

**2023**  
**State of**  
**the River**



# Opportunities

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## Growing Profile of the UDR Watershed

- Increased resources and broader recognition at the national, state, and regional level
- Stronger coalitions, partnerships, and high energy public engagement
- Beaverkill, Willowemoc, Neversink

## Watershed Planning

- Neversink Watershed Management Plan
- UDR Watershed Wide Plan in NY
- UDR Recreational Plan

# Funding

- Delaware River Basin Conservation Act
- New York State Environmental Protection Fund
- New York State Environmental Bond Act
- Growing Greener PA
- Private foundation support

# Flexible Flow Management Plan (FFMP)

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- Reconstitute DRBC Subcommittee on Ecological Flows (SEF)

- Thermal Bank modifications

- Work with CDRW for increased public engagement

# On-the-Ground Restoration Work

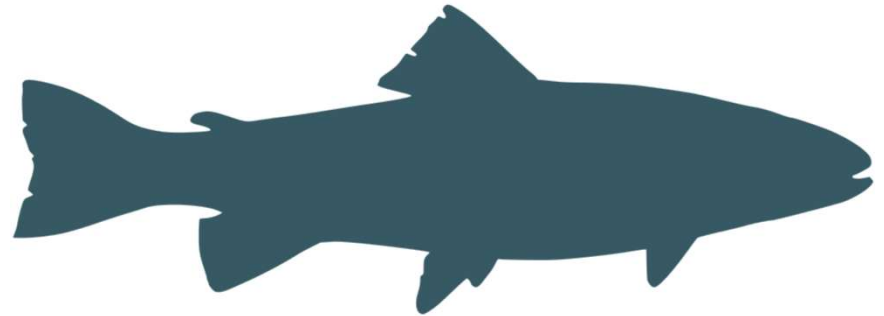
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- 20-plus projects underway
- Address water quality, public infrastructure, flood mitigation, recreational opportunities
- UDR Conservation Corps

# **NYSDEC/PFBC Upper Delaware River Wild Trout Management Plan**

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- Energize habitat restoration
- Identify policy goals
- Blueprint for future management



# River Science

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- Cornell/FUDR Macroinvertebrate Study
- Joint PA/NY fisheries Investigation
- ANS Climate Resiliency/Headwater Streams
- Trutta High Density Stream Survey
- Dwarf Wedge Mussel Study



# THINGS TO KEEP AN EYE ON





# 2024 Aqueduct Shutdown

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- Early Reservoir drawdown and impacts on releases and the fishery?



- What will releases look like during the shutdown?



- Potential for local flooding impacts?

**Enjoying the Upper Delaware River  
An Etiquette Guide for River Users**



# Increasing River Pressure

- River etiquette
- Illegal guiding/fishing/regulatory enforcement
- Year-Round fishing impacts – DEC study underway
- Public access opportunities?

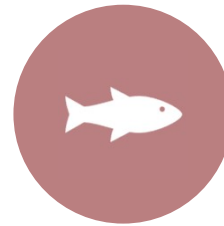
# Changing Weather Patterns



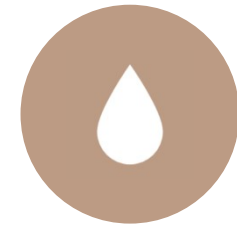
INCREASED  
FLOODING



WARMING AIR/WATER  
TEMPERATURES



AQUATIC HABITAT  
IMPAIRMENTS



REDUCED WATER  
RELEASES



# Invasive/Endangered species

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- Dwarf Wedge Mussel

- Japanese Knotweed