

# Environmental Impact Statement

Appalachian National Scenic Trail  
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area  
Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Philadelphia District



## National Park Service Organic Act and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



Childs Park Falls

Bird watching



Milford Beach



- The Organic Act creating the National Park Service states that the NPS will “conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and...provide for the enjoyment of the same in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations”. (*16 USC 1, the National Park Service Organic Act*)
- The purpose of NEPA (*42 USC 4321 et seq.*) is “to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between human beings and the physical environment for present and future generations.”
- Mandates that every federal agency prepare an in-depth study of the impacts of “major federal actions having a significant effect on the environment.”
- Helps public officials make decisions that are based on understanding of environmental impacts and take actions that protect, restore and enhance the environment.
- Ensures that environmental information is available to public officials and citizens before decisions are made and actions are taken.

## NEPA Process

### Project milestones include:

- Preparation of Draft EIS  
Present - Summer 2011
- Public Review of Draft EIS  
Summer 2011
- Analysis of Public Comment  
Fall 2011
- Preparation of Final EIS  
Summer 2011 - Fall 2012
- Preparation of Record of Decision  
Fall 2012
- Announcement of Record of Decision  
Fall 2012



Orange shelf fungus