



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

Thursday, June 14, 2007

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

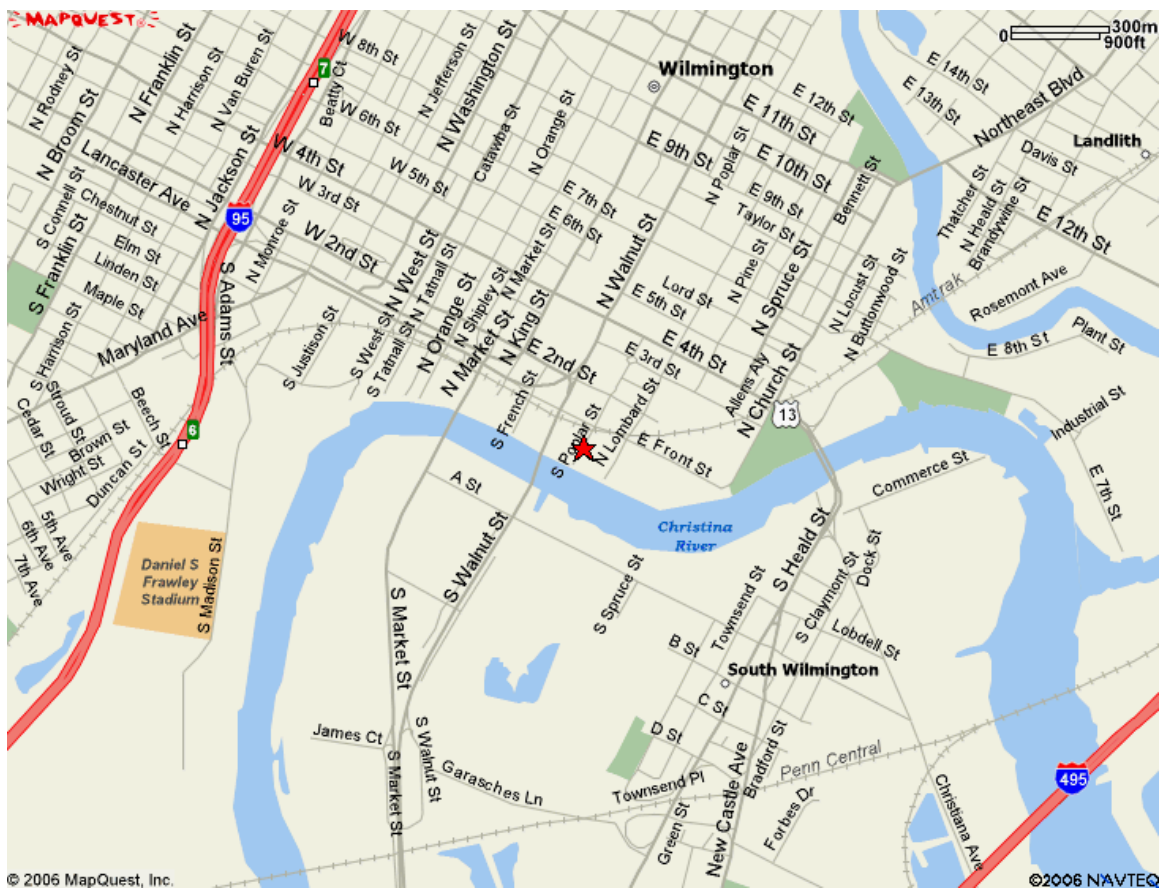
Partnership for the Delaware Estuary - Wilmington, DE

- 9:30 – 9:45 **Welcome and Introductions**
Dan Soeder, USGS, STAC Chair
- Review agenda, discuss & approve minutes from 3/28/07 meeting
- 9:45 – 10:00 **PDE General Updates, Executive Director Search**
Kathy Klein, PDE, Executive Director
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Election of STAC Chairperson, 2007-2008**
Danielle Kreeger, PDE, Science Director
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Presentation: The Delaware River Study** (20 min + 10 min Q&A)
Amanda DeSantis and Ralph Stahl, Dupont
- Request for final STAC comments (not peer review), next steps
- 10:45 – 11:25 **PDE Science Updates**
Danielle Kreeger, PDE, Science Director
- National Water Quality Monitoring Pilot - steering committee report and plans for pilot subgroups & national network refinement groups
- Regional restoration initiatives, September workshop, workgroup
- State of the Estuary Report
- Other announcements (e.g. Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership)
- 11:25 – 11:45 **Discussion: Data Management & Web-Based Data Clearinghouse**
- Current plans for PDE Information Gateway
- Current plans for NWQMN/DEWOOS data hub
- Pros and cons of working toward a holistic “one-stop-shop”
- 11:45 – 12:00 **Presentation: Coping with global warming and sea-level rise: maintaining ecological and economic functions at the edge of the estuary.** *Jack Gallagher, University of Delaware*
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 1:15 **Discussion: Channel Deepening**
- Should PDE (not the STAC per se) elevate any technical questions?
- 1:15 – 1:30 **Presentation: Update on the sudden marsh dieback.**
Amy Jacobs, DNREC

- 1:30 – 2:00 **Discussion: Joint EIC/STAC fall meeting**
- What would the STAC like to achieve?
- Should we propose a focusing theme; e.g., whether and how to work toward ecosystem-based management at the watershed scale?
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Discussion: STAC goals for the next year and beyond**
- In consideration of PDE strategic plan and the charter, what do we think are the top priorities to focus our energies on?
- 2:30 – 3:00 **Review of Action Items, Future Meeting Plans and Other Business**
- 3:00 **Adjourn**

For additional information or to suggest topics for the agenda, please contact **Dan Soeder**, Phone 410-238-4213, 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 below. 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
- Ken Anderson – PADEP
- Gregory Breese – USFWS
- Gary Buchanan – NJDEP
- Lance H. Butler – PWD
- 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 Krauerer – 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