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Land Preservation Update

Since 1989, D&R Greenway has placed 253 properties, approximately 17,408 acres, valued over \$364,341,000 into permanent preservation — an area twenty times greater than the size of New York's Central Park.

As we sat down to write this newsletter, a theme naturally emerged: Expanding Our Horizons. Land preservation successes have done just that—expanded two of D&R Greenway's preserves to enable better conservation and greater public benefit. Our 250th milestone preserve affords broad views across the landscape, encompassing lands from across the Delaware River to the ridgeline of the Sourlands. D&R Greenway has taken the long view, as well, in our strategic vision as we move into our 25th anniversary year in 2014. We hope you'll join with us in partnership throughout the year as we achieve and celebrate a green future that connects people to the land.

250th Milestone Legacy Preserves a Place for Wildlife

The crest of the hill crowned by the Wooden Preserve, D&R Greenway's landmark 250th preserved property, affords sweeping views. This is a place from which we can gaze across long distances—over land and over time. The Wooden property marks how far we've come, what we've been able to accomplish, and the potential to make a difference far into the future. It furthers our preservation strategy to protect significant large landscapes and our stewardship strategy to demonstrate a future in which biodiversity, productive agriculture and human habitation mutually reinforce each other.

D&R Greenway's newest preserve, 43 acres in West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, extends along the west side of Woodens Lane, south of Route 518. Two large hayfields, separated by a windbreak of mature hardwood trees, paint a classic roadside scenic vista. The fields slope down to a coniferous woods. To the south, rolling pastures drape the soft folds of Moores Creek valley. The west side drops steeply into a forested ravine that shelters a hidden stream. From the hilltop you can see south to Baldpate Mountain. You can look west across the Delaware River to Jericho Mountain and Bowman's

Tower in Bucks County, PA. Eastward, a line of trees marks the Dry Run Creek corridor, which runs from the ridgetop to the valley.

In this panorama, all the elements flow seamlessly together into a dynamic whole. Your eyes follow the undulating



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"It is important for people to understand how changes in the tax code for 2013 will impact the taxes they owe come April 2014. Charitable giving before year-end is an effective way to reduce income and avoid significant tax increases. Folks may be surprised when they visit their accountants for their 2013 taxes if they don't give now!"

—Nancy Kieling, President, Princeton Area Community Foundation

hills, and the linear ridges, hedgerows and stream corridors; delight in the expansive open spaces, pause at the punctuation marks of barns, houses and silos; exult in the sunlight that burnishes the fields and gilds the river; linger on the inscrutably dark evergreen forests.

Connected Landscape

Remarkably, all these vistas *are* connected. When the Wooden Preserve acquisition was completed in September 2013, it became part of the *Continued on page 2*

A Place for Wildlife

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Sourland Mountain greenway: a cohesive landscape of protected working and natural lands, connected by a growing network of publicly accessible trails.

Adjacent D&R Greenway preserves, with the Dry Run Creek and Rockhopper trails, give access to wooded stream valleys, and to the bouldered hillside above Lambertville. These trails connect with Mercer County's Howell Living History Farm and Baldpate Mountain Preserve, Washington Crossing State Park, Fiddler's Creek Preserve and the D&R Canal State Park.

D&R Greenway's 2012 Strategic Plan prioritizes the conservation of properties that expand interconnected greenways. Staff developed a digital mapping system to identify properties of a minimum size and within a minimum distance from preserved lands. Although the Wooden property was brought to D&R Greenway's attention before the mapping was completed, "Our digital mapping analysis confirmed the property's high strategic rank," comments Jay Watson, D&R Greenway's Vice President.

