

# **Water Water Everywhere**

**October 24-24, 2023**

**Upper Delaware River New York State Funding**



## Some Background:

2017: The Federal Delaware River Basin Conservation Act (DRBCA) was passed, and the Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund (DWCF) was created. In fiscal year 2018, there was \$5 Million Dollars funded, and it required a 1:1 non-federal match.

2018: For the first time ever, FUDR received funding from the William Penn Foundation to secure funding for the Upper Delaware River Watershed from New York State (the Delaware River was only one of 2-3 watersheds in NYS without dedicated state funding)

2020: FUDR organized the Alliance for the Upper Delaware River Watershed to help advocate for NYS funding.

FY 2022-23: FUDR was awarded a \$300,000 line item in the New York State budget within the Environmental Protection Fund to develop and implement an Upper Delaware River Watershed Program that considers the headwaters down to Port Jervis.

Action agenda, \$1,000,000 of which shall be for the Mohawk river action plan (09HE22ER) (24836) .....	7,500,000
<del>Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (09FL22ER) (24835) .....</del>	<del>2,500,000</del>
Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the Friends of the Upper Delaware River to implement the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program, including up to \$100,000 for operational expenses .....	300,000
<del>Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, to the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance (09LE22ER) (25764) .....</del>	<del>250,000</del>
Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the state share of costs of wastewater treatment improvement projects undertaken	

The Upper Delaware River Watershed Program will engage multiple watershed stakeholders and will identify and implement watershed protection projects that improve water quality, mitigate flooding, restore aquatic habitat, and enhance recreational opportunities through the development of an action agenda, along with the development of a regrant program.

This program compliments the pillars of the Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund (DWCF), and will also help to provide that much needed 1:1 match.

FY 2023-24: FUDR was awarded a second round of funding for \$350,000 in the NYS budget under Aid to Localities to continue this work.

We are currently working on the FY 2024-25 funding.

# FY 2022 - 2023 NYS Deliverables

- Formation of a Steering Committee and an Advisory Committee
- Develop an Action Agenda in collaboration with NYSDEC and our Steering/Advisory Committees
- Begin to develop a regrant program with Steering/Advisory Committees
- Implementation of three named projects
  - Highland Access – helped to fund a boat launch and signage on the Main Stem of the Delaware River. Project lead is Sullivan County.
  - Little Beaverkill Water Line Restoration – located in the Hamlet of Livingston Manor – their water line was exposed, and it's now covered and new habitat was created.
  - Mongaup Stream Restoration – there was a large failing bank that was restored and new habitat was created.



# Little Beaverkill Waterline Project





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# Mongaup Restoration





# Highland Access



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