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just outside of Old New Castle, this 112 acre farm has been in continuous operation for nearly three centuries and has activities of new and old to enjoy (and fresh produce, too!)

Visit the Penn Farm website

WILMAPCO

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,

2013 is off to a great start! We are looking forward to completing our adoption of a new strategic plan by the end of this month. We are also continuing our outreach in the community, with ongoing efforts taking place statewide. Look for updates in this newsletter regarding our work along the Route 9 Scenic Byway in Kent and New Castle Counties, as well as Health Impact Assessment training focusing on the work being conducted at Fort DuPont. On February 27, we hope to see you at the Delaware Center for Horticulture's lecture series we and the Friends of Wilmington Parks will be sponsoring *Recreating Eden: A Preserve for Civilization*, with Kirk R. Brown as Frederick Law Olmstead. Keep an eye out for next month's newsletter as well, as we will be announcing major fundraising and outreach initiatives.

As always, we appreciate your support.

See you outside,

Delaware Greenways
(Lots of great information follows!)

HIA Training Next Week



Register [here](#)

What: Trainers from the Minnesota Department of Health will explain the relatively new tool of health impact assessment, show how to conduct an HIA to promote healthier decision making for our communities, and lead us through some HIA exercises.

Who: Community leaders, professionals with interest in public health and policy/planning, policy makers, community decision makers, and advocates.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 19, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Morning

session)--General HIA training session
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Afternoon Session)-
General HIA training session

(A.M. and P.M. sessions are identical); participation is limited to 50 at each session; light snacks will be available and you are welcome to bring your bag breakfast/lunch.)
Wednesday, Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.-Focus on the current Fort DuPont HIA

Where: Grass Dale Center at Fort Dupont (See [registration page](#) for details.)

Delaware Greenways Sponsors Lecture at Delaware Center for Horticulture

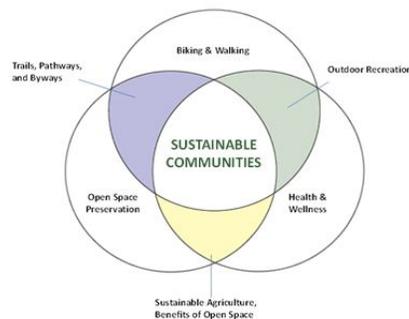
February 27: Recreating Eden: A Preserve for Civilization, with Kirk R. Brown as Frederick Law Olmsted



Frederick Law Olmsted summed up a lifetime's dedication to the preservation of the natural world and the cultivation of green spaces with his many designs for public and private parks across the nation. From Central Park in New York City to the Emerald Necklace surrounding Boston's busy and crowded inner city as well as his major contributions to the development of Biltmore and the Chicago World's Fair, Olmsted's strong belief in the civilizing power of landscape architecture design improved the quality of life for generations of people and defined the goals of a new horticultural profession. This first person presentation blends images from the 1860's into the new millennium demonstrating how little has changed and how much is still to be valued in man's search for harmony with nature.

To find out more or to register for this event, click [here](#).

Delaware Greenways Adopting Strategic Plan



On February 7, 2013 the Board of Delaware Greenways adopted the mission, vision, and guiding principles of its strategic plan. The internal operating plan was also approved. Once the work program, outreach, and advocacy elements are adopted, the plan will be finalized and posted on the [DGI web site](#).

Our adopted mission statement:

Delaware Greenways' mission is to cultivate and connect healthy, vibrant, sustainable communities.

Our work program will consist of planning, community outreach, education, analysis, advocacy, and event planning. This work program will be designed to support sustainable community design, the development of a network of pathways, trails and scenic byways, the enhancement and enjoyment of nature and open space in order to promote the public's health and well-being, responsible economic growth, the vitality of Delaware's cities and towns,

meaningful stakeholder participation in the public decision-making process, and an overall high quality of life.

Delaware Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Life of Harriett Tubman



The poster for the Harriett Tubman Journey Centennial Walk/Run/Ride Celebration, held on Sunday, March 10, 2013, features a central map of the route. The route starts at Dravo Plaza in Wilmington, DE, and ends at Seaford, DE. Key stops include Port Penn, Delaware City, New Castle, and Wilmington. The poster also includes a photograph of Harriett Tubman and a motorcycle caravan. Text on the poster includes: 'REGISTER ONLINE AT: WWW.HARRIETTUBMANJOURNEY.ORG', '2 Mile Walk/Run Starting at Dravo Park on the Wilmington Riverfront *registration starts at 8:30am', 'Registration Fee: Adults (18 and older) - \$25, Youth (12-17) - \$10, Children (12 and below) - Free *includes commemorative t-shirt', 'Mail checks payable to: The Kenny Family Foundation, 815 S. Packer Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, Memoriam: Harriet Tubman Walk', 'Donations accepted at all registers', 'Registration on line at www.harriettubmanjourney.org or at Seaford Riverfront Customer Service', and 'For volunteer and for more information, call Perry Marshall at (302) 544-7785'. Logos for Seaford and the Department of the State are also present.

