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Visit the Penn Farm website

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WILMAPCO is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland.

See what's planned for your area

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Dear Friend of Delaware Greenways,

As the warm weather approaches, it is a time of both celebration and remembrance, and a time to look forward with a sense of enthusiasm and determination.

We all share in the grief of those affected by the events surrounding the Boston Marathon. Our hearts go out to those whose lives have changed as a result of the tragic events of April 15. Know that we remember you, that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and that we will do our best to honor your legacy in our work in the months and years ahead.

That said, there is much to do ... and much to celebrate. This is Earth Month, and we encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities to participate in events around the state. Please stop by the DuPont Environmental Education Center in Wilmington on April 20 to learn more about our initiatives. It is also a time for action. On May 1, join Delaware Greenways at the 2nd Annual Walkable Bikeable Delaware Day in Dover. While you're there, make sure to visit your Senators and Representatives and remind them of how important biking and walking is to your everyday life.

In the next week, stay tuned for a major announcement launching See You Outside, a partnership between The Nature Conservancy and Delaware Greenways to connect you to the many opportunities to celebrate the outdoors.

Finally, we are delighted at the announcement that three sites in Delaware have been designated a National Monument. We were an early supporter of this designation, and are grateful to the many people and organizations that worked so hard to take this important step forward.

As always, we are grateful to our members, our supporters, and our partners as we work toward our vision of a healthy, vibrant, sustainable Delaware.

See you outside!

- Delaware Greenways

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Walkable Bikeable Delaware



WALKABLE BIKEABLE DELAWARE 2013 SUMMIT

The [Walkable Bikeable Delaware 2013 Summit](#), on **May 1 in Dover**, is Delaware's only statewide education and advocacy event on greenways and trails in 2013. It will bring together elected leaders, engineers, public health professionals, agency staff, advocates and citizens from all over Delaware. [Delaware Greenways](#) is co-hosting this event with Sussex Outdoors, Bike Delaware and Nemours Health and Prevention Services.

The theme of the summit is "*Active Transportation, Healthy Families.*" Delaware Department of Transportation Secretary Bhatt and Delaware Department of Health and Social Service Director of Public Health Rattay will discuss the urgent connection between Delaware's transportation and health objectives in an afternoon panel. Governor Markell, Transportation Secretary Bhatt, and Director of Public Health Rattay will discuss the urgent connection between Delaware's transportation and health objectives in an afternoon panel.

Register [here](#) for the *Walkable Bikeable Delaware 2013 Summit*.

See You Outside, Delaware!

Coming Soon!



See You Outside promotes Delaware's natural, scenic and recreational resources and enhances the vitality of its cities and towns. The program is designed for participants of all ages and abilities to get outdoors and take advantage of Delaware's walkways, bikeways, pathways and trails.

By taking the **See You Outside Challenge**, we hope you will experience the environmental, economic and wellness benefits of

Delaware's most important natural resources.

More exciting news about the **See You Outside, Delaware! Challenge** coming very soon!



Earth Day

3rd Annual DNS Earth Day Festival
Saturday, April 20, 2013, 11 am - 3 pm
DEEC, Wilmington Riverfront
1400 Delmarva Lane
Free and Fun for All Ages
Rain or Shine

Celebrate the 43rd anniversary of Earth Day with DNS! Learn how to make every

day Earth Day! As a tribute to Delaware's Governor Russell W. Peterson, DEEC will host an Earth Day festival and offer free programs to educate the community and families about Delaware's marshes and its residents, water quality and why the Christina River is important to northern Delaware. Check out the [Delaware Nature Society](#) web site for more information.

Picnic for Earth



all hands on earth™

PICNIC

BENEFITTING THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Each year on **Earth Day**, The Nature Conservancy convenes people all over the world for a **Picnic for Earth**. Picnic for Earth highlights the

challenges facing our global agricultural systems and the actions people can take to create a more sustainable food chain. On April 22nd, they invite you to join them at a [Picnic site](#), commit to having a sustainable meal (or two) and lend a hand in the global movement to leave a sustainable world for future generations. Check out the [Delaware Nature Conservancy](#) for all the information.

Delaware Greenways Continues du Pont Landscaping Legacy



Using a Federal Highway grant, Delaware Greenways will be planting 35 sycamore, sugar maple and cherry trees on the grounds of the Methodist Country House and the Delaware Museum of Natural History along Kennett Pike, one of the roadways of the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway. The rows of trees are, according to legend, affectionately known as "Alice DuPont's Pearls." Tree planting will begin Monday April 22. For more information click [here](#).

