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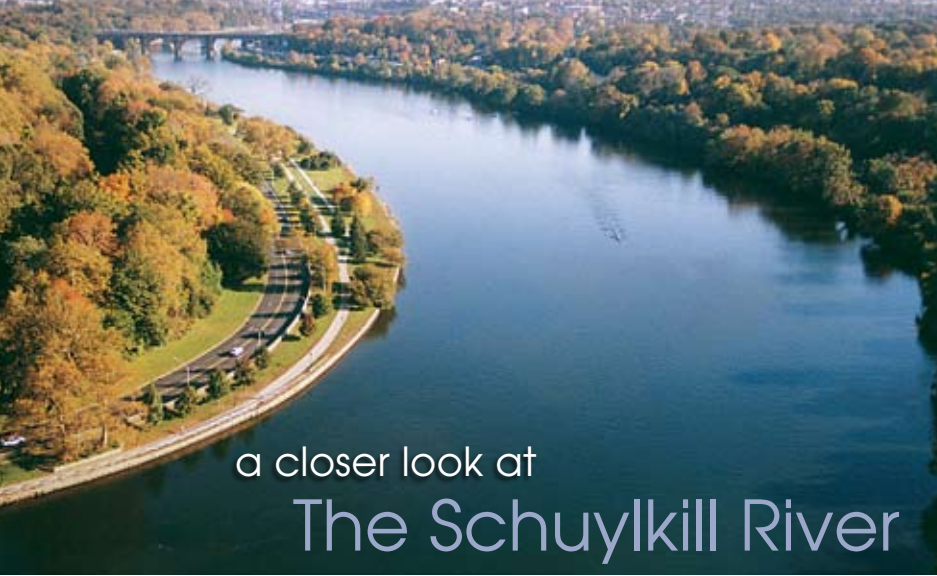
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a closer look at The Schuylkill River



The Schuylkill River Restoration Fund

- Established to address the challenges that threaten the river's health
- Managed by The Schuylkill River Heritage Area
- Nearly \$600,000 in grants awarded to date through the dedicated Exelon fund
- Dedicated to protecting the region's drinking water

Challenges and Threats Facing the River and its Watersheds

- Erosion
- Agricultural runoff
- Abandoned mine drainage
- Trash and waste pollution
- Reduction in aquatic and wetland habitats

Types of Grant Projects the Fund Supports

- Storm water runoff and management issues
- Abandoned mine drainage remediation
- Agricultural mitigation and best management practices
- Pathogen remediation
- Education, stewardship and outreach projects
- Riparian corridor restoration



THE SCHUYLKILL

It's More Than Just an Expressway.

- The Schuylkill River remains true to its Lenape name – Manayunk, or “where we drink” – by serving as a drinking water source for over 1.75 million people.
- Not long ago, however, the river was essentially an open sewer as a result of decades of pollution from shipping, coal mining, industry, and population growth.
- Efforts since the 1940's have improved water quality, increased opportunities for recreation, stimulated economic revitalization, and enhanced the region's already breathtaking beauty.
- The Schuylkill River watershed covers parts of 11 counties and consists of over 2,000 square miles.
- The Schuylkill River and its watershed has been designated as a National and State Heritage Area.

How much does your business rely on a clean Schuylkill River? Do you use water in your daily operations and services for drinking, cooking, cleaning, manufacturing, irrigation? Are customers looking to your company for “green” initiatives? Are you searching for opportunities to strengthen your corporate image and gain connections within the local community?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then look to the Schuylkill River for the answer: *The Schuylkill River Restoration Fund!*

In 2006, an agreement between Exelon and the Delaware River Basin Commission was created to support river restoration. Today, The Schuylkill River Restoration Fund supports a wider range of projects with a broader funding base. It is dedicated to protecting and restoring water quality throughout the watershed, and ensuring that the full potential of the Schuylkill River and its tributaries - for drinking water, habitat and recreation - can be achieved and maintained for coming generations.

How The Fund Works

The Schuylkill Action Network, a group of organizations and agencies dedicated to the protection and improvement of the Schuylkill River, in cooperation with Exelon and the Schuylkill River Heritage Area, has established an annual grant program for on-the-ground projects that improve the water resources of the Schuylkill River. Technical experts from the Schuylkill Action Network participate in the grant selection process to help ensure that projects will positively impact the river. Grant recipients are responsible for executing, monitoring and documenting their project's progress and results.

How You Can Help

With your assistance, the Schuylkill Action Network seeks to raise additional funds to implement projects that minimize and even eliminate the problems caused by abandoned mines, agricultural runoff, and flooding, while also improving access and recreational opportunities along the river. Every dollar invested in the Schuylkill is at least a dollar invested in the community that supports your business. Grants made from the Fund so far have leveraged hundreds of thousands of additional investment dollars.

That's where the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund – and you – can make a difference. Think about the impact water and the river have on your home, your business and your community. Consider a contribution to the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund and invest in the quality of your life for your business and community. Every dollar spent for clean water in the river saves at least one dollar in processing costs.

Contribute to The Schuylkill River Restoration Fund TODAY!

- **Call** the Schuylkill River Heritage Area at 484-945-0200
- **Email** us at info@schuylkillriver.org
- **Visit** www.schuylkillriver.org for more information about the Fund and other Schuylkill River Heritage Area projects

PROJECT EXAMPLES:

▲ **Berks County Conservancy Berks County Farm (2006)**

- Stabilized stream bank
- Created riparian buffer
- Planted annual and native grasses
- Installed fencing and cattle crossing

▼ **The Schuylkill Headwater Association (2007)**

- Upgraded the abandoned mine remediation systems at 3 mines in headwaters of the Schuylkill River

