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During the early years of the 20th century the Governor and legislature of Pennsylvania realized the watersheds of the three major watersheds in the Commonwealth were at tremendous risk due to the removal of the forests of the Commonwealth and the subsequent devaluing of water quality due to excessive erosion and sedimentation from the denuded forests and disastrous wildfires which threatened the towns nearby. The Commonwealth purchased tax delinquent lands on the Delaware, Susquehanna, and Ohio river headwaters. During the last century the forests are returning. Already the Ohio River watershed and the Susquehanna watershed have been adversely affected by Marcellus Shale drilling and fracking. In fact, some locals call the Monongahela River old salty. Frac water is a problem and there are many difficulties in transporting these chemical laced waters to Ohio for injection underground.

So far the Delaware River Basin Commission has had the wisdom and courage to prohibit hydraulic fracking on the watershed and realize the value of this watershed and water to the millions of citizens within the watershed. Just as courage was shown at the start of the 20th century now is the moment to demonstrate courage in rejecting all hydraulic fracking within the Delaware River watershed. The two major watershed commissions to the west did not show courage or great leadership in protecting their watersheds.

Please protect the water for the future. Robert Davey