DEP - Division of Land Use Regulation Highlights February 2011

- 1. The Division of Land Use Regulation approved the construction of a proposed private residential school in Ewing Township, Mercer County for severely underprivileged children ranging in age from 3 to 13 years old. Students living with a single grandparent, facing economic, social or health challenges will be given admission priority. The academy mission is to provide children with a safe environment, a strong education, and core values. The school will consist of a main academic building, administration building, field house a gym, cottages for boarding students, faculty residences, an athletic field, an environmental center an solar field consisting of 70 panels to help power the campus. The buildings will be designed to LEED standards. With the issuance of the Flood Hazard Area and Freshwater Wetlands Permits, the applicant anticipates opening the school in the summer of 2012.
- 2. On a Brownfield site that was created by the disposal of dredge material in the 1930's, the Division approved a Waterfront Development and Freshwater Wetlands Permits for a mixed-use, transit village waterfront community in Bordentown Township, Burlington County. The development will consist of approximately 674 residential units and 31,400 square feet of retail/commercial space, a public walkway along a tributary to the Delaware River, a fishing pier, and a planned passenger connection with New Jersey Transit's Riverline light rail. From 1946 through 1984, the site contained a Marine Salvage Company that decommissioned military and merchant ships. In addition, a Brickyard occupied a portion of the site from the 1840s through the mid 1900s. The permits will facilitate the development of an abandoned site with a mixed use transit village, the remediation of soils under DEP Site Remediation Program oversight, that were contaminated as a result of historical onsite operations, the preservation of 17 acres of bald eagle foraging habitat, and the preservation and restoration of 20 acres of riparian zone vegetation.
- 3. At its last meeting, the Tidelands Resource Council approved a Management Agreement with the City of Newark for a 7.1 acre section of land along the Passaic River that is to be developed as a public park. The park will include features such as a riverfront boardwalk, a dock for boating access, a teaching pavilion, an overlook and an osprey rook. The proposed park area is currently vacant and unutilized land in a section of Newark close to the Central Business District and the Ironbound section of the city. The residents of Newark as well as the general public will benefit greatly from this park.