



...at a Glance

## Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and Its Tributaries, Inc.

**Mission:** CU Maurice River is dedicated to protecting the watershed of the Maurice River and the region known as Down Jersey, thereby enabling current and future generations to enjoy the environmental, recreational, cultural, and scenic resources of this Wild & Scenic global treasure. CU invites participation and fosters responsible stewardship. CU supports education, awareness, and informed decision-making utilizing field work, research, and advocacy.

### **Founded 1979, non-profit organization 1986**

*CU Maurice River was the driving force behind the designation of 35 miles of the Maurice River and its tributaries — the Menantico, Manumuskin and Muskee — as nationally recognized Wild and Scenic Rivers by the National Park Service (NPS) in 1993. CU Maurice River is currently responsible for the stewardship and promotion of the river's Outstanding Resources, activities that are partially funded through the NPS Partnership Wild and Scenic River program.*

**Membership:** 700 memberships; approximately 2,450 members. Bi-monthly member meetings with guest presentations at Cumberland County College are free and the public is welcome.

**Staff:** Doreen B. Homan, Membership, Events, and Office Manager; Karla Rossini, Program Manager.

**Volunteerism:** CU Maurice River's hallmark. Volunteers log over 10,000 hours per year, making possible our programs and outreach within the community.

**Board of Trustees:** Jane Morton Galetto, President and Executive Director; Suzanne Olah, Treasurer; Irene Bird, Assistant Treasurer; Jody Carrara, Corresponding Secretary; Susan Leopold, Recording Secretary; Ethan Aronoff; Sue Fenili; Leslie Ficcaglia; Anthony Klock; Gary Moellers; Mary Ann Russell; Mary Steinacker; Thomas Talalaj; and Mary Watkins.



## Environmental Education

- Wild About Cumberland: winter exploration in partnership with Bayshore Center at Bivalve
- YMCA Camp Merrywood: weekly programs by CU volunteers
- Down Jersey Teachers' Curriculum
- Elevate! Summer Enrichment Program
- Presentations on request at local schools, civic organizations and clubs
- \$1,000 Annual Connie Jost Art Scholarship
- Watershed Stewardship Program
- Trail Creation: WheatonArts and Cumberland Co. Guidance Center

## Information-packed Website: [www.cumauriceriver.org](http://www.cumauriceriver.org)

- Down Jersey: Celebrating our Sense of Place Teachers' Curriculum
- River Reaches: Maurice River Recollections Project
- South Jersey Plant Guide
- How to Build Wood Duck Boxes and Osprey Platforms
- Podcasts: CU on the Maurice River this Minute
- Newsletters, Calendar, Slide Shows and much more!

## Books, Publications & Documentaries

- *Life Along the Delaware Bay*, in Partnership with Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey
- *25-Year Report of Raptor and Waterbird Studies on the Maurice River*
- *Glenn Rudderow: Reflections of a Bayshore Painter*, with PBS/NJN, Emmy Award Winner
- *Down Jersey & Bayshore Artists*, NJN
- *Protecting Down Jersey Rivers*

## Volunteer Recognition

- Annual Ah Why Knot! Awards and U.S. Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

## Community Involvement at Festivals

- Winter Eagle Festival
- Purple Martin Spectacular and Lighthouse Cruises
- WheatonArts Eco Fair
- Nature Garden Holly City Development Corp.
- Bay Day
- Barn Day
- Outdoor Artists Day
- Pledge-to-Fledge

## Research & Citizen Science Initiatives

- Thirty years of Raptor and Waterbird Studies on the Maurice River
- Habitat Management Projects: Osprey and Purple Martin Colonies
- Bluebird Boxes and Trails
- Shorebird Recovery Team Assistance
- Wood Duck Nesting Boxes
- Eagle Nest Observation
- Adopt-a-Swamp Pink
- Parrotfeather Eradication
- Horseshoe Crab Recovery, ReTURN the Favor
- Biological Sampling for Water Quality Indicators

## Field Trips and FUN!

- Educational Nature Walks including Tuesdays "On the Fly," CU Saturdays and Holly City Family Success Center "Explorers"
- May Pig Roast and Ah Why Knot! Awards with the International Shorebird Scientists
- Pot Lucks and Campfires
- Paddles on the Maurice River and its Tributaries
- Frog Slog
- Birdwatching Trips
- Nature Tours with Pat Sutton and other guest naturalists

## Advocacy

- Open Space Protection
- Shorebird and Horseshoe Crab Protection
- Sewer Service Areas and Water Quality Management Plans
- Off-road Vehicle Regulation
- Annual Environmental Summit with our Congressional Representative
- Participation in Regional Coalitions

## Annual Fundraising Events

- Membership Campaign
- Chili Bowl and Silent Auction
- CU Fish Hawks in the World Series of Birding
- Fall Fundraisers: Winfield's and Greenview Inn

Learn more about us at our website:

[CUMauriceRiver.org](http://CUMauriceRiver.org)

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