The Delaware Riverkeeper Discusses “The Big Uneasy” Film and the Army Corps of Engineers History of Errors

*Princeton, NJ:* On December 19, 2012, the Princeton Farmers Market will host a screening of the Harry Shearer film “The Big Uneasy,” an exploration of the errors in engineering and judgment by the Army Corps of Engineers that led to the tragic flooding of New Orleans. The program will take place in the Community Room of the Princeton Public Library from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The Delaware Riverkeeper Maya van Rossum will introduce the film and highlight how local citizens are dealing with similar issues in the Delaware River watershed with the proposed deepening of the Delaware River. In a closing discussion, the Delaware Riverkeeper will talk about the erroneous assumptions behind the deepening project, and the parallels between what is documented in the film and what is happening in the Delaware River Watershed.

The film screening comes on the heels of a new report issued by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and a coalition of taxpayer and community organizations that demonstrates how the Army Corps of Engineers has manipulated their calculations to exaggerate the benefits of the deepening project. “This new report documents once again the boondoggle that is the Delaware River deepening project,” says Maya van
Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper. “Deepening is not needed for the ports, it loses money for taxpayers, it harms our River and all the jobs dependent upon a healthy Delaware and its healthy fisheries.”

The film screening is part of the winter Evening Events Series of the Princeton Farmer’s Market. The Princeton Public Library is located at 65 Witherspoon Street in Princeton New Jersey. For more information about the venue, contact the Public Library or check out the Farmer’s Market Web site at www.princetonn farmersmarket.com. For more information on the proposed deepening of the Delaware River, check out the Delaware Riverkeeper Network’s Web site at www.delawareriverkeeper.org.

The Delaware Riverkeeper is available for additional speaking engagements and film showings on this topic. Interested community groups and citizens can contact the Delaware Riverkeeper Network at 215-369-1188 to schedule a program.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network champions the rights of our communities to a Delaware River a tributary streams that are free-flowing, clean and healthy. Founded in 1988, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network is a grassroots advocacy organization that works throughout the four state of the Delaware River watershed.

The Princeton Farmers Market offers the community a wonderful variety of vegetables, fruits, grassfed poultry and meats, eggs, cheeses, honey, fresh juices, breads, flowers, and vegan/gluten free snacks. All of the farmers are local and only sell what they grow themselves. All breads, baked goods, and other products are freshly made using healthy ingredients and include connections with local farmers. The mission of the market is to support local farmers and to educate the public in the benefits of having fresh and sustainably raised fresh food.

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