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Dear Friend of Delaware Greenways,

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Peter J. Walsh, Jr.

As 2012 draws to a close, we at Delaware Greenways face the coming year with a feeling of satisfaction for our accomplishments and enthusiasm for the many opportunities and initiatives that lay ahead.

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This is a time of renewal for the organization; we are in the midst of developing a strategic plan and will be pursuing innovative new partnerships in the coming year with the businesses, communities, and individuals throughout the state. We are also branching out into a variety of exciting new endeavors. We are continuing our work with sustainable agriculture at Historic Penn Farm in New Castle, and playing a leading role in the assessment of health impacts as a critical component of public policy. It is also a time where we are seeing past efforts reach important milestones, with projects like the New Castle to Wilmington Trail reaching the southern bank of the Christina River and design work progressing on the link of the East Coast Greenway along Route 273. Our commitment to a healthy, vibrant, sustainable Delaware has continued state-wide as we have made significant progress in our Byway work along Route 9 as well as in Lewes.

Our accomplishments this past year include:

- **Health Impact Assessment (HIA):** introducing Delaware's decision makers to an innovative planning and policy evaluation tool – we are leading a working group of state agencies and non-profits in conducting the first HIA in the state in an effort to lead to sustainable, health-promoting master plan for the Fort DuPont Redevelopment Project, and foster a model for more informed decision making in general.
- **Route 9 Scenic Byway:** significant progress on the development of the Corridor Management Plan (along with the State's Bayshore Initiative, the Byway will connect visitors to the area's many natural and historic treasures).
- **Penn Farm:** presenting Delaware with new ideas and resources for sustainable communities of the future through the *1st Annual Common Ground Forum*, which featured internationally known sustainable agriculture expert Fred Kirschenmann, Ph.D. Dr. Kirschenmann is the President of Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture and has written extensively on ethics and agriculture. The Forum and its related events attracted approximately 300 people and highlighted the importance of sustainable agriculture and the opportunities provided by Penn Farm to the region.
- **Lewes Historic Byway ("Gateway to the Nation"):** completed the first phase of the public outreach process; our work with the community's many stakeholders will serve as a key element of the Corridor Management Plan, which is scheduled to begin early next year.
 - **Kennett Pike Landscaping Project:** partnering with the Methodist Country House and the Delaware Museum of Natural History, commenced work on a landscaping project that will beautify and enrich the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway.
- **New Castle Wayfinding:** secured funding and conducted first phases of a bicycle/pedestrian wayfinding plan.
- **Brandywine Valley:** led drafting organizational initiative to pass legislation establishing the Byway Advisory Board.

- Rehoboth Beach Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan: completed a unique pedestrian and bicycle plan, which included the concept of Bicycle Boulevards to Delaware's premier resort town.
- Coastal Sussex Interconnectivity Study: developed a master plan of trails and bike paths linking the communities on the west side of State Route 1 to the Junction and Breakwater Trail on the east side.

The accomplishments noted here are but a small part of what Delaware Greenways has achieved in 2012. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.delawaregreenways.org.

We cannot do it alone. We are grateful for your support and hope that you will continue to support our work across the state, as well as our ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of life in your community. Please help us continue to keep Delaware a special place.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,



David S. Hunt
Managing Director

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