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“Lower Delaware Regional Watershed Coordinating Council for Hunterdon County”

February 23, 2006

Pre-grant kick-off meeting
with municipal partners

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Project Partners:

- Alexandria Township
- Delaware Township
- Frenchtown
- Kingwood Township
- Milford
- Stockton...

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Project Partners:

- Delaware River Greenway Partnership
- American Water Resources Association
- NJ Water Supply Authority
- D&R Canal Commission



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The Goal:

Increase coordination and awareness of Delaware River watershed-related activities among communities along the river

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What are some of ongoing activities impacting partner communities?

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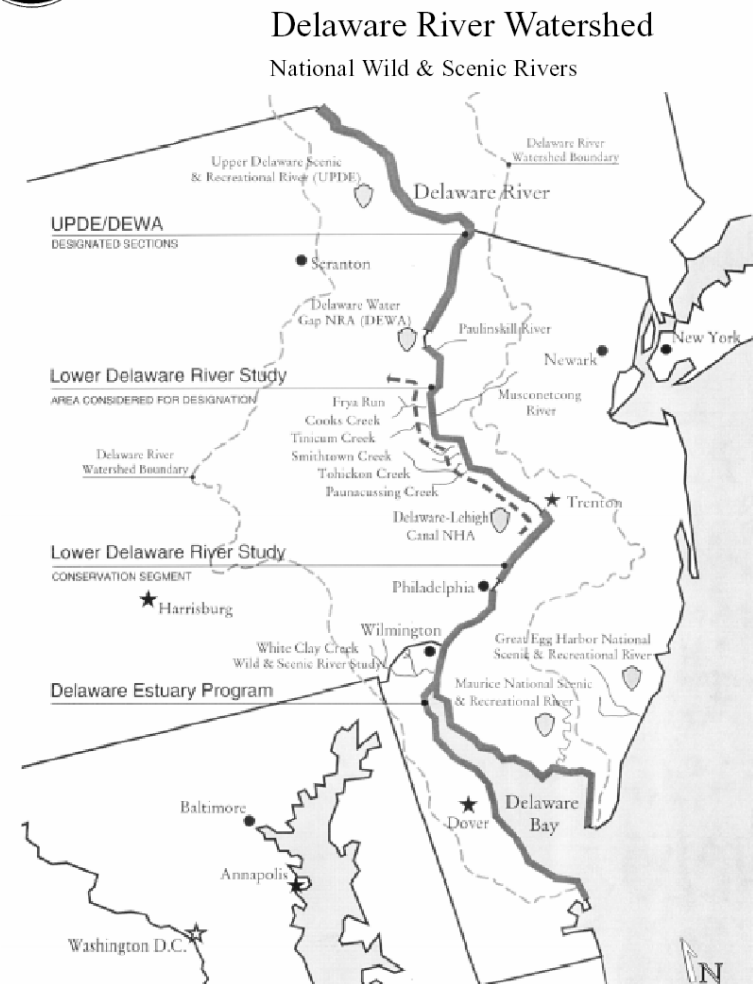
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Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River program entails -

