

Susquehanna River Basin Commission

2007 Annual Report



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FY-07 FISCAL SUMMARY

Revenues

Signatory - \$1,426,830
Grants & Projects - \$2,670,802
Fees & Others - \$929,026

Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits - \$3,042,057
Capital Outlay - \$283,255
Operating - \$1,525,823

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The following select accomplishments are categorized based on several of the water resource needs identified in the Commission's 2007 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, 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.
- Coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state and local officials from Broome County and others to break ground on the Whitney Point Lake Section 1135 Project Modification.

REDUCE FLOOD DAMAGES AND PROVIDE EFFECTIVE DISASTER RECOVERY

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated with Interagency Committee members to continue needed enhancements to the Susquehanna Flood Forecast and Warning System, including stream and rain gage updates.
- Continued progress on the flood mapping project for New York State.
- Continued media campaign to raise awareness on the dangers of driving on flooded roadways.

IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

Accomplishments:

- Conducted subbasin survey activities in the Upper Susquehanna, Middle Susquehanna and Chemung Subbasins.
- Completed initial phase and started next phase of the \$750,000 grant project from the US EPA Chesapeake Bay Targeted Watershed Program for the Paxton Creek Watershed Stormwater Project.
- Completed the annual assessment of interstate streams and issued the report and interactive web-product.

ENSURE ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY

Accomplishments:

- Prepared the Commission's regulatory revisions for final rulemaking, adopted final rulemaking, published revised regulations and posted them on the Commission's web site.
- Continued reviewing hydropower re-licensing applications.
- Continued progress on the Deer Creek Watershed water availability study.
- 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:

- Completed data assessment, modeling and began initial draft of the West Branch Remediation Strategy.
- Continued TMDL work in Pennsylvania with an emphasis on the West Branch Subbasin and in Maryland.
- Continue activities in support of the Adaptive Management Plan for the Whitney Point Lake Section 1135 Project Modification.

MANAGE SEDIMENT

Accomplishments:

- Conducted data collection and analysis for all long-term and expanded sediment and nutrient monitoring sites in the basin.