

**RESOLUTION NO. 82**

**TITLE: SUPPORT FOR INCREASED WATER RELEASES FROM THE PEPACTON AND  
CANNONSVILLE RESERVOIRS FOR THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF THE TOWNS OF  
HANCOCK, DEPOSIT AND COLCHESTER  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, decisions regarding water releases from the New York City Cannonsville and Pepacton Reservoirs are dependent upon variable stream circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, depending on individual circumstances and conditions, water releases will fall under the auspices of the Delaware River Master as dictated under the 1954 Supreme Court Decree, New York City DEP or the New York State DEC; and

**WHEREAS**, the adequate release of water is important to the increasing sport of fly fishing for trout in the Towns of Colchester, Deposit and Hancock and is an important part of their local economies as well as other water recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the timing and volumes of water releases in concert with consideration of viable water temperature are critical to the welfare of trout, particularly in the low flow hot and dry summer months; and

**WHEREAS**, discussions are ongoing with regard to changes in the Delaware River Basin Flexible Flow Management Program (FFMP); and

**WHEREAS**, the multiple objectives of the FFMP provide for maintaining a favorable environment for the fishery; and

**WHEREAS**, a favorable environment for the fishery is also important to the economy and needed jobs in Hancock, Deposit and Colchester; and

**WHEREAS**, New York City's successful water conservation effort over the years has reduced annual water consumption by one third to 1.05 BGD providing for more flexibility in their water cycle for protecting against drought.

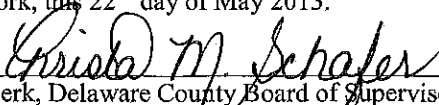
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Delaware County Board of Supervisors acknowledges prior improvements to the FFMP for both flood protection and the fishery, now requests that the Decree Parties give further thorough and reasonable consideration for increased water releases under the FFMP from the Cannonsville and Pepacton Reservoirs to prevent unnecessary or lethal conditions for the fishery; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this resolution also be forwarded to Delaware River Basin Commission Members and Executive Director, State and Federal elected officials representing Delaware County and the Coalition of Watershed Towns.

State of New York  
County of Delaware

I, Christa M. Schafer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Delaware County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2013 and the whole thereof.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board at Delhi, New York, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2013.

  
Clerk, Delaware County Board of Supervisors