Partnerships

The area around the Wooden Preserve has been farmed for generations. Walter Wooden, who owned the property and began the work with D&R Greenway to protect it, died in April 2012 at age 57, before the sale could be completed. His wife, Debbie, and family brought the transaction to fruition, honoring Walter's commitment to preserving the family legacy. The site was purchased



Eastern Screech Owl (Photo: Brenda Jones)



Bobolink (Photo: Brenda Jones)

by Walter's grandfather at the turn of the last century, as part of a larger farm. According to family lore, he paid \$3,000 for 100 acres—less than 1 percent of the \$425,000 acquisition price for 43 acres in 2013.

To acquire the land, D&R Greenway put together a public and private partnership that is emblematic of the collaborative character of today's conservation projects. Partners include the State of New Jersey's Green Acres Program, West Amwell Township, Hunterdon Land Trust, Hunterdon County Open Space Program and The Willow School. The property is jointly owned by D&R Greenway and West Amwell Township.

The Willow School contribution was unique, and especially fitting for this landmark acquisition, because it dovetails with D&R Greenway's pioneering approach to stewardship. The independent day school in Gladstone, NJ, is committed to a mission that encourages students to experience the "wonder of the natural world" and to understand the relationships among people and natural living systems. Its campus, which includes two LEED-certified energy-efficient buildings, is integral to this philosophy. In planning a new Health, Wellness and Nutrition Center, the school decided to meet the Living Building Challenge, a novel holistic design model which posits that, like a flower, a building should "make the world a better place." It requires that, for every acre disturbed by construction, an off-site acre must be set aside as a nature preserve or sensitive ecological habitat.

The Willow School sought D&R Greenway's assistance to identify a site that would meet the LBC requirements and further the school's pedagogical objectives. Casey Cullen, The Willow

School's Sustainability Coordinator, comments: "D&R Greenway did all the work for us. It all fell together perfectly and painlessly." The school contributed funds to purchase two of the Wooden property's total acres. The combination of grasslands, forest and stream will enable students to learn about the interrelationships of different habitats in a larger bioregion. Casey notes, "The Willow School is very pleased to have partnered with D&R Greenway to preserve a beautiful place where students can experience diverse ecosystems in a significant natural area."

(To learn about The Willow School and the Living Building Challenge, go to www.willowschool.org.)

Wildlife Habitat

D&R Greenway will manage the Wooden Preserve, with help from West Amwell volunteers, to improve habitat for grassland and forest-dwelling birds. Value is enhanced by its proximity to large swaths of preserved forests and fields, including a 90-acre complex of preserved grasslands. Grassland birds—including bobolink, grasshopper sparrow and savannah sparrow, all listed as threatened in New Jersey—need large areas of tall grasses for breeding through mid-August. Future mowing of the hayfields will be altered to enable them to nest undisturbed.

The woodlands are potential breeding habitat for vulnerable species, such as Kentucky warbler, worm-eating warbler and veery, and other migratory songbirds. Some of the fields will be reforested and invasive shrubs removed, to improve woodland habitat. Enhancing the woods will also protect water quality, and habitat for aquatic wildlife, supporting the network of streams that flow in the hidden valleys.

The site is excellent habitat for the Eastern screech owl, Northern saw-whet owl and long-eared owl. They thrive in the "mosaic" of dense woods along open fields. Fields provide habitat for small rodents, which the owls hunt after dark. Woods provide nesting sites during the late winter-spring breeding season, and day-time cover for roosting. Of particular value to these owls are the mature cedars in the hardwood forests that create a year-round dense green curtain. The long-eared owl is listed as "threatened" in New Jersey, primarily due to the loss of just this kind of habitat.

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Patagonia: A New Park is Born

Thursday, March 6, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Johnson Education Center

A “travelogue” presented by the Patagonia Adventure Team that traveled to Chile to experience this remote area with wildlands philanthropist Kris Tompkins in fall 2013. Author Richard Preston, local restaurateur Carlo Momo and others will reflect on what they learned. Enjoy photos of wildlife including guanaco and the endangered huemal deer.

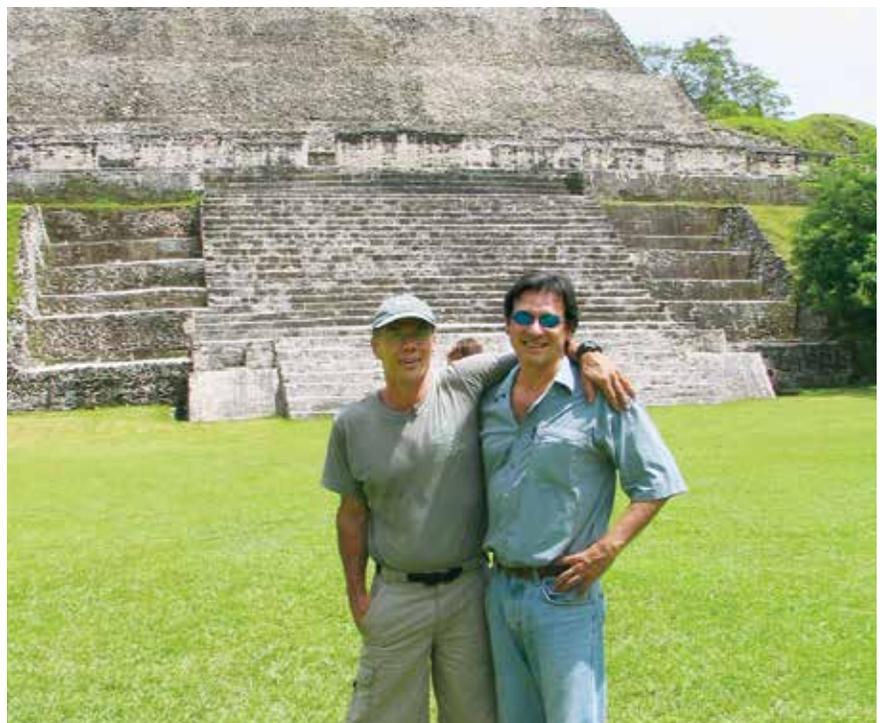
Crystal clear waters, snow-capped mountains and glaciers stand out among the flowers of spring in the Southern Hemisphere. See and learn, too, about the local vineyards around Santiago including the Kingston Winery owned for generations by a Princeton family. ♣

Sister Land Trust Leader Remembered with Gift

In 2004, D&R Greenway Land Trust began a sister land trust partnership with the Asociación de Reservas Naturales Privadas de Guatemala to encourage protection of breeding bird habitat for over 70 species of neo-tropical migrant birds. These birds spend the winter in Calakmul and migrate to our Sourlands where they breed in the summer.

Leslie Sauer, a long-time supporter of D&R Greenway and recipient of the Donald B. Jones Conservation Award that was named for her father, became an advisor to the project. Recently, Leslie’s generosity resulted in a donation of funds from D&R Greenway to the Asociación de Reservas Naturales Privadas de Guatemala. This contribution was made in memory of Federico Fahsen, who was a leader in the sister land trust partnership. Leslie’s and D&R Greenway’s support will be used for education and to further protection of this critical habitat. ♣

(L to R) Andy Burge and Federico Fahsen of Asociación de Reservas Naturales Privadas de Guatemala in front of a Mayan pyramid in the Calakmul Biosphere Preserve.



Plan to JOIN US to Celebrate D&R Greenway's 25th Anniversary

Art and Decoy Exhibits

“Champions: Best of the Best”

The Jay Vawter Decoy Collection of D&R Greenway Land Trust

Decoy exhibit continues through Summer 2014

This special collection of award-winning decoys is an outstanding illustration of the art of decoy carving. Every decoy has won ribbons in championship competitions in the U.S. and Canada, including “Best in the World.”

LANDuse, LANDscapes, LANDvision

Art presented by the Princeton Photography Club

December 18–January 21

Photographers’ perspectives on landscapes and land uses through the seasons.

