



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 four 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, Office of the Secretary, 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 a phased approach to effectively assess the health of a targeted basin and develop an implementation plan to address its environmental problems. This report focuses on the Inland Bays/Atlantic Ocean Basin, the third of Delaware's four drainage basins. The first two basins that have been assessed include the Piedmont Basin in northern New Castle County and the Chesapeake Bay drainage in western New Castle, Kent, and Sussex counties. The last basin being assessed is the Delaware Bay and Estuary drainage, along Delaware's eastern corridor.

We encourage you to learn more about Delaware's major drainage basins 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.

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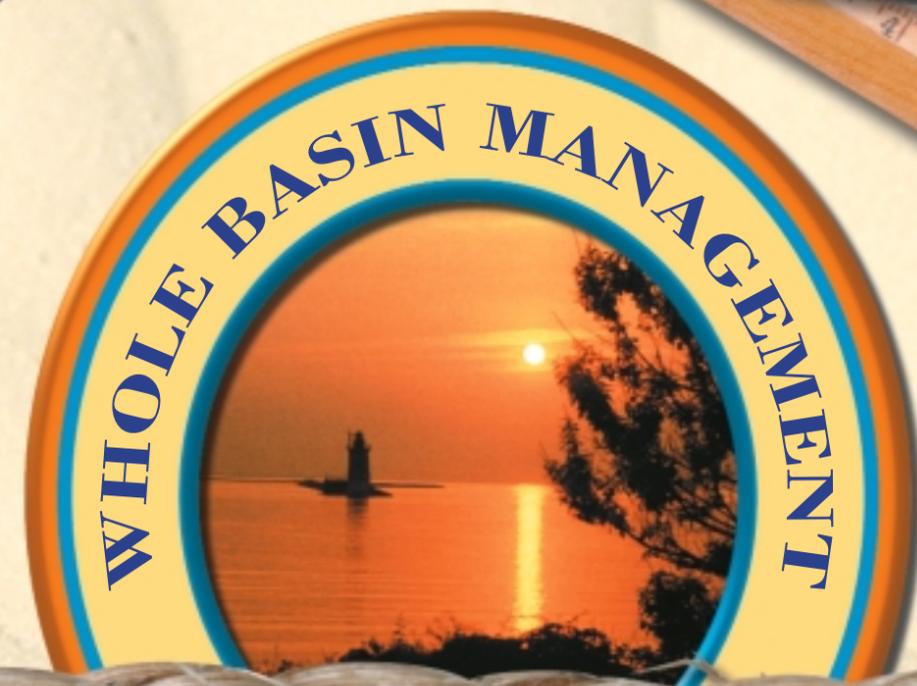
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