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Members of the Schuylkill Action Network share information, expertise, and technology to help each other achieve a shared vision of clean water and a healthy environment for the Schuylkill River and its tributaries.

SAN CONNECTIONS

www.SchuylkillWaters.org

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New Online Tool for Developing Conceptual Diagrams

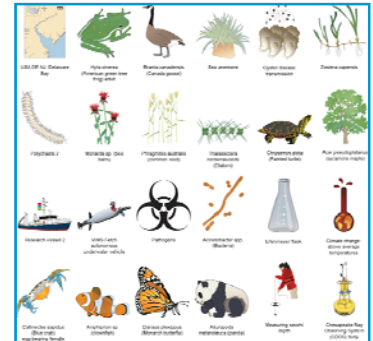
For many of us, finding an effective way to communicate information about our work can be challenging. Luckily, a new conceptual diagram design tool, developed and made available for free by the **Integration and Application Network** of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, can help make this process easier.

Conceptual diagrams are an effective tool to communicate complex messages in a simple and informative manner. However developing these diagrams has always involved expensive software and the skills to use it. The Integration and Application Network (ian.umces.edu) has released a free online diagramming tool that runs in your web browser. It allows users to create diagrams using a library of 2500 (and growing) symbols designed specifically to allow diagrammatic representations

of complex processes to be developed easily. These symbols are already being used by 60,000 people in every country in the world, making them the standard in scientific diagramming. The IAN Online Conceptual Diagram Creator (ian.umces.edu/diagrammer/) works similarly to other vector software (eg Illustrator, CorelDraw, Inkscape), allowing the user to easily create or edit existing symbols. As well as being free, it offers the advantage of direct access to the library of IAN symbols, as well as the ability to search them by keyword.

If you already have a favorite desktop vector editor you can also download all of the symbols to your computer at: ian.umces.edu/symbols/

The IAN website also has an excellent community discussion forum for users to discuss their conceptual diagrams, get help with any of IAN's diagramming



tools, or if you are missing a key symbol for your diagram, you can ask the team at IAN to make it for you. What more could you want?

To get started, visit the IAN website below and click on the link for the online diagram maker.

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Schuylkill Watershed Congress– March 12th Don't forget to register

On March 12th, 2011, the Delaware River Keepers will once again be hosting the Schuylkill Watershed Congress. With a focus on networking across disciplines and a goal of presenting new information about watershed restoration, the annual Schuylkill Watershed Congress has become a highly anticipated event for watershed citizens interested in understanding, protecting and restoring their local streams.

This year's program features 28 concurrent sessions and 7 poster sessions covering a broad range of topics. The 2011 Keynote Presentation offers a panel discussion titled "Economic Benefits of Protected Open Space in Southeastern Pennsylvania." Speakers include Nick Frontino, Economy League of Greater Philadelphia, Lee Huang, Econsult Corporation, Patty Elkis, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and Donna Pitz, GreenSpace Alliance. This panel will present an overview of a recent study that quantified in dollars and cents the value of the 200,000 acres of parks, preserved farms and land trust lands in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Whether you are a volunteer dedicated to improving your watershed, a municipal official who cares about water resources, a conservation professional charged with protecting our waterways, a teacher who wants to inform others about watersheds, or a student who wants to know more about stream functions, the Schuylkill Watershed Congress offers something for you. See official website for schedule and registration form:

http://www.delawareriverkeeper.org/pdf/2011_SWC_Online_Detail.pdf

2011 SCHUYLKILL RIVER RESTORATION FUND

The 2011 round of the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund Grant Program is now open. The Watershed Restoration grants are available to non-profit organizations, county & municipal governments, and other related government agencies to undertake implementation projects that will improve the quality and quantity of water in the Schuylkill River and its tributaries. The goal of the Schuylkill River Restoration Program is to fund projects in the Schuylkill River Basin that are consistent with restoration and water management goals for the Schuylkill River. Grant applicants may request between \$25,000 and \$100,000.


Organizations must submit (1) one hard copy of their Letter of Intent as well as submission of an electronic copy of the LOI to tfenichel@schuylkillriver.org. Both hard copy and electronic copy must be received no later than 4:00 PM on March 24, 2011.

New in 2011: LAND TRANSACTION ASSISTANCE Pilot Project

A small portion of this year's grant funds will be targeted to assist Land Trusts with the transaction costs associated with the preservation of targeted lands within priority watersheds. A separate set of guidelines has been established for this program. Please contact the Schuylkill River Heritage Area for more information.

2011 Schuylkill River Restoration Fund Grant Timeline

- February 11: Application materials available online at www.schuylkillriver.org
- March 24: Letters of Intent due to SRHA by 4:00 p.m.
- April 18: Invitation to submit Full Application notice sent
- May 25: Final applications due to SRHA by 4:00 p.m.

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| <p>FACT</p> <p>15 Million People draw their drinking water from the Delaware River basin. <i>The time to protect it is now.</i></p> |  <p>Delaware River Basin</p> <p>The Delaware River: <i>the present and future vitality of our region depends on it.</i></p> | <p>WHAT: First-ever Delaware River Basin Forum</p> <p>WHEN: March 10, 2011; 8:15 am - 4:00 pm</p> <p>WHERE: Six linked locations and via live webcast</p> <p>WHO: Regional, municipal, community, and business leaders, water professionals, and the public</p> |
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REGISTRATION: www.DelawareBasinDrinkingWater.org/registration

Can't travel? Log-on to watch the live webcasts from the six regional locations: www.delawarebasindrinkingwater.org/live-webcast/

- **Hear** what experts say about future water supply needs, climate change impacts, strategies for drinking water protection
- **Learn** what challenges exist for sustaining a clean and plentiful supply of drinking water
- **Engage** with local and regional officials, planners, regulators, water suppliers and others to determine what actions are needed now

Approved for CEU, TCH, CPWM and Operator Contact Hours. Certificates of Participation are available for those who attend one of the six regional locations.

See agendas and more information and register at our website: www.DelawareBasinDrinkingWater.org

Questions? Email us at: info@delawarebasindrinkingwater.org.

The forum is sponsored by the Source Water Collaborative (www.protectdrinkingwater.org) and the Forum Planning Team (United States Environmental Protection Agency, Delaware Department of Health and Human Services, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Delaware River Basin Commission, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New York State Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection)