

## Brian Weeks

The Delaware River is so valuable for drinking water, recreation and the environment. My family, friends and I have enjoyed it for many years. We applaud the efforts of the DRBC to preserve and restore the river as its first priority. The Delaware River is not an industrial drain. We have plenty of polluted waterways in the area - please don't add the Delaware to the list. The natural gas industry should pay their own way, and avoid risks to public health and the environment, by hauling their industrial wastewater to treatment facilities that can remove the pollutants that it contains. Their difficulty is of their own making, since some of the ingredients are radioactive and some are confidential thanks to Dick Cheney's secret committee. And the industry continues to avoid paying its own way - just look at all the polluted water it dumps in other watersheds and all the clearcutting for its drilling, waste lagoons and pipelines. I also oppose establishing or using any Centralized Waste Treatment facility that discharges fracking wastes to the Delaware River. Even in small quantities, any non-biodegradable compounds will accumulate in the sediment and living organisms, and their risk will increase over time. I support DRBC's ban on taking any water from the Delaware watershed, other than perhaps processed wastewater, to use in fracking. Processed wastewater has been used in power plants, so perhaps the fracking industry could make use of it too. Thank you for working to preserve and improve the Delaware River water quality and protecting it from inappropriate use by another polluting industry.