1. Regulatory reviews of certain projects
2. Wild & Scenic Management Plan Committee
3. Municipal grant opportunities



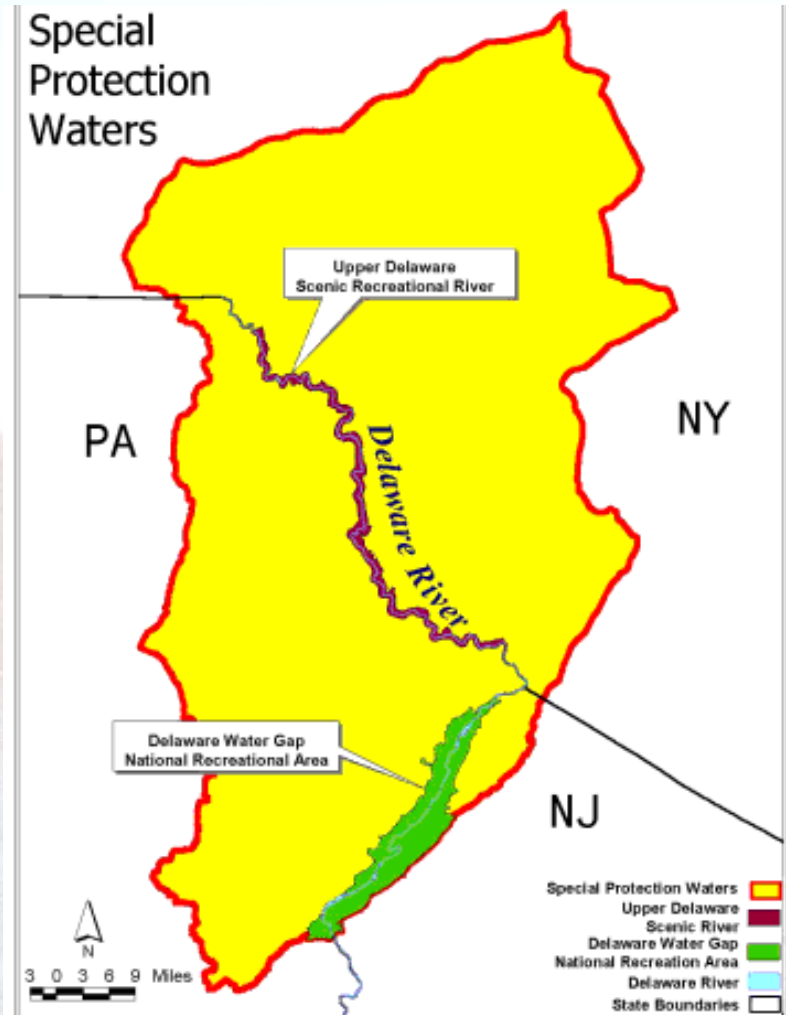
INTRODUCTION AND STUDY BACKGROUND



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Delaware River Basin Commission:

Adopted Special Protection Waters designation of sections of the river. This heightens water quality protection for the Delaware River

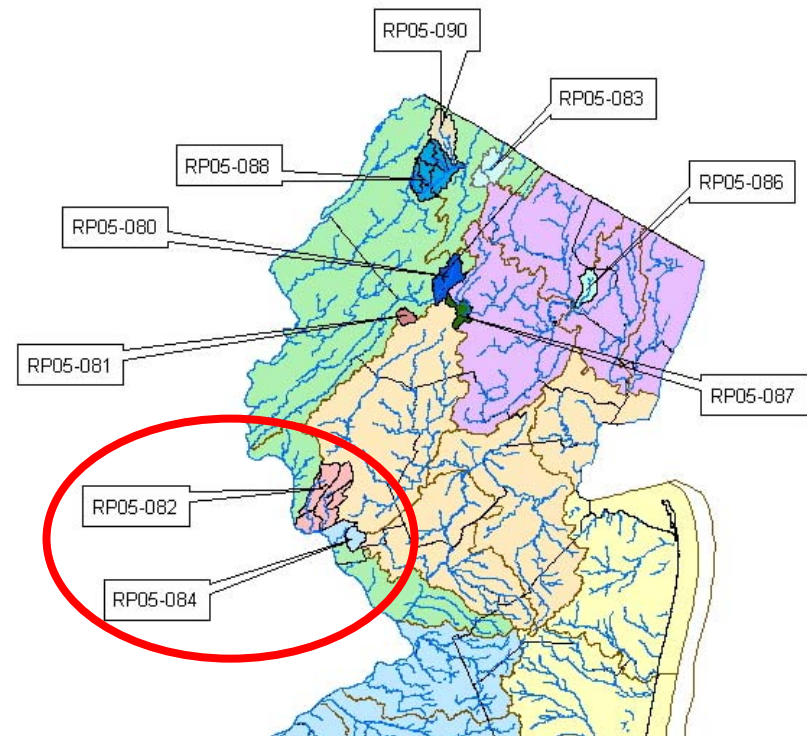


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Regional Watershed Protection Plans for Delaware River tributaries:

