DELaware Water Resources Regional Committee
Priorities
Work Group Draft for 2/11/05 Meeting

**Sustainable Use and Supply**
An adequate and reliable supply of suitable quality water
to sustain human and ecological needs. DRBC

- Protect instream flow needs MCCD
- Protect ecologically sensitive areas MCCD
- Manage extreme conditions (floods, drought)
- Provide an adequate supply of potable water for public and private water supplies and
suitable water for commercial, industrial, agricultural and power generation needs. DRBC
- Measure and control water system leakage and loss
- Encourage alternate technologies for water conservation, recycling and reuse
- Recognize and account for unregulated water withdrawals
- Provide enough water for flow-dependent recreational activities DRBC
- Equitably balance the multiple demands generated by economic development, while
preserving and enhancing conditions in watersheds to maintain and achieve ecological
integrity. DRBC

**Waterway Corridor Management**
Waterway corridors that function to minimize flood-induces loss of life, protect property
and floodplain ecology, preserve natural stream channel stability, provide recreational access,
and support healthy aquatic and riparian ecosystems. DRBC

- Identify and protect flood plains DRBC
- Identify and protect wetland
- Promote BMP’s for agriculture in waterway corridors
- Protect and restore healthy and biologically diverse riparian and aquatic ecosystems DRBC
- Enhance waterbased recreation DRBC

**Linking Land and Water Resource Management**
The integrated management of land and water resources to sustain the quality of life in
the Basin; preserving, restoring and enhancing ecological resources while recognizing the
community’s social and economic relationships to these resources DRBC

- Control nonpoint source pollution DRBC
- Stormwater management
  - Promote infiltration and other recharge technologies
  - Retrofit old existing systems
  - Build it into new developments
- Identify, protect and restore high value water resource areas -
wetlands, floodplains, groundwater recharge areas, erodible slopes, headwater
streams and associated drainage area, forested areas, and water bodies DRBC
- Control toxics
- Integrate with transportation plans
- Address transportation issues such as spills and releases
- Discourage development where it may impair water resources and
their related natural resources
• Link Act 537 planning with water resource planning
• Address economically sound and environmentally viable solutions for water supply and sewage disposal in subdivisions

**Institutional Coordination and Cooperation**

Strong, institutionalized partnerships for the management of water resources among all level of government, the private sector, non-governmental organization, and individuals with an interest in sustainable water resources management

• Use and promote sound data gathering, data management data sharing and consistency
• Support, don’t trump, good local/county/regional plans
• Coordinate with and help define the role of DRBC, DEP, PUC, DCED, PEMA, CCD, PennDOT in water resource planning
• Amend the Municipalities Planning Code to allow governments to address more effectively water resource issues
• Amend Act 537 planning process to tie it to water resource planning
• Coordinate state infrastructure investments with sound water resource planning

**Education and Involvement for Stewardship**

Sharing an understanding and appreciation of the water resources and a commitment to their restoration, enhancement, and protection. Getting all to value the water resources and understand the personal responsibilities needed to protect the resources.

• Involve the public in water resource planning and stewardship
• Increase private sector awareness and stewardship among developers, engineers and planners
• Improve the awareness and stewardship of state, regional and local governmental officials