

2011 Current Fiscal Year Report: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of the Interior		2011	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission		502	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/27/1990		12/17/2008
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
Yes	P.L. 100-573, as amended by P.L. 105-355	12/17/2008	
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue			
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 100-573	10/31/1988	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed 0	17c. Partially Closed 0	Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Delaware Water Gap Citizen Advisory Commission is made up of local residents in the community - businessmen, doctors, professors, school board directors and retirees. This is an advisory commission (not approbatory) that advises park management on local issues and provides feedback on the concerns and expectations of the communities surrounding the recreation area, thereby affecting the planning and development of the park.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership on the 11-member Commission is prescribed by the enabling legislation, as follows: (a) two members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior at the Secretary's discretion; (b) two members appointed by the Secretary from among residents of New Jersey nominated by the Governor of New Jersey; (c) two members appointed by the Secretary from among residents of Pennsylvania nominated by the Governor of Pennsylvania; and (d) one member appointed by the Secretary from among the residents of each of the following counties nominated by the county administrator of such county: Sussex County, New Jersey; Warren County, New Jersey; Pike County, Pennsylvania; Monroe County, Pennsylvania; and Northampton County, Pennsylvania. The Commission has several members who favor natural resources and open spaces, and several who favor historic and cultural preservation. There are also some who provide viewpoints toward a balance of the two issues. Several new members favor tourism and have strong feelings toward preserving the recreation area as a major draw for visitors to the Pocono region.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

No meetings were held in FY 2011. Committee is currently inactive. Meetings are held in such a way as to allow members and the public to raise issues of concerns, and a chance for the Park Service to directly respond to those concerns. There is also a Superintendent's report of park happenings and issues, and two public comment periods. All concerned have an opportunity to make their feelings and preferences known to Commission

members and park staff. Meetings are attended by the Park Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent, the Superintendent's Secretary (as recorder), the Management Assistant, and staff members as appropriate to provide information on the item of discussion/review. Preparation for the meetings includes developing PowerPoint presentations on park events, issues, and information asked for at the previous meetings. Commission correspondence is tracked and answered, minutes are transcribed, by the Superintendent's secretary. Commission terminated October 31, 2008. Legislation pending to extend commission for one year.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Commission meetings provide a means for Commission members, park staff, and concerned public citizens to meet face to face to discuss park projects and issues. Some regular attendees, both Commission members and public, routinely challenge park staff on issues such as visitor safety, care of historic structures, management of wildlife, and other services for the visitors, forcing park staff to think outside the box when planning and/or carrying out programs. Attendees and members often present opposing viewpoints, helping park staff to make compromises between the two (or sometimes three) extremes.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

No meetings were held in FY 2011. Committee is currently inactive. Commission was authorized by P.L. 100-573, October 31, 1988. Sec. 5-

Termination of Commission states: The Commission shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act. Commission was reauthorized by P.L. 105-355, which states: Section 5 of P.L. 101-573 is amended by striking "10" and inserting "20". Commission terminated October 31, 2008. Legislation proposed to extend commission for one year. No meetings were held in FY 2009.

Designated Federal Officer

John J. Donahue Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

Narrative Description

No meetings were held this Fiscal Year. The Commission reviews park issues and provides feedback on public sentiment concerning those issues, proposed development, and interaction with the community. This is the main avenue the park has for public participation in its planning efforts.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

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|---|--------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Commission terminated October 31, 2008.No meetings were held in FY 2009.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

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Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY 05, the Commission, through resolution to the Secretary, recommended the NPS acquire Depue Island, within the boundaries of the National and Scenic River, to prevent proposed development on the island. As of the end of FY 08, the Secretary still has not responded. No recommendations for Fiscal Year 2010.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The agency provides this feedback by electronic correspondence, phone calls, and study session with Commission members. Pertinent correspondence and news articles are also shared with Commission members.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

The Commission has not taken part in the grant process.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Publications



Other



Access Comments

Through press releases and through the distribution of Commission minutes to those requesting to be on the mailing list. The minutes are also posted on the park's webpages.