

Samuel S. Baxter Memorial Award

Robert A. Tudor

For his significant contributions, accomplishments, and leadership within the Delaware River Basin as the Executive Deputy Director of the Delaware River Basin Commission and at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to the standards exemplified by the former Philadelphia Water Commissioner, Samuel S. Baxter

Bob Tudor is well known in the Delaware River Basin in various environmental management roles during his 32 year career in public service and has acted as the NJ Coastal Zone Manager, NJ Land Use Regulation Program Manager, Delaware Estuary Program Manager, and Delaware River Basin Manager. Since 2001, however, Bob has functioned as Deputy Executive Director of the Delaware River Basin Commission, where he is responsible for management of the agency's scientific, regulatory, planning, and management activities and programs, including supervision of three managers and 42 full-time employees. Notable accomplishments for the agency during his tenure are:

- Expansion of **Special Protection Waters** (impressed with "no measurable change" water quality standard) to encompass three quarters of the non-tidal Delaware River;
- Adoption of PCB TMDL and formulation of **Pollutant Minimization Plan** concept for bio-accumulative toxics—which guide state and federal pollution control activities in three states;
- Moderator of the multi-stakeholder process to develop an **Interstate Flood Mitigation Task Force: Action Agenda** for the governors of NY, PA, NJ and DE;
- Development of the agencies first "**State of the Basin Report**"—using environmental condition metrics to inform the public and provide a feedback loop for policy makers.
- Facilitator of Supreme Court Decree Party Flow Management negotiations to develop a multi-objective **Flexible Flow Management Plan**: Water Supply; Fisheries Protection; and Flood Mitigation.
- Lobbyist for the **Delaware Bay Oyster Revitalization Task Force** which secured a \$5 million dollar appropriation to enhance oyster recruitment and sustain oyster beds. This project received the Coastal America 2008 Partnership Award—the only environmental award of its kind given by the White House.

Prior to joining DRBC, Bob served more than twenty years and in several capacities with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. As Deputy Commissioner, he oversaw Planning and Science, Land Use Management and Historic Resources functions. At NJDEP, he was also Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Planning and Technology, Division of Watershed Management, Coastal Planning and Program Coordination, and Office of Air Quality Management. He functioned as Administrator of the Office of Environmental Planning from 1996 to 1998; and Program Director for the Delaware Estuary Program from 1993 to 1995. Prior to that functioned as Administrator of the Land Use Regulation Program. Notable NJDEP accomplishments related to the Delaware River Basin include:

- Lead agency negotiator for the Freshwater Wetlands Act of 1987 and first program director for rule promulgation and administration of the law.
- Lead interstate team and multi-stakeholder process to develop the Delaware Estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.
- Architect of five basin, 20 watershed management program that linked standards, monitoring, TMDLs, assessment and permitting into one integrated program.

Bob also enjoyed four years in the private sector as a nuclear facility siting consultant with Ichthyological Associates in Middletown, DE. In all cases, he has had a stewardship interest in managing the Delaware River as a system from the "mountains to the sea".

Bob is the now current Vice-Chair of the Interstate Council on Water Policy and was a former Board Member of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Association Coastal Ocean Observing System.

A graduate of Rutgers College and the University of Connecticut, Bob resides in Indian Mills, Burlington County, New Jersey.