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Dear Friend of Delaware Greenways,

Happy Bike Month! Spring is in full swing and there is much to celebrate here in the First State. Earlier this month we celebrated the good news that Delaware was ranked *fifth* in the annual list of bicycle friendly states. We also celebrated the planting of sycamore trees in front of the Delaware Museum of Natural History and the Methodist Country House as part of the National Scenic Byways program. And today, we are launching the **See You Outside** challenge, a statewide program promoting outdoor recreation, community festivals, and our beautiful natural spaces. Please join us at our launch party at the Wilmington Grand Prix on May 18th!

In the next month, we will be completing our efforts conducting Delaware's first Health Impact Assessment, as well as reaching an important milestone in our planning efforts along Delaware's Bayshore. We will also begin important planning work in Lewes and Greenville and move ahead with ongoing planning along the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway. And, of course, we will continue to advocate for bicycle and pedestrian funding in the General Assembly.

There is much to celebrate, and work to be done. We will continue to work with you and for you and for a healthy, vital, and sustainable Delaware.

See you outside!
- Delaware Greenways

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Take the See You Outside Challenge!



Delaware Greenways is proud to partner with The Nature Conservancy to launch **See You Outside**. The program is free to join - simply register, participate in outdoor activities throughout the state, and e-mail us a digital picture. There will be prizes (including a \$500 gift certificate to Trail Creek Outfitters), contests, and special events throughout the challenge. Learn more at www.syodelaware.org.

Join us at the See You Outside Launch Party

On Saturday, May 18, we will celebrate the launch of the See You Outside program at the [Ernest & Scott Taproom](#), located at 9th & Market Streets in Downtown Wilmington. The event will begin immediately following the **Wilmington Grand Prix**, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Come for the day, enjoy one of cycling's premier events, and join us afterwards at one of Downtown Wilmington's premier destinations!



Kennett Pike Tree Planting Project Completed

Delaware Greenways Continues the Legacy of the "Pearls"



Delaware Greenways Inc., the organization responsible for the management of Delaware's only National Scenic Byway, has completed planting trees along Kennett Pike - the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway - using a grant from the Federal Highway Administration, administered by DelDOT. More than 30

Sycamore, Maple and Cherry trees were planted along the Kennett Pike frontages of the Delaware Museum of Natural History and the Methodist Country House in keeping with a legend about the wife of the man who donated the road to the state in 1920, Pierre S. du Pont. Read more [here](#).

Wilmington Grand Prix



A USA Cycling National Criterium Calendar Event

The Wilmington Grand Prix returns to the region the weekend of May 17-19. In addition to a day of racing, music, and festivities in Downtown Wilmington on May 18, the weekend will feature the Monkey Hill Time Trials and family BBQ in Brandywine Park on May 17, and three rides - a 100-km Gran Fondo, a 50-km Medio Fondo, and the third annual Governor's Ride -

all throughout the scenic Brandywine Valley on May 19, all ending with a post ride party in the sculpture garden at the Delaware Art Museum. The Wilmington Grand Prix is a [See You Outside](#) Featured Event. For more info, visit www.wilmgrandprix.com.

Horseshoe Crab and Shorebird Festival

On May 25 from 10:00-4:00, visit Milton, Delaware for the Horseshoe Crab and Shorebird Festival. This event celebrates these natural wonders of the Delaware Bay. The festival will feature boat rides down the Broadkill River, canoe trips on Prime Hook Creek, trail walks, food and music, arts & crafts, and a scavenger hunt. This is a [See You Outside](#) Featured Event. For more information, click [here](#).

Preston's March

Paying It Forward One Bike At A Time!



Delaware Greenways teamed up with [Preston's March](#) for a great fundraising event on Sunday (May 5). Our offices served as the festive start and finish line for the 5k run/walk along the Northern Delaware Greenway. Thanks Preston's March and those who participated! It was fun to see our driveway filled with eager (and chilled) enthusiasts!

Wilmington Flower Market



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This Thursday, May 9 through Sunday, May 12, the Wilmington

Flower Market will be open in Rockford Park. This is a [See You Outside](#) Featured Event. Enjoy rides, food, beautiful scenery, and of course pick up some flowers and plants to bring home. This family friendly event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and benefits a variety of children's organizations. For more information, visit www.wilmingtonflowermarket.org.

Delaware Ranked 5th in the Nation as a Bicycle Friendly State



The League of American Bicyclists released its annual ranking of bicycle friendly states, and the First State jumped from 10th to 5th! Delaware is now

the top-ranked bicycle friendly state east of the Mississippi River. For more information, click [here](#) or to view Delaware's report card, click [here](#).

Center for Historic Architecture & Design's annual presentation of graduate research projects

The Center for Historic Architecture & Design invites you to their annual presentation of graduate research projects on May 22, 2013, at 9 am - 5 pm. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The event will be held at the [Buena Vista Conference](#) and Reception Center located at 661 South DuPont Highway-south of the Route 13 and 40 split and north of the Route 13 and 1 split-in New Castle, Delaware. Please RSVP by email (kseymour@udel.edu) or telephone 302-831-4447 no later than Wednesday, May 15th.

Funding Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements



Although the past year has been one of progress, challenges remain. Delaware Greenways has long promoted a walkable, bikeable state including the completion of major trails like the New Castle-to-Wilmington section of the East Coast Greenway and the Georgetown-to-Lewes trail. In order to get these projects completed, the Delaware General Assembly needs to authorize funding for Governor Markell's First State Trails and Pathways Initiative, including sustained

funding for DelDOT's Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Program. For more information, click [here](#). To learn more about the Trails and Pathways Initiative, click [here](#).

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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