

Proposal Opposition

- **NJ Congressmen
Josh Gottheimer & Tom Kean**
- **Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia**
- **Assemblyman Mike Inganamort**
- **NJ State Senator Parker Space**
- **NJ State Senator Steinhardt**
- **PA Congressman Cartwright**
- **PA State Senator Lisa Baker**
- **PA State Rep Jeff Olsommer**
- **Former PA State Rep Joe Adams**
- **PA State Rep Tara Probst**
- **PA State Rep Maureen Madden**
- **PA Senator Rosemary Brown**
- **Turtle Clan of
Ramapough Lenape**
- **Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania**
- **Delaware Riverkeepers Network**
- **NJ Outdoor Alliance**
- **PA Federation of Sportsmen**
- **NJ Federation of Sportsmen**
- **Orange County Federation
of Sportsmen's Clubs**
- **Bergen County Federation
of Sportsmens Club**

Proposal Opposition

- **Pennsylvania Farm Bureau**
- **Delaware River Shad
Fishermens Association**
- **Lehigh Valley Chapter of
Safari Club International**
- **Hercules Rod & Gun Club**
- **Backroads Motorcycle
Touring Magazine**
- **Pike County Planning Comm.**

Questions That Need Answers

- What is the environmental impact on our communities?
- Development of access sites parking lots, bathrooms on the river, loss of habitat?
- How will the park be funded?
- Who will pay for maintenance and improvements on the entry roads, state, township and county highways leading into the park?
- What is fee structure for entry and where will fees collection stations be located?
- Are there plans to acquire private property?
- Are there plans to expand existing boundaries?
- What is the impact on local EMS and volunteer fire departments?

NJ Opposing Resolutions

- ♦ **Sussex & Warren County, NJ**
 - ♦ **Montague Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Andover Borough, NJ**
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 - ♦ **Fredon Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Sandyston Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Hampton Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Lafayette Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Stillwater Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Frankford Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Franklin Borough, NJ**
 - ♦ **Sussex Borough, NJ**
 - ♦ **Green Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Sparta Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Byram Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Frelinghuysen Township, NJ**
 - ♦ **Boards of Education—
Kittatinny, Hampton,
Montague, Sandyston Schools**
- Your donations support mailings, signs,
website hosting and
public information events.*

PA Opposing Resolutions

- **Monroe County, PA**
- **Shohola Township, PA**
- **Porter Township, PA**
- **Delaware Township, PA**
- **Lehman Township, PA**
- **Dingmans Township, PA**
- **Milford Township, PA**
- **Pocono Mount. Lake Est., PA**
- **Conashaugh Lake Assoc., PA**
- **Blooming Grove Township, PA**
- **Boro of Delaware Water Gap, PA**

What is the ALLIANCE?

The push for the national park designation comes from the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve Alliance. You can read the proposal for change on the website ourpark.org. The author of the proposal is John Donohue, former NPS superintendent of DWGNRA.

Here are the proposal benefits we see:

What Does This Mean??

“Forest To Field Conversion”

From the World Wildlife Fund, (edited)

“Forest conversion involves the replacement of natural forests with other forms of land use. Often it is a process of gradual forest degradation, which may begin with removal of valuable timber and eventually lead to clearing of the land for plantations, crops, pasture, industry or urban settlement. The conversion of forests can impose severe environmental and social costs, including loss of biodiversity due to destruction and fragmentation of natural habitats, water shortages, loss of natural vegetation where fires used to clear land burn uncontrollably into surrounding communities. The driving forces behind forest conversion vary and are often interrelated. These same drivers often create incentives to log and sell the valuable timber out of natural forests and then convert the area to land uses that offer higher short term revenue streams than sustainable forest management.

Without significant changes in policy and practice, forest conversion is likely to continue to pose a major threat to forest and freshwater ecosystem.”

From Client earth

“The main cause of forest conversion is the growing demand for land for infrastructure and urbanization, or to produce agricultural commodities and mineral resources.”

The Big WHY?

We don't know because no one's talking. Local officials have requested environmental, agricultural, economic and traffic impact studies from the Alliance. Those requests remain unanswered. The benefits stated in the original and revised proposals are unfounded. There's no data, only suppositions and an incredible statement that the millions of residents in the New York area need a national park. There is no reason, no purpose, no need for a national park. DEWA is already protected under the NPS Wild & Scenic Rivers Act.

ALLIANCE Supporters

The ourpark.org website lists the following as supporters of the proposal.

Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape (Bridgeton, NJ)
Appalachian Mountain Club
PennEnvironment/NewJerseyEnvironment
Green Valleys Watershed Association
New Jersey Highlands Coalition
Sierra Club Atlantic chapter (Albany, NY)
Sierra Club of Pennsylvania

We've emailed, sent letters, made phone calls and none of these folks will talk to us. They won't or can't defend their position.



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NJ Legislation!!

New Jersey Assemblywoman Fantasia, Assemblyman Inganamort and Senator Space have sponsored opposing resolutions. In the Assembly, AR133 and SR93 in the Senate oppose the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve Alliance's proposal to change the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area's designation to a national park and preserve. The resolutions also prevent attempts from any organization or group to change the designation. We urge all NJ residents to contact their representatives in Trenton and ask them to support AR133 and SR33. Please follow us on FaceBook for updates.

Our Goal

To prevent the efforts of any group or organization to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to that of a National Park.

To preserve, protect and promote responsible resource management and diversity of recreational opportunities within DWGNRA.

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NATIONAL PARK AND LENAPE PRESERVE

New Jersey Congressman Josh Gottheimer added amendment #125 to Appropriations bill HR8998. On July 25th HR8998 passed in the House of Representatives.

This important amendment prohibits the designation of DEWA to a national park. The next step is passage in the Senate. We urge you to follow us on FaceBook for more information and updates HR8998.

We always say we have a voice!
YOU have a voice!
Never doubt that ! We have been heard!

