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# BECOME A MEMBER

Delaware Greenways is doing more projects and programs in more communities throughout our state than ever before. If you care about protecting and enhancing Delaware's most treasured landscapes, bike or hike local and regional trails that traverse and connect to open spaces, recreational facilities and communities, and if you believe getting outdoors and using close to home recreation facilities as part of a healthy lifestyle is important, then Delaware Greenways has in some way touched your life. From Lewes to Claymont and Port Penn to the Maryland line, Delaware Greenways is working for you.

We invite you to join Delaware Greenways as a member for the 2010–2011 season. Your support will allow us to continue with the community initiatives mentioned in this newsletter, as well as numerous others not included here but described in detail on our Web site [www.delawaregreenways.org](http://www.delawaregreenways.org)

For more than twenty years, Delaware Greenways has been your advocate and voice for scenic conservation, open space protection, trail development and the preservation of our State's natural landscapes. Our hiking and nature programs are now reaching hundreds of school-age children and adults. We continue to fight for responsible growth and development that is in harmony with the context of our communities.

Delaware Greenways focus is "on the ground" results that make our neighborhoods more walkable and bikeable, that preserves the best of Delaware for future generations.

Please join us and help make our wonderful state a more healthy and vibrant place to work, live and play.

## WHERE DID THOSE STENCILS COME FROM?

Iconic directional signs have been stenciled onto the Northern Delaware Greenway Trail as part

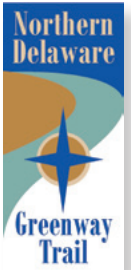


of a coordinated signage system that will guide and inform users of the trail. Jim Lang, Mary Steppi and Stan Markwalder of the Northern Delaware Greenway Trail Stewards assisted Delaware Greenways and Delaware State Park employees in applying the stencils and will lead work crews when the stencils need to be refreshed in the future.

## A COORDINATED SIGNAGE SYSTEM IS UNDERWAY!

Look for mileage marker posts to be installed along the Northern Delaware Greenway (NDG) Trail in August. Every half mile of the trail will be marked with a post noting distance from its start point near Fox Point State Park

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## Community Events

### NORTHERN DELAWARE GREENWAY TRAIL END-TO-END, A GREAT SUCCESS!

Over 40 participants celebrated National Trail Day by walking or bicycling the Northern Delaware Greenway Trail from four locations to the Blue Ball Barn in Alapocas Run State Park on June 6th. This event was co-hosted with White Clay Bicycle Club and sponsored by Connolly, Bove, Lodge and Hutz, LLP and Brandywine Cyclery.

### GIRL SCOUTS OF LEWES TAKE TO THE TRAIL

The Junction and Breakwater Trail that is — in our second Delaware Greenway Patch Day, held May 15. Rebecca Lowe and the girls of Troop 1482 designed a new Delaware Greenway Patch program and invited area youth to earn a patch by participating in activities that heighten awareness and encourage stewardship of the Junction and Breakwater Trail.

### OUR GIRLS IN PINK

Delaware Greenways sponsored its first Girls on the Run team and the girls did us proud by finishing their first 5K race on June 5th.



### TAILS AND TRAILS, A PERFECT COMBINATION

Over 120 walkers with their dogs came out to celebrate the importance of pets by raising over \$7800 in support of the Delaware SPCA. Delaware Greenways was proud to co-host an event that not only encourages use of our trails by pet owners but also supports the humane treatment of animals.



and sporting the new NDG Trail iconic sign. Each mile will also be marked with an East Coast Greenway Trail sign. These mileage markers and the above mentioned stencils are phase one of a two-part project undertaken by Delaware Greenways and Delaware State Parks to provide clear informative signs that direct visitors to and along the trail while encouraging active lifestyles. Please join us and invited community leaders at a dedication ceremony on August 26 at 10am at the Can-Do Playground to help celebrate this important milestone in the evolution of the NDG Trail.

#### UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN — WRITE US IN!



Did you know that Delaware Greenways is a United Way write-in agency? When making your pledge, please designate Delaware Greenways. Just write Delaware Greenways and the code 9057 on your United Way pledge form. Designations are the only United Way funding we receive. Thank you for your generous support!

#### BRANDYWINE VALLEY NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

Delaware Greenways has initiated a program to help raise visibility for the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway by enlisting businesses that have been on the Byway for more than a decade to help spread the word about the corridor's national designation and all that the Byway has to offer. These "Byway Ambassadors" will carry this slip in their window and talk to visitors to the area about the Byway, offering them the



beautiful 19-page brochure that Delaware Greenways developed in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration. We would like to thank our ambassadors and encourage others to join with them in demonstrating their pride to be located on the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway.

#### STATE ROUTE 9 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Delaware Greenways started work earlier this year to advance the recently designated Route 9 Coastal Heritage Scenic Byway through the next level of planning. This work is focused on the development of a Corridor Management Plan for this 63-mile Byway, which stretches from Kitts Hummock in the south to the City of New Castle in the north. The Scenic Byway program is a community driven process, and the Corridor Management Plan will contain recommendations and strategies that identify specific actions that should be taken to both protect the very special qualities of this scenic working landscape and enhance this corridor for the benefit of the area residents and businesses.

One of the unique challenges in this corridor will be addressing how future sea level rise will impact both the integrity of the road itself along with the coastal communities that line Route 9. The Byway and the land and marshes to its east will be among the first portions of Delaware to feel the effects of this worldwide phenomenon.

Advisory Committee and general public meetings are being scheduled for early fall. Please check our web page for more information. If you would like additional information on this project, or would like to participate, please contact project manager Helen Waite at [helen@delawaregreenways.org](mailto:helen@delawaregreenways.org).

#### COMING THIS FALL: LEWES HISTORIC BYWAY, GATEWAY TO THE NATION CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMP)

In 2008, Delaware Greenways was successful in securing the nomination of roads in and around the City of Lewes as Delaware's fifth state byway. Delaware Greenways conducted this work for the town of Lewes through a grant from the University of Delaware's Sea Grant Program. Starting in September, Delaware Greenways will be reaching out to area residents to begin the next phase of CMP planning. Visit our Web site for times and locations.

#### HALF MOON TRAIL: 35 MILES OF HIKING AND BIKING IN COASTAL SUSSEX COUNTY

Delaware Greenways is leading the public discussion for the establishment of the Half Moon Trail system that will link Lewes with Rehoboth and Georgetown. The Half Moon Trail pulls together a fully connected Junction and Breakwater Trail, the trail network within Cape Henlopen State Park and the 17-mile rail line running from Cape Henlopen State Park to Georgetown into a comprehensive trail network. Delaware Greenways is working in conjunction with DelDOT to develop a phased construction plan for the rail corridor, which will become Delaware's first Rail-with-Trail facility. This shared-use

corridor will preserve rail use while providing a safe and secure route for bikes and hikers. To learn more about this exciting project, join "Friends of the Half Moon Trail" on our Web site.

#### DELAWARE GREENWAY MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: PENN FARM TRAIL

For over two decades, Delaware Greenways has assisted small towns and community groups in trail and greenway development as part of its Municipal and Community Assistance program. One of our latest projects is assisting the Trustees of New Castle Commons and the City of New Castle with the development of a bicycle and pedestrian trail and interpretation for the Trustee's Penn Farm property. The Penn Farm is the last remaining tenant farm from the tract of land granted to the William Penn established Trust more than 300 years ago. The Trust is restoring the colonial era tract with the goal of revitalizing the fields to provide locally grown produce to the surrounding area. The perimeter trail Delaware Greenways is working on will connect this agricultural destination to five area schools, the City of New Castle and a newly completed bicycle and hiking trail that runs from Wilmington to New Castle. A portion of the Penn Farm Trail will also be designated as a part of the East Coast Greenway.