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The Upper Delaware River Corridor

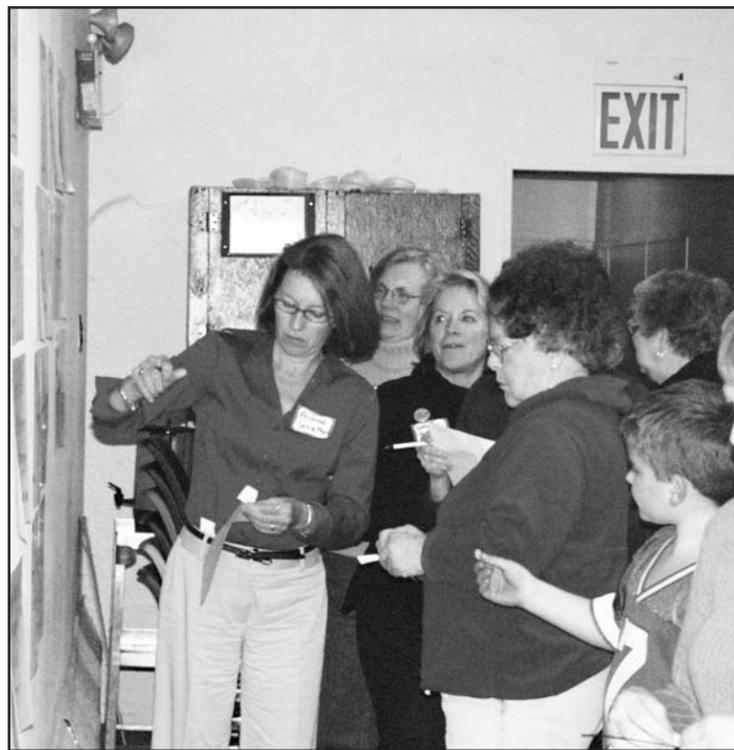
Annual Report

2004

The Visioning Committee of the Upper Delaware River Corridor is a coalition that supports the positive development and conservation of the Upper Delaware River Corridor. The committee aspires to facilitate communication among existing groups and governments in order to protect, conserve and enhance the cultural and economic opportunities, the natural resources and the ecology of the Upper Delaware River Corridor.

The Promise of Having a Vision

- The Visioning Committee of the Upper Delaware River Corridor began as a simple idea to get people from both sides of the river and those who have similar jobs - hospital administrators, real estate agents, builders and legislators - to share ideas, to know each other and to facilitate an understanding of the many individual shareholders involved in shaping the region.
- The basic idea of the Visioning Committee is to encourage collaborative thinking as a means of shaping the future development of the region. It is a mechanism to raise the consciousness of public officials and residents about the unprecedented growth of the Upper Delaware River Valley;
- At monthly meetings key players in the growth scenario – county planners, National Park Service personnel, Upper Delaware Council officials, county and state leaders, land conservation experts and business people – share their vision and work on common goals.
- Key issues around growth have been identified and prioritized through a series of community meetings (see list below). Many of those identified issues will be the focus of future community activities.
- In a spirit of collaborative spirit and the tangible understanding that we are all shareholders in our community's growth and development, we move forward to create a common shared vision.



Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, left, helps prioritize issues with valley residents in a set of meetings held throughout the valley in 2004.

A survey of key issues was taken during a series of evening meetings and prioritized at a subsequent series of meetings. The following issues were chosen at top priorities.

1. Conserve open spaces and protect farmland
2. Encourage family sustaining jobs
3. Preserve our rural character
4. Maintain private property rights
5. Support businesses consistent with our rural character
6. Educate local officials and citizens on 'safe' planning
7. Encourage village revitalization
8. Have means to act on urgent local issues (i.e. power lines, casinos, etc)
9. Encourage long-term stewardship of the land *based on science*
10. Citizens partner with and support town planning boards and officials

Financial Statement

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Grant from the National Park Service	\$ 5,000.00	
Corporate Sponsors	\$ 3,940.00	
In-kind support from partners		

EXPENDITURES

• Project support:	\$ 2,050.00	NPS
• Part-time staff to plan and organize all meetings and to facilitate the efforts and activities of the various Visioning Committee subcommittees		
• Materials and supplies for printing handouts and mailings	\$ 2,300.00	Sponsors
• Resources and equipment including buildings and facilities, telephones and computers, office equipment		
• Administrative expenses and support including: partial reimbursement for telephone expenses, postage, and promotions.		
• Conducted two series of six evening meetings on visioning:	\$ 800.00	
• Included two part-time staff people to attend meeting, record and distribute meeting notices, make logistical arrangements, provide sign in sheets, develop a follow up mailing list etc. during the winter and spring of 2004		
• Conducted five Growing Greener conservation development session during the fall of 2004 with technical experts as presenters; held a storm water management seminar.	\$ 1,600.00	
• Produced Informational fliers (including copies for distribution), conducted a Key Issues Survey and produce a series of guest newspaper articles by various valley residents on their vision for the area.	\$ 500.00	
• Gathered information to compile and distribute a toolbox of available instruments (ordinances, etc.) that can be used to guide land use.	\$ 250.00	
• Developed and maintained a website for the visioning process see: http://www.upperdelaware.com/visioning/trrvisioningarchive.cfm	\$ 1,000.00	
• Held a seminar by Sean Nolon of Pace University's Law School Center on land use strategies	\$ 587.90	
• Held two major forums on conservation subdivision; meeting space, publicity, printing	\$ 1,120.00	
• Purchased Pace University Land Use Center's Starting Ground Series of Booklets on Land Use Practices	\$ 179.50	
	TOTAL	\$ 8,087.40
	BALANCE	\$ 852.60

Accomplishments for 2004

- Held two series of six evening meetings in communities on both sides of the river to raise residents awareness of coming growth and to identify and prioritize key growth issues in each community.
- Circulated to local communities the prioritized list of key issues resulting from the evening meetings.
- Held two major forums on Conservation Subdivision to introduce this method of subdivision that preserves open space while encouraging development. Conducted by experts from the Natural Lands Trust
- Held five small seminars on Conservation Subdivision conducted in local communities, applying the method to each town's zoning and land-use regulations.
- Held a seminar on vital land-use issues and applications conducted by Pace University Law Center.
- Held a seminar on Storm Water Management for local watershed communities.
- Held a training seminar for small action groups that we formed at the community meetings.
- Held several exhibits highlighting the activities and projects of the Visioning Committee.
- Held monthly planning meetings with Visioning Committee members
- Participated in the Sullivan County 2020 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
- Maintained a liaison with the New York State Department of State and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the purpose of using their resources for the benefit of committee projects.