1. Wickecheoke and Lockatong Creeks
2. Alexauken Creek

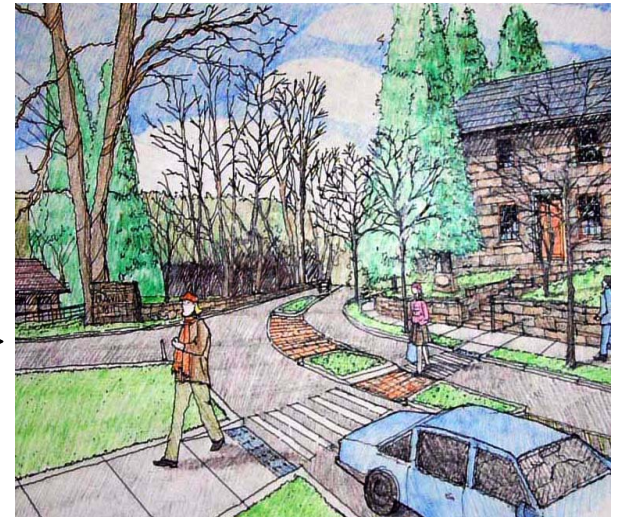
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Route 29 Scenic Byway

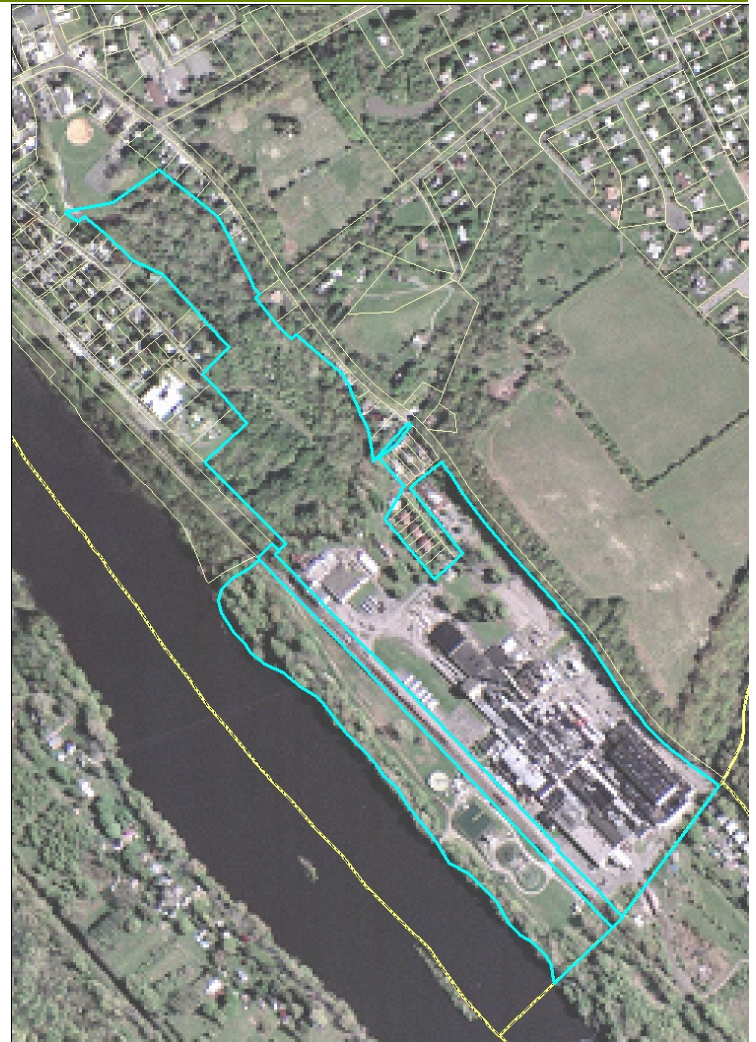
- Traffic calming plan for Stockton Borough



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Redevelopment

- Milford
- Alexandria
- Frenchtown



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What will be the outcome
of this grant?

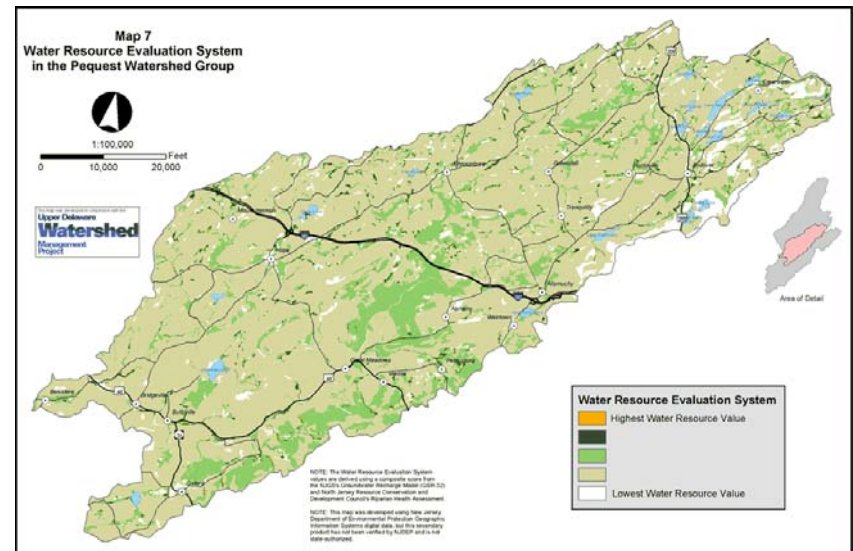
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The Outcome:

Identify
data gaps
and needs, eg...