Presented in the Olivia Rainbow Gallery

Art by Students of Stuart Country Day School

December 30–February 7

“Wild Creatures: 40 Years Protecting Endangered Species”

Art Exhibit: January 29–March 21

Opening Reception: Friday, January 31, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

As endangered species transition from reality to legend, we are reminded of the rich folklore that surrounds our existing, extinct, and imagined wildlife. This exhibit is a visual and educational exploration of both the spiritual lore and harsh realities that relate to the animals we love, from the familiar fox to the endangered tiger.

Presented in the Olivia Rainbow Gallery

Special Photography Exhibit by Members and Family of the Stony Brook Garden Club

February 10–March 10

“Oasis and Mirage—Disappearing Water”

Juried Art Exhibit: March 31–May 23

Opening Reception: Friday, April 11, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

This exhibit features water, a limited natural resource that has become increasingly scarce. It celebrates water through different mediums depicting rivers, lakes, oceans, aquatic animals and abstract interpretations.

“People of Preservation”

Art Exhibit: August 22–October 17

Opening Reception: Friday, September 26, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Be inspired by those who have preserved land to benefit us all! From wildlands philanthropist Kris Tompkins in Patagonia, to national figures and local landowners, art will draw from these special places.

“Botanicals Illuminated”

Art Exhibit: October 27–December 30

Opening Reception: Friday, November 14, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Buyer's Reception & Pick up: Saturday, Dec. 19, 3–5 p.m.

Expert botanical illustrators have spent the year visiting D&R Greenway preserves to illustrate the native plants found in our local environment. Just in time for holiday giving!

Inspiring Speakers

Roadside Geology of New Jersey

Lecture and book signing presented by Author David P. Harper

Thursday, February 6, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

From 2.5 billion years ago to present day, learn through illustrations and photographs about the geologic features that characterize New Jersey’s landscape. Subjects include the Abbott Marshlands, the Fall Line at Trenton, the Sourland Mountains and the D&R Canal. You will find out where you can view these geologic wonders for yourself and gain new insights on timely topics such as sea rise level and climate change.

Creating a Meadow in Your Own Backyard

An Educational Guide for Landowners

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Diana Raichel, Conservation Biologist for D&R Greenway, and colleagues will report on annual inventories of butterflies and bees on D&R Greenway preserves. Step-by-step instructions will enable you to create your own wildflower meadow to attract these pollinators and support local agriculture.

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*Flowering Dogwood
(Cornus florida)
Heather Lovett*

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White-throated Sparrow
(*Zonotrichia albicollis*)
Heather Lovett

Special Events

Welcome Spring and Celebrate Earth Day

Festes de Campagne* A Countryside Festival with music of the French Baroque

Reception and Concert: Sunday, March 30, 3–5 p.m.

Surrounded by the warmth of the D&R Greenway barn on a winter afternoon, enjoy a musical program that welcomes Spring and celebrates Nature, including “The Butterflies” and The Nightingale in Love.”

LES AGRÉMENTS DE MUSIQUE was founded by Minju Lee (harpsichord) and John Burkhalter (recorders) to survey the grandeur and intimacy of the musical riches associated with the courts of Louis XIII, his son and heir, Louis XIV and in turn his great-grandson, Louis XV. The ensemble specializes exclusively in the field of French Baroque music and performs repertory on period instruments.

“Pallets of Flowers” Floral Design Studio*

Thursday, April 24, 6–8 p.m.

Participants are invited to choose their favorite work in the *Oasis and Mirage* exhibit (March 31–May 23) to interpret through floral design. You’re invited to bring a beverage of your choice to sip and share as you snip and arrange beautiful blooms to create your own masterpiece. Bring your own flowers and embellishments, or flowers can be provided. (Studio supported by Monday Morning Flower and Balloon Co.)

The galleries of the Johnson Education Center will take on a greenhouse atmosphere and a “*Designer Showcase*” will be created, to be enjoyed the following evening with a special reception.

