

GREENWAYS

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In Perpetuity

Greenway Grows

Sixty Acres Preserved Along Stony Brook

In late August, another sixty acres of woodlands were preserved along the Northern Stony Brook Greenway on the edge of Hopewell in East Amwell Township. With this latest acquisition, the total lands preserved along the Northern Stony Brook Greenway reached more than 360 acres.

This newest addition was purchased from Hope and David Carter with Green Acres funds through the nonprofit grant program. The property is located on Stony Brook Road and includes woodlands and wetlands.

The woods are filled with red, white, black, and scarlet oaks, hickories, red and sugar maples, ash, beech, tulip poplar, black gum and dogwood trees. The understory includes a mix of spice bush and viburnum. Large boulders, Christmas and cinnamon ferns, and wildflowers are scattered on the forest floor.

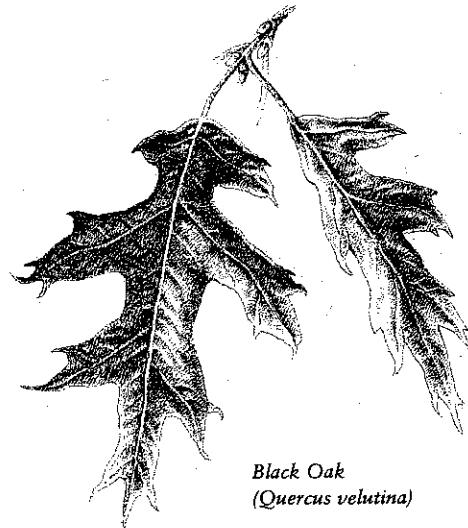
On a recent late afternoon walk through the woods, the sunlight pierced the dark green canopy and streamed between the hardwoods. A beautiful bronze-tipped tail feather of a wild turkey provided the only trace of the flock that forages in these woodlands for acorns and hickory and beech nuts.

Except for the chatter of chickadees, the soft call of a mourning dove, and several raucous calls of a blue jay, the woods were relatively quiet. Three white-tailed deer jumped from their resting place among the thicket and dashed off through the woods waving their white banners behind them. We also saw a wood thrush foraging among the leaf litter. Other fauna who make their home in these woodlands include the red fox, raccoon, gray squirrel, many small rodents, various woodpeckers and warblers, and the red-tailed hawk.

The Carters moved from Hopewell Borough to the wooded lot on Stony Brook Road about fifteen years ago. In this tranquil setting, they maintain their home and Hope, who is a sculptor, maintains her studio.

Over the course of the past year, the Carters worked closely with D&R Greenway to structure the sale of the property. They retained a portion of the land and their home, and protected the balance of the acreage through a bargain sale agreement with D&R Greenway.

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Black Oak
(*Quercus velutina*)

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Greenway Receives Corporate Support

Greenway received grants from two area corporations for our land preservation program. Bristol-Myers Squibb contributed \$2,500 and Merrill Lynch \$1,500 to be used to support our work to preserve environmentally and historically sensitive land in central New Jersey.

296 Acres Preserved

D&R Greenway preserved nearly 300 acres of open space in central New Jersey over the summer. We had several deals in the works in late spring and summer became 'settlement season'.

Nearly 140 acres were added to the Northern Stony Brook Greenway through land purchases from Hope and David Carter (see story on page one), Sommer Park Inc. and the Estate of Joseph McAlinden.

Another 116 acres was added to the Moore's Creek Greenway along Valley Road through a land deal with Virginia and Thomas Welsh, Jr.

Since 1989, D&R Greenway has preserved nearly 2,400 acres in the watershed of the D&R Canal. Through public and private support, we have generated more than \$40 million for land preservation.

Join us today!

Your membership dollars help to preserve our treasured open space, protect our water quality and provide room for wildlife to flourish. Give us a hand with this important work and renew your membership today! 🍂

Common Ground

New Director Announced

The board of trustees of Delaware & Raritan Greenway recently appointed Linda J. Mead as the new executive director.

In announcing the appointment, board chair, Cathleen Litvack said, "We are delighted that someone with Linda's enthusiasm and experience will be taking the helm as the new executive director. D&R Greenway has the opportunity to make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for residents of central New Jersey. We are looking forward to continued success as we work to



Linda Mead

preserve our valuable open space."

Ms. Mead brings with her more than sixteen years of combined expertise in project administration, natural resource protection, master planning and site evaluation, community and greenway planning and nonprofit organizational management.

Formally with the Heritage Conservancy headquartered in Bucks County, Pa., she was instrumental in founding the Delaware River Greenway Partnership, a bi-state effort to preserve the natural, historic, scenic and recreational resources of the Delaware River and its tributaries. Working in partnership with landowners and public agencies, she has preserved more

than 7,000 acres of land through conservation easements, acquisition, voluntary stewardship and facilitation to public agencies.

She established the Heritage Conservancy Register of Significant Natural Areas and led the Natural and Recreational Resources Evaluation for the Delaware and Lehigh Canal National Heritage Corridor, a 150-mile, five-county project area. Linda was appointed to the Bucks County Open Space Task Force and was instrumental in ensuring the \$59 million open space referendum was overwhelmingly endorsed by Bucks County voters in May.

Ms. Mead earned a degree in land management from Mercer County Community College and a B.S. in Environmental Planning from Rutgers University, Cook College. She resides in Newtown, Pa.

Greenway Welcomes Program Coordinator

Lauren D. Bonica joined the staff of D&R Greenway as Program Coordinator in September. Lauren graduated in May 1997 from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, with a B.A. in Parks and Recreation Management with a concentration in Natural Resource Recreation Management.

In addition to the wealth of



Lauren Bonica

knowledge learned through her studies, Lauren brings valuable skills gained through her experience with wild bird rehabilitation and as an interpretive specialist at Island Beach State Park. While at college, Lauren also served as recycling facilitator for the campus recycling program and as a program manager for the Environmental Concerns Organization.

Lauren's responsibilities at Greenway include coordinating public events and school programs. She will also be working with our volunteer program and our land management efforts.

Welcome Lauren.

Trustee Named to Board

The board of trustees of Delaware & Raritan Greenway recently elected Ashton Harvey, chairman of U.S. Trust Company of New Jersey, to the board. In making the announcement, board chair, Cathleen Litvack heartily endorsed the newest member of the board.

"Ashton is a great outdoors-man. He has a long-standing appreciation of the natural world and a strong commitment to land preservation in our region."

Ashton Harvey graduated with an A.B. degree from Princeton University in 1951. For the next two years, Ash was employed by the American Sugar Refining Company, in their sales department. From 1952 through 1954, Mr. Harvey served with the United States Army. He then worked for Johnson & Johnson for two years. Mr. Harvey managed investment accounts for Montgomery, Scott and Company from 1956 until forming Delafield, Harvey, Tabell in August, 1970. Delafield, Harvey, Tabell was acquired by U.S. Trust in 1992. Mr. Harvey remains employed at U.S. Trust Company of N.J. managing investment accounts.

A native of New York, Ashton Harvey lives in Princeton, where he is active on township zoning boards, charitable boards, and as financial advisor for various community organizations. ❁

As we attend to our surroundings,
we must not fool ourselves
into believing that we own
anything beyond our capacity for
love and awe.

— Christopher Merrill

Ted Stiles Wins Governor's Award

In early summer, D&R Greenway board member, Dr. Edmund "Ted" Stiles was named by Governor Christine Todd Whitman as the recipient of Hovhaness Heukelekian Environmental Award, a Governor's Award sponsored by the New Jersey Conservation Commission. The Governor's Award is the highest award the state gives to its citizens.

In announcing the recipients of the tenth Annual Governor's Awards, Secretary of State Lonna R. Hooks, praised the thirteen award recipients saying, "These individuals truly represent the pride of New Jersey. They have each achieved magnificence and have touched all of our lives through proven dedication and vision in fields such as science, education, and public service."

Ted is an associate professor of Biological Sciences at Rutgers University and the director of the Hutcheson Memorial Forest Center at Rutgers University. Formerly president of the New Jersey Academy of Science, he has served on the Environmental Commission of Hopewell Township, as chairman of the board of directors of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association and on the Advisory Board of the Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission. He is currently president of the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space and chairman of Mercer County Open Space Preservation Board.



Ted Stiles receives Governor's Award from Governor Whitman.

The winners of the Governor's Awards were nominated through a public process and selected by members of the Governor's Awards Academy, which is comprised of previous award recipients. The Governor's Awards . . . the Pride of New Jersey, Inc. is a private, nonprofit corporation. The program was launched by Gover-

nor Tom Kean to help foster pride in New Jersey by honoring Garden State citizens for outstanding achievement.

The recipients were honored at an awards ceremony in June.

Congratulations Ted, on this fine achievement! ❁

Kudos to Kati

A special thanks goes to Katrina Wessling, who worked as a summer intern with D&R Greenway. Kati is a senior studying Natural Resource Management and GIS at Rutgers University.

She spent the summer working as a land management assistant with Greenway. Kati helped to see us through the mountain of paperwork required to maintain our tax and farm land assessments and coordinated the field work necessary to meet those filings.

She was a tremendous help and we enjoyed working with her as much as we appreciated her accomplishments. Thanks Kati! ❁

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that D&R Greenway learned of the deaths of two dear friends, Rosemarie Dursch and Nancy B. Stiles.

Rosemarie Dursch was a dedicated volunteer who, together with her husband Fred, helped to maintain D&R Greenway's trails along the Northern Stony Brook Greenway. A dedicated outdoors-woman, she was active in preserving land for several years.

Nancy Stiles was the wife of Greenway board member, Ted Stiles. She was a strong supporter of environmental issues and brought a wonderful smile and contagious enthusiasm to Greenway events.

We will miss them both and extend our deepest sympathy to their families. ❁



White Oak
(Quercus alba)

More opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors . . .

D&R Greenway is sponsoring several walks this fall to give you the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy autumn's splendor! All events are open to the public. The fee is \$3/person (\$5/family) for members; \$5/person (\$10/family) for nonmembers. Registration is required at least one week prior to the program and will be confirmed. A full refund will be made if notice of cancellation is received at least 72 hours prior to the program. Call (609) 924-4646 to cancel. No refunds will be given after that time. For more information or to register, use the coupon on page 7 or call the Greenway Hotline at (609) 452-0525.

Migrating Bird Walk at the Institute Woods

Sat., October 11, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The Institute Woods are among the most renowned natural areas in central New Jersey. They provide a sanctuary and premier habitat for many migratory and breeding birds including several threatened species. Nearly 200 species have been recorded in these woodlands. Join us to observe a variety of migrating warblers and other songbirds. Tom Poole, a member of Washington Crossing Audubon and D&R Greenway's board will be our leader.

Moonlight Walk on the Wet and Wild Side

Thurs., October 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

With the full moon amidst, we invite you to join us on our mystical night walk at the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh. Listen for the call of owls, rails and other night creatures and discover some murky mysteries of the waters. We might even catch a glimpse of a beaver! Bring your friends, family and a flashlight! D&R Greenway's new program coordinator and naturalist, Lauren Bonica, will guide our walk.

Rocky Hill to Kingston Along the D&R Canal

Sat., November 1, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

This walk takes us through the Millstone River flood plain and along one of the prettiest stretches of the 66-mile long Canal State Park. Join us to

see the recently completed interpretive area in Rocky Hill and visit a 19th century grist mill in Kingston. Jim Amon, executive director of the D&R Canal Commission will lead this tour.

