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Delaware Governor's Announcement Supporting New Clean Water Initiative Supported by the Delaware Riverkeeper

Delaware: In response to the announcement by Governor Markell of a new Clean Water Initiative focused on generating funds and carrying out projects to improve the health of Delaware's waterways, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network issued this public statement of support.

Said Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, "the Delaware River is an irreplaceable treasure that is part of our communities and protects them from harm; a Delaware state initiative that will enhance and protect the quality of Delaware's rivers benefits us all, including future generations. The Delaware River system provides drinking water, supports hundreds of thousands of jobs, generates over \$22 billion of economic value for the region, supports family recreation and childhood education, and when protected it protects our communities from illness and flooding. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network looks forward to seeing all of the specifics of the Governor's plan, but it certainly seems that he is positioning Delaware as a leader in securing the many irreplaceable benefits our rivers, streams and wetlands provide."

Established in 1988 upon the appointment of the Delaware Riverkeeper, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) membership organization. DRN's professional staff and volunteers work throughout the entire Delaware River Watershed including portions of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network champions the rights of our communities to a Delaware River and tributary streams that are free-flowing, clean and healthy.

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