

Making Connections @ DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Economic Impact of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

3 MILLION
out-of-town
visitors in 2014

Spent **\$120 million** visiting the park

Supported **1,750** local jobs

Added **\$2.5 million** in hotel & sales tax revenue

270+

Year-round and seasonal jobs provided by the park and three large partner organizations—

Appalachian Mountain Club, Peters Valley School of Craft, and Pocono Environmental Education Center.

\$1 federal investment in the park
= \$24 sales at local businesses



Total Impacts of the Park

including out-of-town and local visitors, and NPS employment

\$219 MILLION
sales at local businesses

2,232
local jobs

\$97 MILLION
local wages and salaries

Helping Out Adds Up

Volunteer efforts add up to the equivalent of **53** full-time employees each year—a contribution worth **\$2.6 million** that adds to every area of park operations.



Value of Natural Areas



The ecosystem services provided by wetlands, forests, and other natural areas in the park would cost

\$159 MILLION

to replace. Think flood control, fish and wildlife habitat, carbon storage.



Conserving 1000 acres of forested land protects

\$2 MILLION

in ecosystem services per year



8 MILLION

people get their drinking water from the forested middle and upper Delaware River basin



On average a

10% DECLINE

in forest cover correlates to a

25% RISE

in water treatment costs

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