Princeton’s Flower Show*

“A Celebration of Spring”

Friday, April 25, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a stroll among the art and flowers as you celebrate the arrival of Spring! Plants from D&R Greenway’s Native Plant Nursery will be available for purchase to help you design your home landscape.

25th Anniversary Down to Earth Ball*

Saturday, May 10, 6:30–11 p.m.

At a Princeton home with Vanderbilt mansion interiors on 92 preserved acres including D&R Greenway’s 10,000th acre, protected in 2007!

Inaugural Walk on the Rocktown Woods Preserve

Saturday, May 17, 9–11 a.m.

Experience a bog, woods and stone features on this morning walk led by D&R Greenway trail builder Alan Hershey and the East Amwell Environmental Commission. Meet at the East Amwell Municipal Building on Route 31.

25th Anniversary Greenway Gala*

Sunday, September 14, 4–6 p.m., Meredith’s Garden of Inspiration at the Johnson Education Center

Join us as we gather to present the 2014 Donald B. Jones Conservation Award, hear about D&R Greenway’s recent accomplishments and thank our supporters.

Local Marketplace

Slow Food Central New Jersey’s “Eat Local” Winter Farm Market

Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Mark your calendar for this indoor market where you can appreciate selected seasonal food and products from local vendors.

Spring Native Plant Sale

Friday, May 16, 3–6 p.m.

Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.–12 noon

Fall Native Plant Sale

Friday, September 12, 3–6 p.m.

Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m.–12 noon

Celebrate the change of seasons by visiting D&R Greenway’s Native Plant Nursery!

*Tickets for these events will be available for purchase.

Art exhibits are presented in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery and the Olivia Rainbow Gallery at the Johnson Education Center. A portion of gallery purchases is a donation that benefits D&R Greenway’s mission to preserve and care for land and inspire a conservation ethic.

Unless otherwise noted, events take place at the Johnson Education Center and are free to all.

To RSVP for the receptions and programs, please send a message to rsvp@drgreenway.org or call (609) 924-4646.

Visit www.drgreenway.org for details and new additions throughout our 25th Anniversary Year. Dates are subject to change.

Neighbors Permanently Protect Land to Expand Cedar Ridge Preserve

In early December, 2013, D&R Greenway acquired wooded portions of two neighboring properties that add over 40 acres to D&R Greenway's 120-acre Cedar Ridge Preserve in Hopewell Township, Mercer County. Cedar Ridge, one of our first preserves, protects meadow and woodland habitat in the Stony Brook greenway.

"I'm so glad we did it!," declared Faith Alampi when the deeds were transferred. She added, "It's a good feeling." Phillip Alampi, father of Faith's husband David, served as New Jersey's Secretary of Agriculture for 26 years, and was a leader in the start-up of the State's land preservation programs.

David and Faith Alampi and neighbors Michael and Louanne Hennessey subdivided the wooded acres from their home lots to enable the woods to be acquired by D&R Greenway. Louanne Hennessey spoke about purchasing the land in 1978.

"I have a photo on my desk of the woods as we walked through them for the first time," said Louanne. She shared how this land had become a part of their family life, with forts in the woods while the children were young. Her husband Michael added, "This was the right thing to do."

To fund the acquisition of this land, D&R Greenway partnered with the State of New Jersey's Green Acres program, Conservation Resources, Inc., Mercer County's Open Space Program and Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space. The landowners made a charitable

contribution by selling for less than the appraised value of the land.

Linda Mead, D&R Greenway's President & CEO, tells how the story of preservation unfolded. "Tom and Lynn Ebeling introduced their neighbors to D&R Greenway. The Ebelings are long-time supporters and volunteers who understand the importance of preserving and caring for land."

