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SRBC RELEASES 2008 WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM

Programs and Projects Targeting Water Resource Needs Included in Annual Plan

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) recently issued its *2008 Water Resources Program*, an annual plan cataloging 12 identified water resources needs for the Susquehanna basin and the programs and projects intended to address those needs. The identified water resources needs relate to coordination, flood damage reduction, water quality improvement, drought mitigation, adequate water supplies, economic development, aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection, migratory fish restoration, recreation enhancement and other important needs.

“This 2008 plan is not only a good example of planning on a watershed scale, it also represents government working at its best to serve the public,” said SRBC Executive Director Paul Swartz. “The Commission worked with numerous governmental agencies, as well as some non-governmental organizations, to catalogue activities they have planned to properly manage a wide range of water resource issues throughout the Susquehanna watershed in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland.”

The 2008 Water Resources Program incorporates input from SRBC; 11 federal agencies; 10 state agencies; 7 regional, county and local agencies, including the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board in New York; and 7 non-governmental organizations, including the Upper Susquehanna Coalition – a non-profit organization representing Southern Tier New York and portions of Northern Tier Pennsylvania.

SRBC is required by the Susquehanna River Basin Compact (P.L. 91-575) to produce an annual water resource program consisting of programs and projects underway or proposed by SRBC, other governmental agencies, private-sector interests and organizations to address identified water resource needs. The 60-page *2008 Water Resources Program* is available on SRBC’s web site at www.srbc.net/planning.

SRBC 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. The SRBC web site is www.srbc.net.

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