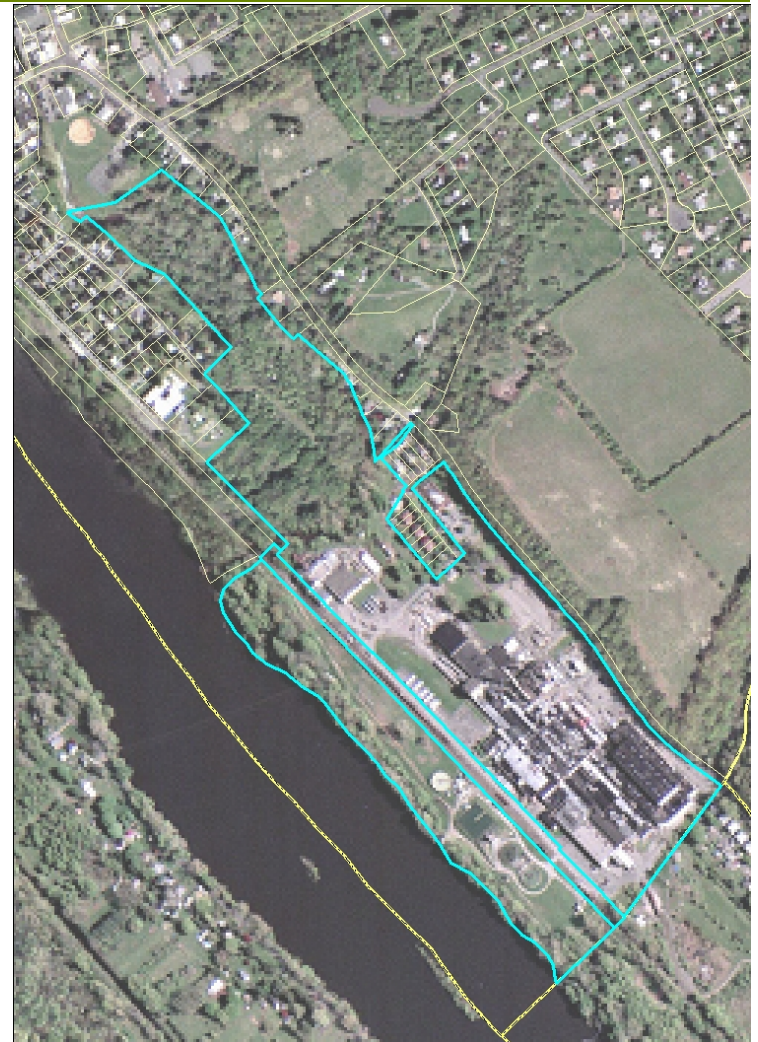
- Scenic viewsheds?
- Riparian corridor health assessment?
- Build out analysis: impervious cover and water quality impacts?



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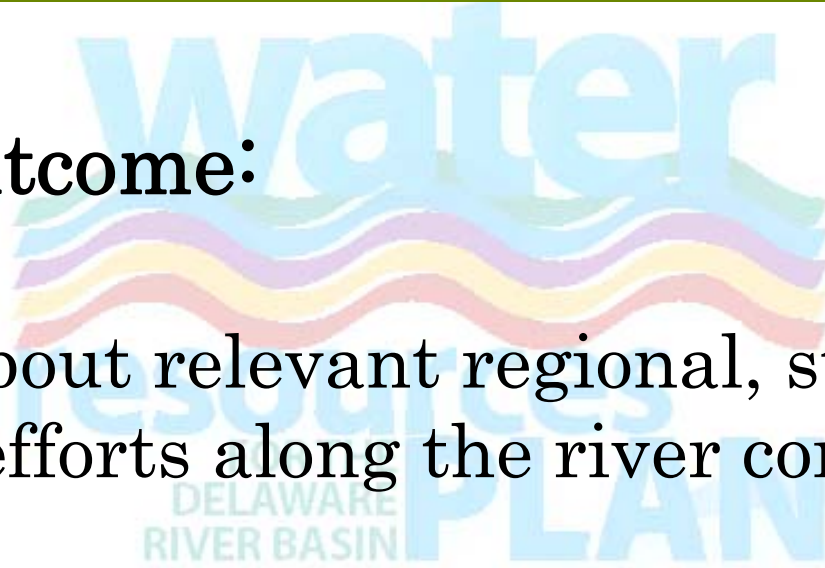
Share locally-based issues, projects and strategies affecting the river corridor