She continued, "A meeting of friends around the Ebeling's table, with encouragement from Lynn's delicious brownies, led to a strategy for preserving these neighboring properties. Linkages enhance conservation of the forest that extends from Cedar Ridge. We're grateful to the Alampi and Hennessey families for joining with the Ebelings in choosing preservation."

The two new properties are almost entirely wooded. Underlain by shale and clay, these flattish woods tend to be wet in the spring; dry the rest of the year. Like the rest of the Cedar Ridge Preserve, their landscape is typical of central New Jersey's small stream corridors, which is to say that the drama of the landscape lies in its subtleties: the play of light and shadow, the pervasive quiet interrupted only by avian conversation, the contrast between meandering streambeds and straight stone walls.

The woods are composed largely of young trees that grew up after the last clearings 50–80 years ago. Here and there—often on former property lines—older oak, hickory and tulip trees stand watch.

Sandy's impact

The trees—especially on one of the two newly preserved sites—were hit hard by Superstorm Sandy. Some trees pulled up by their shallow roots have left depressions in the ground. In the spring, these may fill with water, providing vernal pools where amphibians breed. Many other trees, though, have been shorn off above the roots.

Such extensive tree fall poses an interesting stewardship challenge. The fall of a single tree in a forest opens the canopy, bathes seedlings in sunlight and encourages regeneration. Wide-scale destruction in these woods opens the door to colonization by aggressive non-native plants like autumn olive, Japanese barberry and multiflora rose. A management objective for the Preserve as a whole has been to remove these invasive understory plants and plant native "colonizers" such as red cedar, which provide higher quality bird habitat. D&R Greenway's stewardship staff will continue these practices on the new lands, and will work to control the deer population to give the native plants more of a fighting chance of survival.

Stewardship over time

You can see the results of continuing stewardship efforts by walking the Preserve's trails, which will be extended to the new section. Cedar Ridge is where D&R Greenway first began protecting land in the Stony Brook valley, with a donation of a conservation easement from Walter and Dorothy Fullam in 1991. The preserve was expanded in 1999 and 2005 with preservation of the Ethel Mae Theriault property. In yet another neighborly connection, Louanne Hennessey is the realtor who sold the Theriault property to its new conservation owner when Ethel Mae moved to Maine.

Much effort has gone into restoring and improving the diverse habitats of Cedar Ridge, by replacing invasive plants with native trees, flowers and shrubs. The Preserve attracts wildlife year-round; you'll see butterflies gathering nectar from wildflowers in the summer, and birds feasting on berries in the winter.

Jim Amon, D&R Greenway's Director of Stewardship, describes this, his favorite preserve:

"Cedar Ridge has it all. Open



meadows filled with flowers from April to November, and butterflies attracted by the flowers. Hedgerows where raptors sit, alertly looking for prey. Groves of red cedars that shelter owls from fierce winter winds. A giant white oak tree that was sizable when America won its freedom from England. The Stony Brook, rushing over stones or gathering in shallow pools that reflect the trees on the riverbank. Stone walls that crisscross the meadows and forest, revealing the arduous labor required of 18th and 19th century farmers. There is never an off-season at Cedar Ridge.”

In this quiet, out-of-the-way neighborhood, there’s a local concentration of artists, and whimsical drawings pop up in unexpected places—even in the woods. A grinning figure painted on a dead tree may be the artist’s contribution to biodiversity—or it may be Mother Nature’s expression of gratitude for the beginning of a new partnership with D&R Greenway. 🍄



Viceroy butterfly (Photo: Jim Springer)

A Place for Wildlife

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D&R Greenway’s long view, the incremental strategy of putting together pieces one-by-one into a connected whole, is restoring the high-quality habitat that existed before fragmentation threatened New Jersey’s vulnerable species of birds and other wildlife.

