

## HR 1772

### Delaware River Basin Conservation Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Apr 14, 2015

**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Jul 23, 2015)

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [R-NJ-11]	R · NJ		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Apr 15, 2015
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jul 16, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 30, 2015
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 23, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 15, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2848	Related bill	<b>Sep 19, 2016:</b> Held at the desk.
114 S 921	Identical bill	<b>Jul 7, 2016:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 548.

### Summary (as of Apr 14, 2015)

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#### Delaware River Basin Conservation Act of 2015

Requires the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to establish a nonregulatory Delaware River Basin restoration program, under which it shall: (1) draw on management plans for the Basin or portions of the Basin and work in consultation with applicable management entities, including representatives of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, the Delaware River Basin Commission, the federal government, other state and local governments, and regional and nonprofit organizations, to identify, prioritize, and implement restoration and protection activities within the Basin; (2) adopt a Basin-wide strategy that supports the implementation of a shared set of science-based restoration and protection activities, targets cost-effective projects with measurable results, and maximizes conservation outcomes with no net gain of federal full-time equivalent employees; and (3) establish voluntary grant and technical assistance programs in accordance with this Act.

Defines "Basin" as the four-state Delaware Basin region, including all of Delaware Bay and portions of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania located in the Delaware River watershed.

Requires the USFWS to: (1) establish the Delaware River Basin restoration grant program to provide competitive matching grants to carry out restoration and protection activities within the Basin, and (2) develop criteria for such grant program to ensure that funded activities accomplish specified purposes and advance the implementation of priority actions or needs identified in the strategy adopted under this Act.

Authorizes the USFWS to contract with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation or another organization that offers grant management services.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 23, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 13, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2886)
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.