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The Outcome:

Learn about relevant regional, state and federal efforts along the river corridor

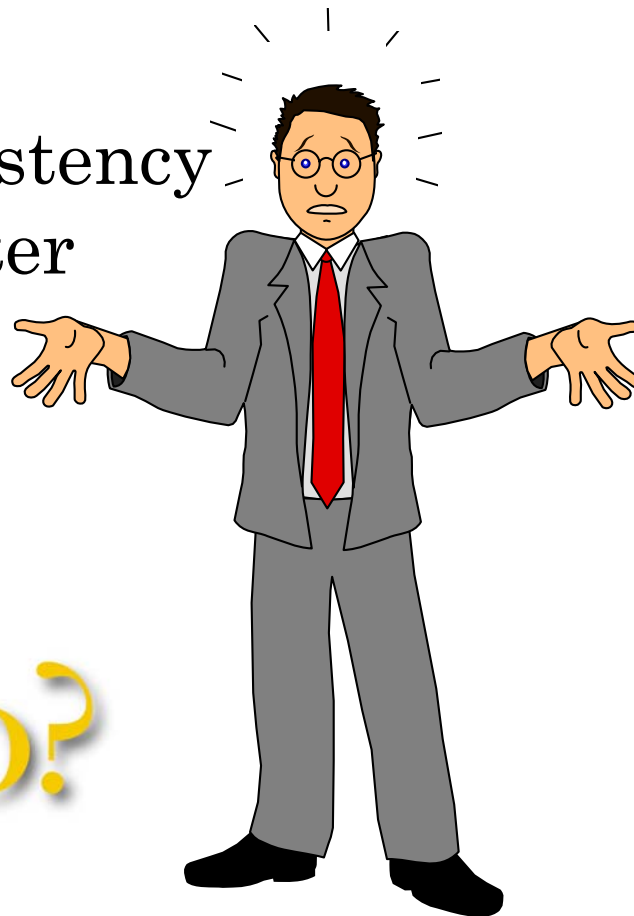


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The Outcome:

Identify areas of consistency
and areas where greater
coordination may be
beneficial

what can
we do?



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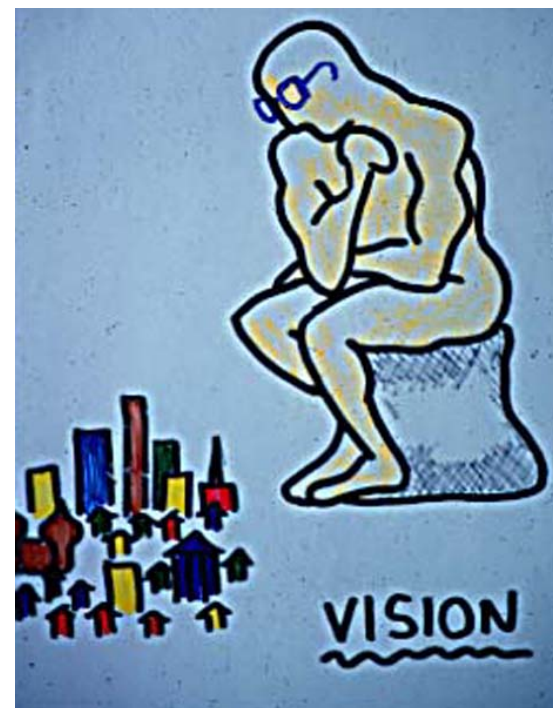
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Reach consensus on next steps toward
achieving long-term watershed
protection...

