

# SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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## REGION'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LINKED TO WATER RESOURCES

### SRBC TO MEET, DISCUSS ECONOMICS OF WATER

- WHAT:** The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) will hold a panel discussion called "Water and Economic Development" as part of its standard bi-monthly meeting, which is open to the public. The panelists will address various issues, including:
- how water fits into the state's plans for reviving the Commonwealth's economy
  - how water is being marketed as part of an economic development strategy in areas where water is abundant
  - how the availability of water was a limiting or deciding factor in locating or expanding a business in the Northeast Region
  - what incentives government should give businesses for making water conservation a priority
  - what steps government should take to manage and plan for water to ensure a healthy economic climate while avoiding conflicts among other water users
- WHEN:** Thursday, August 14, 2003
- Schedule:
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| 8:30 a.m.  | Business meeting begins                             |
| 10:00 a.m. | <i>Water and Economic Development</i> panel session |
| 11:00 a.m. | Continue business meeting                           |
- WHO:** The confirmed panel participants are:
- John Blake, Director, Office of the Governor, Northeast Office
  - Cindy Campbell, Economic Development Analyst, Pa. Department of Community and Economic Development
  - Todd Vonderheid, Vice President, Economic Development/Member Services, The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry
  - Cathy Curran Myers, SRBC's Pa. Alternate Commissioner
  - A representative of a local industry also has been invited to participate
- WHERE:** The Inn at Nichols Village, 1101 Northern Blvd., Clark Summit, Pa.
- SRBC:** The Susquehanna River Basin Commission is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.

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