

DRAFT FINAL REPORT OUTLINE (for comment)

Overall Suggestion (*still up for discussion*) –stick with the geographical extents/definitions used in the East Branch Delaware Stream Corridor Management Plan, which is based upon sub-watersheds / reaches.

I. Overall Introduction / Need / Purpose

- ❖ Executive Summary
- ❖ Provide some overview maps/statistics for the EB Delaware Watershed. This information would be taken directly from the EB Delaware Stream Corridor Management Plan (EBDSCMP).
- ❖ Highlight all of the relevant recommendations made in the EBDSCMP that this project accomplishes or works toward accomplishing.

II. Overall Picture of Recreation in the upper East Branch Delaware Watershed

- ❖ Examine/incorporate economic impact of public lands data from the study that was recently completed for the Catskill Park and Forest Preserve and NYC Watershed lands.
- ❖ Provide a quick analysis of the ‘patch-work’ nature of the recreational lands in the EB Delaware watershed as well as the various ownerships and the diversity or rules and regulations (so many different owners means so many different rules, signage, goals, etc) which cause confusion and ultimately non-use or a negative experience.
- ❖ Develop a specific section on the Pepacton Reservoir Boating and its impact (usage data now available from DEP) and summary of discussion with key business owners from Big Indian to Downsville, to Roxbury.

III. Upper East Branch Delaware River Access Locations and Summaries

- ❖ Specific Sections for each sub-basin
 - ***Batavia Kill, Bush Kill, Dry Brook, Mill Brook, Platte Kill, Tremper Kill, East Branch Headwaters, East Branch Main Stem, Pepacton Reservoir***
 - Introduction
 - Watershed (and municipality/community) Overview
 - Current Recreational Access Opportunities
 - Potential Recreational Access Opportunities
 - Maps
- ❖ NYCDEP Watershed Recreation Lands (those not adjacent to EB Delaware and major tributaries, but located within the Pepacton Reservoir Watershed)
 - Overview of the parcels and their respective uses
 - Detailed summary of those that have access to water resources

IV. Community / Stakeholder Input

- ❖ Community / Stakeholder Input
 - Residents
 - Businesses
 - Tourists
 - East Branch PAC and Access & Fisheries Sub-Committee
- ❖ Online Survey and Results
- ❖ Good Neighbor Agreement / Policy
 - Potential Use of Private Lands
 - East Branch Stewards Group

V. Recommendations

- ❖ Trails at the WDC and the Recreational Hub concept
- ❖ Further development of access points in and around the Village of Margaretville (community input, including business owners)
- ❖ East Branch Stewards Group
- ❖ Signage, kiosks, and Outreach and Promotion of the resources
- ❖ List of specific recommendations for each sub-basin
- ❖ EastBranchAccess.com website

VI. Future Funding Opportunities

- ❖ Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District's Stream Management Implementation Grants Program (SMIP), CWC Economic Development, A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation, Parks and Trails New York, etc....