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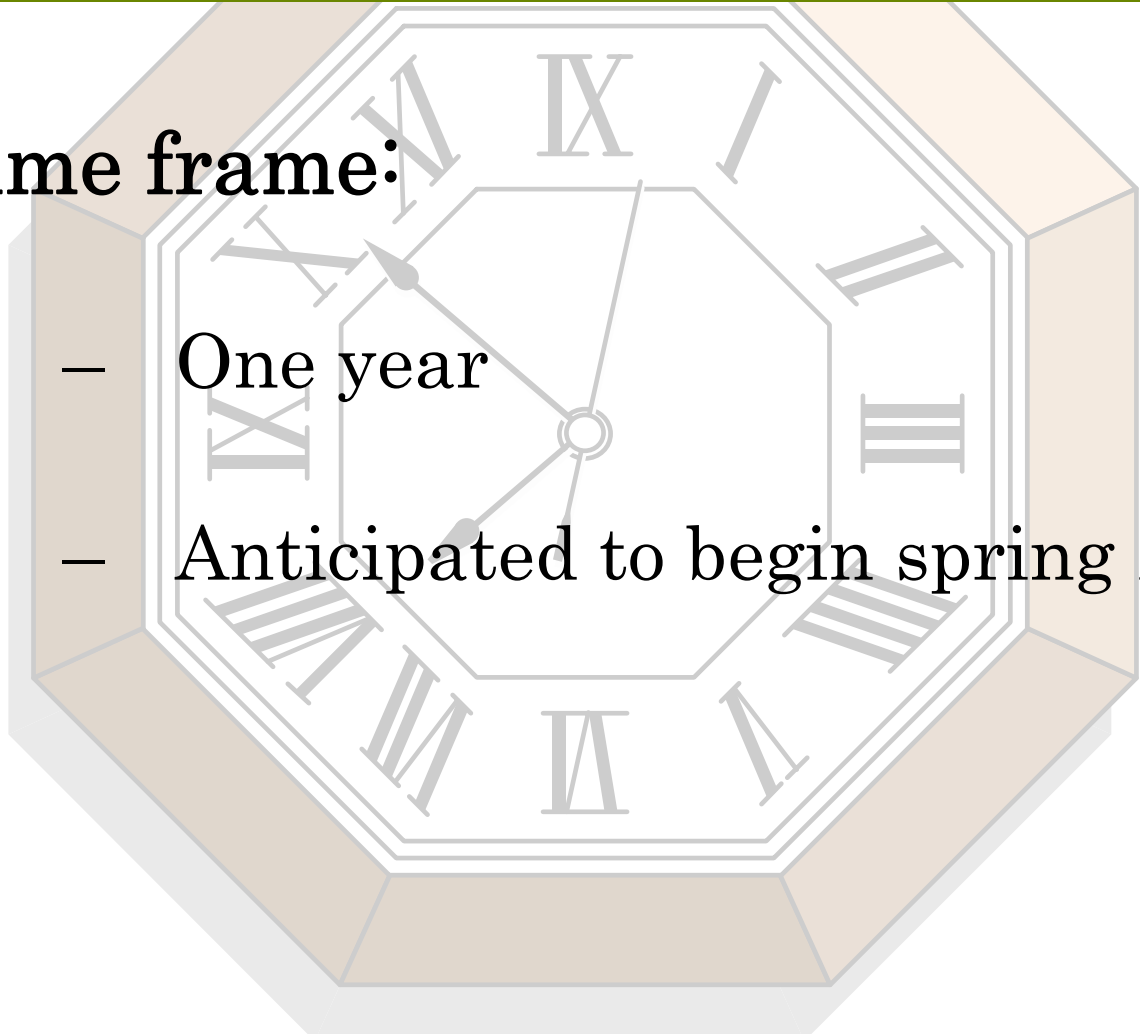
Create
Coordinating Council
among participating
municipalities to
continue collaborations



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Time frame:

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- One year
 - Anticipated to begin spring 2006

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Municipal role:

- Serve on Steering Committee
- Guide process
- Meet 4 – 6 times to review information, reports, issues, recommendations
- Keep constituents informed

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Technical Advisory Committee:

- Delaware River Basin Commission
- D&R Canal Commission
- American Water Resources Association – NJ Chapter
- NJ Water Supply Authority
- Function: guide development of mapped data

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Immediate next steps:

- Reach out to members of the Technical Advisory Committee
- Reach out to others? Who?
- Sign contracts w/NFWF
- Press announcement

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For further information:

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