



## Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers

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### **2019 “River of the Year” Nominations Open *Public to Vote on Pennsylvania’s Best River...Nominations Accepted from October 12, 2018 Through November 9, 2018***

Luzerne – Pennsylvania nonprofit organizations are invited to nominate waterways for the “2019 Pennsylvania River of the Year.”

The nomination period is open through November 9, 2018 and then selected nominations will be voted on by the public beginning in early November.

“Just like the preceding Rivers of the Year, the Loyalsock Creek now has it swirling around it in 2018 -- a pronounced pride in a waterway that comes to the forefront with the annual support of this selection process,” said DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn. “As I have seen year after year, all nominated waterways emerge true winners when the public rallies around them.”

For more information about the River of the Year program or to nominate a river, visit [www.pariveroftheyear.org](http://www.pariveroftheyear.org).

Nominations must be made by Friday, November 9, 2018 at 5 p.m.

All Pennsylvania waterways are eligible for nomination, except for the ROY winners since 2014.

### ***About the River of the Year Program***

The Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR) administers the River of the Year program with funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Pennsylvania’s River of the Year is an honor designed to elevate public awareness of specific rivers and recognize important conservation needs and achievements. River of the Year designations have been presented annually since 1983.

Pennsylvania’s 2018 River of the Year is the Loyalsock Creek.

“We are excited to once again announce the opening of the nomination period for the 2019 River of the Year program. The River of the Year designation raises the awareness of the importance of the Commonwealth’s waterways”, said Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers Director Janet Sweeney. “The River of the Year program engages a broader audience in the appreciation of our rivers and streams, as well as, gives all Pennsylvanians a chance to support their favorite waterway in friendly competition with others across the Commonwealth.”

After a waterway is chosen, local groups implement a year-round slate of activities and events to celebrate the river, including a River of the Year Sojourn. The nominating organization of the winning river will receive a \$10,000 leadership grant to help fund their River of the Year activities.

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***Past Rivers of the Year***

2018 – Loyalsock Creek  
2017 – Allegheny River  
2016 – North Branch Susquehanna River  
2015 – Conewango Creek  
2014 – Schuylkill River  
2013 – Monongahela River  
2012 – Stonycreek River  
2011 – Delaware River  
2010 – Lackawaxen River  
2009 – Lower and Middle Susquehanna River  
2008 – Youghiogheny River  
2007 – Lehigh River  
2006 – Three Rivers  
2005 – West Branch Susquehanna River  
2004 – North Branch Susquehanna River  
2003 – French Creek  
2002 – Delaware River  
2001 – Juniata River  
2000 – Kiskiminitas-Conemaugh River  
1999 – Schuylkill River  
1998 – Youghiogheny River  
1997 – Lehigh River  
1996 – Tulpehocken Creek  
1996 – Clarion River  
1995 – Upper Delaware  
1995 – Juniata River  
1994 – Allegheny River  
1994 – Susquehanna River  
1993 – Meshoppen Creek  
1993 – North Branch and Main Stem Susquehanna River  
1992 – Yellow Breeches Creek  
1992 – West Branch Susquehanna River  
1991 – North Branch Susquehanna River  
1991 – Pine Creek  
1990 – Catawissa Creek  
1989 – Bear Run  
1988 – West Branch Susquehanna River  
1986 – North Branch Susquehanna River  
1983 & 1984 – Clarion River

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