Harriett Tubman, the Underground Railroad's most famous conductor passed away 100 years ago leaving a legacy for all Americans to celebrate. **Her connections to Delaware run deep.** All of her trips escorting slaves to freedom went through Delaware, using Seaford and Camden as stops along the way to Wilmington.

Delaware is establishing the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway that connects with the similarly named byway in Maryland, passes through Camden, Dover, Smyrna, Middletown, and Odessa, then joining Route 9 journeying to

Port Penn, Delaware City, New Castle and Wilmington. It leaves Wilmington heading towards Pennsylvania coincident with Route 52 and the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway.

The celebration will have events all over Delaware beginning on March 1st with the Governor's Proclamation and ending on March 10th with walks all along the Byway.

[Invitation to Harriet Tubman March 1 Events](#)

[Maps and details about Harriet Tubman and the Byway](#)

[Centennial Celebration](#)

Dance Your Heart Out! Thursday, March 7



Christiana Care Health System invites you to join honorary chair Sudhakar R. Satti, M.D. in the dance at our **free** Dance Your Heart Out event.

This heart-pumping event will include opportunities to learn the latest dance steps - Zumba, Dance Fusion, Body Combat and Soul Line, along with time-tested favorites like Ballroom. Enjoy a performance by champion Irish dancer Nicholas Paulson.

Take advantage of the free health screenings, including bone density, blood pressure and Body Mass Index. Cool down and enjoy a variety of healthy snacks and raffle drawings. Register [online](#) or call 800-693-CARE (2273).

Urban Bike Project reopens



The [Urban Bike Project](#) is resuming their weekly [Open Shop](#) schedule of Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 9 PM.

During Open Shop hours, they are open for bike repairs, dropping off donations, and selling used bikes. They don't fix up bikes, they put the tools in your hands and teach you how to make repairs and become more self-reliant with your bicycle.

DNREC Recycling Workshops



With recycling services now available to every Delaware resident, all commercial businesses and institutions will also be participating soon in the state's comprehensive recycling program. To help Delaware's businesses and institutions comply with their Jan. 1, 2014 deadline for the Universal Recycling Law, DNREC will hold a series of informational workshops in February throughout the state. For more information, click [here](#).

Delaware Ranked #10 in National List of Bicycle Friendly States



The [League of American Bicyclists](#) has ranked Delaware tenth in the nation on its list of bicycle-friendly states. While receiving particularly high marks for efforts in education and encouragement as well as legislation and enforcement, there is more to be done, especially in the area of bike safety. To review Delaware's report card, click [here](#).

Advocacy Corner - Make Your Voice Heard on Air Quality



The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) will be holding a public workshop on Monday, February 25 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at their offices on 850 Library Avenue in Newark. The public is invited to stop by anytime to review the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity. While ozone and fine particulate levels have been dropping, New Castle County still has not met Federal air quality standards. Our transportation choices are important factors in determining the quality of our air and our overall health and well-being. For more information about the region's air quality click [here](#). For more information about the public workshop, call WILMAPCO at (302) 737-6205.

Christina River Crossing Update

In the next few months, DeIDOT anticipates the start of a detailed concept plan study for the 'Red Alternative' route that will finalize a more exact alignment for the pathway on the north side of the



Christina River. As part of this detailed concept plan study there will be extensive public outreach and community involvement. Read the latest [here](#).

Route 9 Coastal Heritage Byway Workshop



On December 15, 2012, Delaware Greenways and DeIDOT conducted a public workshop to receive public input into the Corridor

Management Plan for the Route 9 Coastal Heritage Byway. Some thirty-five people attended the workshop on a Saturday morning at the Delaware City Community Center. Delaware Greenways Board Member and Past President Steve Borleske welcomed the members of the public. View the Presentations and Reports from this workshop below.

- [Delaware Route 9 Coastal Heritage Byway Public Workshop Presentation](#)
- [Delaware Bayshore Initiative Report](#) of Karen A. Bennett (Delaware Bayshore Coordinator)
- [Workshop report](#)

Greenville Hometown Overlay Funding in Place



Delaware Greenways is pleased to announce that the funding for the development of a Hometown Overlay Ordinance for the village of Greenville has been secured. Read all about it [here](#).

Healthy Communities: A New Direction in Development



What does the epidemic of obesity in the U.S. have to do with how communities are designed and built? That was the question at a panel at the ULI Fall Meeting in Denver. In short, panelists said the way we design and build communities can have a big effect on

residents' physical and mental health. Read more [here](#).

Brainstorming Tuesdays at DGI



Over the past several months, we have been hosting informal brainstorming sessions to share our thinking about various issues and solicit the wisdom of key partners and friends. The next three are scheduled for February 19, March 5, and March 19 from 4-6 p.m. here at the Delaware Greenways offices. These events are casual and creative open-house type affairs, and light refreshments are served. If you would be interested in attending, please contact our [office](#).

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