

Susquehanna River Basin Commission 2006 Annual Report



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FY-06 FISCAL SUMMARY

Revenues

Signatory - \$1,249,845
Grants & Projects - \$2,088,163
Fees & Others - \$498,009

Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits - \$2,898,212
Capital Outlay - \$140,202
Operating - \$1,153,545

The following select accomplishments are categorized based on several of the water resource needs identified in the Commission's 2006 Annual Water Resources Program.

COORDINATION

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated extensively with state and federal legislative assemblies and agencies.
- Convened meetings with SRBC's core advisory committees: Water Resources Management Advisory Committee, Water Quality Advisory Committee, Agricultural Water Use Advisory Committee, and Susquehanna Flood Forecast and Warning System Interagency Committee.
- Coordinated with other interstate river basin commissions, participated in advisory committees of our member jurisdictions, and coordinated with our member jurisdictions in the exercise of our regulatory functions.

REDUCE FLOOD DAMAGES AND PROVIDE EFFECTIVE DISASTER RECOVERY

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated with Interagency Committee members to ensure that additional stream gages were updated.
- Conducted two post June 2006 flood community dialogue sessions.
- Secured \$500,000 from New York State for additional flood mitigation work.
- Launched a media campaign to raise awareness on the dangers of driving on flooded roadways.

IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

Accomplishments:

- Conducted the following subbasin survey activities: completed Lower Susquehanna Year-1 and Juniata Year-2 focusing on the Morrison Cove Watershed, and began the Chemung Year-1.
- Secured a \$750,000 grant from the US EPA Chesapeake Bay Targeted Watershed Program for the Paxton Creek Watershed Stormwater Project and began implementing the project.
- Completed the first Large River Assessment report for the Susquehanna River in New York and Pennsylvania.

MITIGATE DROUGHT IMPACTS

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection during the period when the state was under a drought watch, and updated the drought coordination center on the web site.

ENSURE ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY

Accomplishments:

- Revised the Commission's regulations and published them as proposed rulemaking.
- Approved 29 new projects and 21 modifications.
- Completed the Conowingo Pond Management Plan.
- Secured \$6.1 million from the Pennsylvania General Assembly for the Agricultural Consumptive Water Use Program (Barnes and Tucker remediation project).
- Initiated the Deer Creek Watershed water availability study.
- Secured \$500,000 from the Pennsylvania General Assembly for continued work on the state's Water Planning Act (Act 220) in FY 06/07 and other work activities in FY 05/06.
- Collected data during the Juniata Subbasin Year-2 survey to support the efforts in the Morrison Cove potentially stressed areas.
- Continued enhancing the Early Warning System program in Pennsylvania and received funding from the New York State Assembly to expand the program into New York.

PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Accomplishments:

- Continued regulating consumptive water uses and withdrawals to minimize conflicts among users who need dependable sources of water for their businesses and economic activities.
- Continued all activities related to the Susquehanna Flood Forecast and Warning System so that businesses and others receive early flood warnings.

PROTECT AND/OR RESTORE AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS

Accomplishments:

- Secured \$122,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to develop the West Branch Remediation Strategy.
- Assisted in the completion of the Audenreid Tunnel/Catawissa Creek restoration project.
- Continued developing TMDLs in Pennsylvania with an emphasis on the West Branch Subbasin, and secured funds to conduct TMDL work in Maryland.

MANAGE SEDIMENT

Accomplishments:

- Significantly increased the number of sediment and nutrient monitoring sites in the basin.

FACILITATE DATA MANAGEMENT AND USE

Accomplishments:

- Implemented Document Management to enhance internal and external information sharing.
- Continued producing GIS maps and posting them on the web site, and began enhancing existing maps (*SRBC's Map Gallery is consistently the most visited section of the web site*).
- Posted all the technical reports and their associated raw data on the web site.