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Dear Friend of Delaware Greenways,

We are right in the middle of our 25th Anniversary Celebration and as I look back on some of our major accomplishments, I am reminded of the words of our funder, Gail Van Gilder, who said, "If the plan you are advocating for is better than the plan currently on the table, your plan will eventually win out." And as I think back over our 25 years, the better plans we have advocated for are what define Delaware Greenways as an organization.

When we worked to preserve the Rock Manor Golf Course, our plan included a network of trails that eventually became the Northern Delaware Greenway that so many of you enjoy today. When the Kennett Pike in Greenville was going to be widened, we again presented a better plan by advocating for a context sensitive design for the roadway and later nominated and won designation of the Kennett Pike and Montchanin Road as the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway, Delaware's only National Byway.

When the communities along Delaware Bay and the organizations and agencies responsible for the protection and preservation of the world class natural areas were having difficulty in balancing their sometimes conflicting goals, Delaware Greenways stepped in with the better idea of a Byway that brought everyone together under a common set of priorities. The Byway, called Delaware's Bayshore Byway, started a movement that will create a Byway that will extend from New Castle to Lewes on the Delaware side of the Bay, connecting with New Jersey's Bayshore Heritage Byway with connections to Delaware via the Cape May Lewes Ferry and the Delaware Memorial Bridge. The combined byways will create a circle connecting nothing short of world class natural areas and the communities that derive their livelihood from the Bay.

And we are not done yet. Our advocacy efforts in Hockessin have resulted in the Valley Road Trail but through the hard work of our Board Members in the Hockessin Area, we have developed a vision of the future, using history and fitness to link neighborhoods to the athletic fields and residents to history.

We couldn't do this without the support of our friends and supporters. For that, we thank you for a wonderful 25 years and look forward to the next 25 with hope and purpose. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Pete Walsh
President

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Help Delaware Greenways Meet Its Greatest Challenge Ever!

Last month, Delaware Greenways was awarded a \$150,000 Challenge Grant from an anonymous donor. The goal of the grant is to strengthen and sustain our programs.

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Challenge.

Our anonymous benefactor will match us dollar for dollar up to \$150,000 for a total of \$300,000.

The Challenge Grant will enable us to enhance our ability to

conduct our programs and reach even more people than we do today. "I am asking you, our friends and partners to help us meet this challenge and pledge as much as you can", urged Pete Walsh, President of Delaware Greenways. "The funds will continue our work at Historic Penn Farm, expand our See You Outside Program and enable us to increase our advocacy for trails and greenways and healthy, active communities."

In the near future, we will be conducting our Annual Appeal. Because of the Challenge Grant, your support means more than ever. Please respond with a generous donation. You'll be glad you did!

25th Anniversary Celebration a Success!

On a beautiful night at Historic Penn Farm, more than 100 of our strongest supporters gathered to celebrate Delaware Greenways 25 years of service to the State of Delaware. Special guests included US Senator Chris Coons and Governor Jack Markell.



Jeff Greene - Becca Manning - Senator Chris Coons



Fred Hartman-Gail Schneiders-Governor Jack Markell-Pete Walsh-Becca Manning

Student chefs from the culinary program at William Penn High School under the direction of Chef Kip Poole prepared a stunning array of hors d'oeuvres and fine wines were donated by Colliers Wines of Centreville. Dogfish Head Brewery donated great beer.



William Penn High School Culinary Student with Board Member Gail Schneiders

Gail Van Gilder, one of the founders of Delaware Greenways was on hand to see how far the organization she founded had come.



The night marked the end of the 2014 See You Outside Contest and Wade Carey, the winner of the contest was announced.



Wade Carey - Candice Myruski

ALL of our guests all had a great time!

***Hope you were able to join
us as we turned
25 Years Old!***



Adeline Willis



Delaware Greenways Consolidates its Activities into Four Program Areas



Delaware Greenways got its start as an organization advocating for trails and greenways but as we progressed our mission, we realized that what we were accomplishing was more than just the trails we enjoy today. We were making connections... outdoor connections.

Our work at Historic Penn Farm is connecting people of all ages to the land as a food source through healthy eating and sustainable agriculture. Our See You Outside Program promotes the use of our outdoor resources, our Byways program preserves the scenic outdoors and historic corridors and our Walkable-Bikeable Delaware Program expands our trails and

greenways networks. And we are doing it statewide!

American Planning Association Visits Penn Farm



On October 28th and 29th, the [American Planning Association](#) hosted their Regional Planning Conference with a focus on *Planning for Healthy and Sustainable Places*. . The American Planning Association is a not for profit organization that began in 1978. Their certified planners help to develop vibrant and sustainable communities throughout the nation.

After lunch, the APA traveled to Penn Farm for their Urban Agriculture, Education Reform and Food Systems lecture. Mike McGrath, former DDA chief of planning opened the discussion with a history and background of the farm. Kate Pickard, one of the Agricultural teachers at William Penn High School spoke about the schools role on the farm and how her program provides the students with hands on experience in growing produce as well as forming a connection to their food and understanding the importance of healthy eating and living. Lastly, farm manager Becca Manning and DGI board member Steve Borleski spoke about their g process in developing the land plan and future programming for the farm.



The farm visit was a great success and Delaware Greenways thanks the APA for taking the time to come out and learn about the numerous projects occurring on the farm.

Join us in Lewes November 13th for the Lewes Byway Public Meeting

Delaware Greenways invites the Delaware Greenways community to a public meeting for the Lewes Historic BYWAY: Gateway to the Nation. It will be held November 13th at both 3:00 PM in the afternoon and at 7:00 PM in the evening at the DNREC Field Facility in Lewes on Pilottown Road at the Boat Ramp.



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