Wilmington Garden Day



Saturday, May 4th 10am-4pm

Wilmington Garden Day offers an opportunity to stroll through some of the Brandywine Valley's most enchanting gardens. Join us on this self-guided tour and plan a day that fits your schedule. You may also be interested to know that proceeds from the event support underserved children in Delaware.

13 house & garden sites located between historic Chadds Ford, PA and downtown Wilmington, DE. Most sites are very close to the Kennett Pike (route 52). Gardens range in size and plant variety and from private oasis to public areas.

Water is a common element on the tour this year and can be seen in a beautiful array of pools, ponds and waterfalls. Sculpture is another common element for Wilmington Garden Day - 2013. Don't

miss house #7 with a 30 foot tall giraffe carved from a lightning-struck tree.

Tickets are \$30 - available [online](#) and at 20 local merchants including Janssen's Supermarket at 3801 Kennett Pike in Greenville. Proceeds benefit St. Michael's School and Friendship House.

Preston's March

Paying It Forward One Bike At A Time!



The mission of [Preston's March For Energy](#) is to provide adaptive bikes to children with special needs and to support education, awareness and a cure for Mitochondrial Disease.

Enjoy a scenic run/walk on the Delaware Greenways Trails with Preston's March! Register [here](#).

May 5, 2013

Delaware Greenways
1910 Rockland Road
Wilmington, DE 19803

Walk for Autism



April 20 Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes

April 27 Bellevue State Park, Wilmington

[Registration](#) opens at 9:00AM, Walk Starts at 11:00AM

The Walk is Autism Delaware's largest community fundraiser, drawing over 2,000 people over two days of events in support of people and families affected by autism and raising the money to show it!

Convergent Sustainability in Delaware

A Common Path to Low-Carbon, High Quality, Sustainable Living in Our Changing Climate



APRIL 18 UD Lewes Campus,
Virden Conference Center

April 19
UD Newark Campus
Clayton Hall, Room 125

A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Reception to follow.

Conference [site](#)

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FIRST STATE NATIONAL MONUMENT

article by JEFF GREENE, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER



On Monday, March 25, 2013, President Obama signed an executive order creating the First State National Monument. The next day, Vice President Joe Biden, Senator Tom Carper and Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar came to the New Castle Commons and in front of the Old Sheriff's House celebrated what took years of hard work and dedication to accomplish. "Today was a long time coming," declared the Vice President.

Read more [here](#).

National Walk @ Lunch Day April 24, 2013



www.bcbs.com/walkatlunch

TIME: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

LOCATION:
Highmark Delaware Headquarters
(800 Delaware Avenue) and
Rodney Square

Map and more information [here](#)



"The Genius of Earth Day: How a 1970 Teach-In Unexpectedly Made the First Green Generation "

[Discussion with the Author, Adam Rome](#)

Thursday, April 25, 2013 * 7 p.m. [The Hagley Museum](#)

Adam Rome's book is the first complete story of how April 22, 1970, the date of the "National Teach-In on the Crisis of the Environment"-better known as Earth Day-caught on and resulted in hundreds of teach-ins and other educational events around the country. In its aftermath, thousands of Earth Day organizers and participants decided to devote their lives to the environmental cause. Rome also shows how much of the environmental movement's infrastructure-lobbying organizations, environmental-studies programs, community ecology centers-and legislation protecting the environment can be traced to the first Earth Day.

Adam Rome's talk will start at 7 p.m. and take place in the Soda House auditorium. Please enter through Hagley's Buck Road entrance off Route 100. We ask that you reply if you plan to attend by e-mailing clockman@hagley.org or calling (302) 658-2400, ext. 244. Admission is free.

ROUTE 141 * WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Bike to Work Week Events

May 12-17

Newark:



This year's event will be Tuesday, May 14 at the Trabant Center, 7:30-10 a.m. It will be followed by the UD Employee Benefits Fair from 10:00-2:30 which will have a "demo-site" with examples of bicycles and accessories for commuting and/or simply safe riding. Bike-to-Work event speakers include UD President Harker and Transportation Secretary Bhatt. More information [here](#).

Wilmington:



Ride of Silence (Wednesday, May 15)

Join cyclists worldwide in a silent, slow-paced ride (max. 10 mph) in honor of those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roads.

Bike-to-Work Day 2013 (Friday, May 17)

Bike-to-Work Day 2013 will again have guided rides. The morning meet-n-greet will have music, another unique contest and biker cuisine. Then join us after work for happy hour on Monkey Hill and watch the Wilmington Pro Bike Time Trials in the Brandywine Park.

See all Wilmington events [here](#).

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Unified Planning Work Program available for comment.

Dover-Kent Transportation Improvement Program available for public comment.

Final Draft of Dover-Kent Metropolitan Transportation Plan available on line

Draft Smyrna US 13 Corridor Plan available on line

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