



The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's *Whole Basin Management* strategy focuses on protecting Delaware's environment by managing it in a new and natural way: by drainage basin. Using the state's five major drainage basins as our chief management units, we can bring together the expertise from all our divisions — Air and Waste Management, Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Recreation, Soil and Water Conservation, and Water Resources — to better assess, monitor, and protect the health of Delaware's environment.

The basis for developing this strategy comes from our realization that virtually every activity that takes place in the environment impacts multiple resources or land-use activities. Thus, managing the complex natural world we call "the environment" requires us to examine the many resources that comprise it from multiple perspectives in an integrated fashion.

*Whole Basin Management* involves eight phases to effectively assess the health of a targeted basin and develop an implementation plan to address its environmental problems. The first basin DNREC is assessing under *Whole Basin Management* is the Piedmont Basin in northern New Castle County. Named after the geological province in which it resides, this basin encompasses the White Clay Creek, Red Clay Creek, Brandywine Creek, Shellpot Creek, Naamans Creek, and Christina River watersheds.

We encourage you to learn more about the Piedmont Basin and share with us your ideas and concerns about the region's environmental quality. We look forward to your input and cooperation as we work to improve and protect the health of Delaware's environment.



If you have any comments that you would like to share regarding this report, please contact DNREC's Office of Information and Education at (302) 739-4506. This publication is available on the Internet. Visit DNREC's Web page at [www.dnrec.state.de.us](http://www.dnrec.state.de.us).

## Easy Reference Phone Numbers



### Environment Hotlines

- Citizen Complaints (In State) ...1-800-622-8802
- Illegal Hunting/
- Fishing Activities . . . . . 1-800-292-3030

### Office of the Secretary

- Secretary's Office . . . . . 739-4403
- Development Advisory Service . . . . 739-6400
- Land Use Planning. . . . . 739-3091
- Business & Permitting Assistance. . . 739-6400
- Information & Education. . . . . 739-4506
- Human Resources . . . . . 739-5823
- Whole Basin Management . . . . . 739-4403

### Division of Air & Waste Management

- Director's Office . . . . . 739-4764
- Air Quality Management Section . . . 739-4791
  - New Castle . . . 323-4542
- Hazardous Waste Mgmt. Branch . . . 739-3689
- Underground Storage Tank Branch . . 395-2500
- Solid Waste Management Branch . . . 739-3820
- Site Investigation & Restoration Branch 395-2600
- Environmental Response Branch . . . 739-3694
- Environmental Protection Officers . . 739-5072

### Division of Fish & Wildlife

- Director's Office . . . . . 739-5295
- Fisheries Section . . . . . 739-3441
- Wildlife Section. . . . . 739-5297
- Enforcement Section. . . . . 739-3440
- Mosquito Control Section. . . . . 739-3493

### Division of Parks & Recreation

- Director's Office . . . . . 739-4401
- Planning, Preservation & Development 739-5285
- Operation and Maintenance . . . . . 739-4406
- Cultural and Recreational Services. . 739-4413

### Division of Soil & Water Conservation

- Director's Office . . . . . 739-4411
- Shoreline & Waterway
  - Management Section. . . . . 739-4411
- Drainage Section . . . . . 856-5488
- Delaware Coastal Management Program 739-3451
- Conservation District Operations . . . 739-4411

### Division of Water Resources

- Director's Office . . . . . 739-4860
- Customer Services . . . . . 739-6330
- Environmental Services Section . . . . 739-4771
- Surface Water Discharges Section . . . 739-5731
- Groundwater Discharges Section . . . 739-4761
- Water Supply Section . . . . . 739-4793
- Watershed Assessment Section. . . . . 739-4590
- Wetlands & Subaqueous Lands Section 739-4691