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Delaware River Water Trail from Hancock, N.Y., to Trenton, N.J., preserving open space and gaining grants for land acquisition.

At the Wildlands Conservancy, she created and established the D&L Trail Tenders, a trail maintenance program for the 165-mile D&L Trail from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol, Pa., and worked as a resource conservation specialist with the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, where she managed the Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape Initiative.

Elizabeth Koniers Brown, the director of external affairs and communications for the Delaware River Basin Commission, was on her first river sojourn. She said the trip connected

people to the natural resources of the river and the basin as a whole.

"There is no better way to appreciate it than to experience it," she said.

Another paddler, Dan Okrent of Hempstead, Long Island, has been participating in the sojourn since

2004. Okrent, 68, said he's been paddling since boyhood, so spending time on the river was a natural extension of his interest in being on the water.

"It's nature, it's exercise, it's environmental education," he said as he waited on line for lunch.

About an hour later, the lunch break had ended and the sojourn was ready to resume.

As Dejay Branch, another sojourn registrar, called on the paddlers to get their "booties in the boats," the kayakers gathered at the shore and shoved off, headed to the next leg of their adventure.

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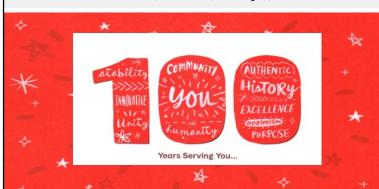
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