with opportunities to take leadership roles in preserving the Estuary. This year it evolved into a membership program, with 10 corporations signing on as Charter Members.

In July the Partnership helped launch a critical oyster restoration initiative in the Delaware Bay. Through a collaborative effort at the local, state and federal levels, a large-scale shell planting and transplant program was initiated. The program is expected to revitalize both the resource and the industry.

The *Restoration Rangers* program was initiated to connect people to habitat projects. Volunteers were trained to combat invasive species, replace them with native species, and to work in plant nurseries in natural areas, parks, and preserves on projects to restore conservation lands to their former ecological health.

We continued the development of a restoration strategy based upon the natural ecological communities of the Delaware Estuary. When completed, this guide to more than 250 natural communities of flora and fauna in the Delaware Estuary will help interested groups identify and locate those communities for more durable restorations on conservation management lands.

SCIENCE

The Partnership sponsored a two-part *2005 Delaware Estuary Science Conference* to discuss the state of science in the Estuary. In January over 180 members of our region's scientific community met for presentations and discussions ranging from hydrodynamics, to the benthic community, to wetland restoration. The second meeting in May, *Linking Science and Management for the Delaware Estuary*, focused on issues of special interest to resource managers, the public, and other stakeholders in the Estuary. As a follow-up to both meetings, the Partnership published a *White Paper on the Status and Needs of Science in the Delaware Estuary*.

giving summaries of the presentations and recommendations for future actions.

The Partnership has added a new section to its revamped website entitled "Science & Research" for sharing scientific information about the Estuary. In addition to scientific articles, new data sets, and reports, scientists can access eight different message boards, with topics including water quality, emerging issues and more.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thousands of people of all ages visited the 4th Annual Southeastern Pennsylvania Coast Day on September 25th at the Fairmount Water Works in Philadelphia. More than 20 environmental organizations presented interactive exhibits on water quality and testing, watershed awareness, invasive species and habitat restoration. The fun also included an arts and crafts area, face painting, food, and entertainment. More than 200 anglers participated in The "Fun Fishing Fest" and tours of the Water Works Interpretive Center were held throughout the day.

The Partnership also participated in *Delaware Coast Day*, as well as many educational events and festivals of partner environmental and community organizations throughout the year.

Bounty of the Bay was the theme of the 7th annual *Experience the Estuary Celebration*. Over 250 guests attended the October fundraising event that featured raw oysters from the Delaware Bay, fine cuisine representative of the Estuary's bounty and boater's duffel bags that guests were invited to fill with garden-fresh produce that was either grown in the Estuary or transported via the Delaware River. The proceeds from silent and live auctions of over 100 luxury items, in combination with sponsorship of the event, made it the most successful fundraiser in the Partnership's history.