Linda Mead, D&R Greenway’s President & CEO, was recognized on December 4th with Conserve Wildlife’s Women & Wildlife Leadership Award. The award ceremony celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act whereby Congress passed legislation to support the protection of disappearing wildlife. Accepting the award on behalf of D&R Greenway, Linda enthused, “It is the protection of places like our 250th milestone Wooden Preserve that ensures the future for *all* of the creatures that call New Jersey home.” 🍄



A Meadow is More than a Fallow Field

*Deep in their roots,
All flowers keep their light.*

—Theodore Roethke

In the dark days of winter, summer-time meadows abloom with flowers and filled with butterflies beckon our vision. We dream of fallow fields, once overgrown with tangles of invasive multiflora rose and other invasive plants, as places of beauty and new life. These meadows don’t just happen on their own. They are created.

D&R Greenway’s Conservation Biologist Diana Raichel is designing and planting meadows on D&R Greenway preserves. These places of beauty provide nectar and nesting and egg-laying sites for a variety of native pollinators including butterflies, moths and bees. Old “dry crop” farm fields provide the perfect opportunity to manage for these beneficial creatures, turning a monoculture into a diverse native garden.

In Cranbury Township, Diana converted a 7-acre low production crop field into a wildflower meadow on D&R Greenway’s rural Upper Millstone Preserve. Designed to support declining populations of native bees, meadow flowers provide nectar sources from spring to fall. Increasing the abundance of our native bees ensures successful yields of adjacent crops on the adjacent farm fields and helps farmers counter the rising costs of European honeybees. Roughly two-thirds of crops require insect pollination for production.

Recognizing the implications for agriculture and natural systems, Rutgers graduate Ecology students have been assessing the success of this

meadow along with others in the area. The students conducted native bee surveys on the preserve throughout the growing season this year. Additionally, butterfly experts visited the preserve in early August and counted twenty-five species!

Beyond agriculture, pollinators are an important part of the ecosystem, serving as keystone species required for the reproduction of nearly 70 percent of our flowering plants.

With a little encouragement, urban areas can become home to these creatures, too. Working with neighborhood volunteers, Diana planted a native meadow in a neglected area of historic Cadwalader Park in Trenton. This once overgrazed and degraded site served as an animal enclosure for over 100 years until after the mid-20th century when the park zoo was abandoned. It became the perfect blank canvas for ecological restoration. A year later, over twenty species of butterflies and a host of native bees have been sighted gathering nectar on wildflowers that include bergamot, New England aster, goldenrods, and partridge pea, among others.

This place for wildlife and beauty is also inspiring a conservation ethic. Isles Youthbuild Program students have joined the team to maintain this meadow and trails, while learning about field ecology and the importance of native pollinators and other wildlife.

To learn how you can create a meadow on your own land, join us at our Landowner Forum on February 26 when Diana Raichel and other experts will show-and-tell how to create a beneficial and beautiful meadow. 🍄

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“Swans’ Way”—Dreaming of the Abbott Marshlands

The 2013 D&R Greenway holiday tree on display at Morven Museum and Garden’s annual Festival of Trees was designed by Avril Moore and decorated with help from our Willing Hands volunteers. It celebrates the waterways that shelter the Abbott Marshland’s rare and threatened wild creatures. The swan decoy, created from a downed tree alongside historic Tusculum’s sweeping driveway, evokes the welcome awaiting each Marsh visitor, even in winter. ❧



Signet Swan at the Marsh (Photo: Mary Leck)



Photo: Tasha O’Neill

Put Your Willing Hands to Work by Volunteering

We wouldn’t have an art reception, a science program, a mailing or even our annual Morven Holiday Tree without D&R Greenway’s troop of loyal Willing Hands. These generous men and women prepare the foods, pour the wine, facilitate galas and dances, stamp and seal appeal letters to all who support D&R Greenway. They are, literally, the hands of welcome for all.

D&R Greenway invites new members to join those who make our events so memorable. Contact Carolyn Edelmann for further information and to receive the Willing Hands form: 609-914-4646, ext. 131 or cedelmann@drgreenway.org. ❧