Winter Wetland Wonder

Sat., December 6, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

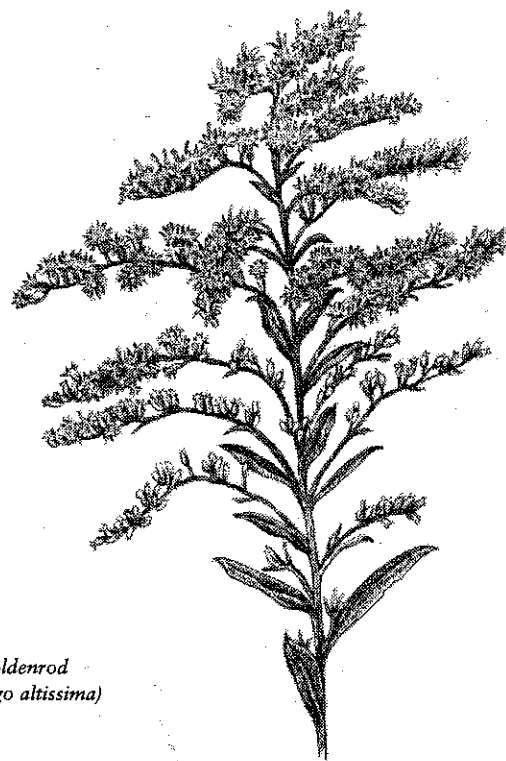
Don't go into hibernation just yet! Join us as we observe the many species of birds wintering in the marsh. Hear the crack of the frozen water as we search for beaver and fox.

Discover the remaining life in the trees even after the leaves have fallen. Lauren Bonica, program coordinator and naturalist with D&R Greenway, will be our guide.

Winter Woodland Walk along the Northern Stony Brook Greenway

Sat., January 24, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Join us to learn about winter habitats and ecology. Learn how animals adapt to this cold season and how to read the stories left in the tracks dotting the forest floor. Don Freiday, Chief Naturalist for the Hunterdon County Park System, will lead this walk along trails traversing some of the 360 preserved acres in the Northern Stony Brook Greenway. ❁



Tall Goldenrod
(Solidago altissima)

Rider Student Researches Marsh

Rider University junior biology major, Robin MacKinnon, will be conducting a study at the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh this fall.

The project, conducted under the supervision of Rider University professor Dr. Mary Leck, will focus on the influence of nitrate and ammonium on germination and seedling establishment of three common

marsh species; pickerel weed, arrow arum and Frank's sedge. This study may serve as a precursor for future field research related to nutrient loading and vegetation patterns of freshwater tidal wetlands.

Robin, a Ewing resident, worked part-time compiling water monitoring data for D&R Greenway during the summer. ❁

Event Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (day) _____

(evening) _____

Please register me (us) for the events indicated below.

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Sat., October 11, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

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Winter Woodland Walk along Northern Stony Brook Greenway

Sat., January 24, 1998, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to D&R Greenway and mail to:

Delaware & Raritan Greenway Events
570 Mercer Road, Princeton, NJ 08540

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A bargain sale is a less than fair market value sale of property to a nonprofit or government organization that allows the landowner an income tax deduction for the difference between the fair market value of the property and the bargain sale price. A further advantage is that the income tax deduction can help to offset capital gains taxes that may be owed on the property.

The Carters were also involved in structuring future use options of the property. Plans include developing the property for passive recreational activities including

hiking, bird watching and nature study. Trails will be developed and a parking lot constructed to provide for public access.

Greenway's executive director, Linda Mead, praised the Carters saying, "The Carter's contribution to preservation of the area will have a long-lasting impact on the natural resources and wildlife habitat of the Northern Stony Brook Greenway. Their foresight in protecting their property with Greenway provides a great benefit for future generations."

D&R Greenway is seeking other landowners who may be interested in learning how conservation can benefit preservation and their financial goals. For more information call Linda Mead at (609) 924-4646. ❁

You can make a difference—Join today!

Enclosed is my contribution to help D&R Greenway preserve vital stream corridors and wetlands throughout central New Jersey.

- \$2,500 Greenway Donor
- \$1,000 Headwater Donor
- \$500 Tributary Donor
- \$250 Woodland Donor
- \$150 Trail Donor
- \$100 Wildflower Donor
- \$50 Maple Leaf Donor
- \$40 Family Membership
- \$35 Individual Membership
- \$20 Senior Citizen/Student
- My company will match my gift. Enclosed is the matching gift form.

Also enclosed is a gift towards D&R Greenway's:

- Land Acquisition Fund \$ _____
- Land Management Fund \$ _____

I'd also like information about:

- preserving my stream corridor lands
- D&R Greenway footpaths
- Hamilton/Trenton Marsh
- volunteer opportunities



Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tel (area code) _____

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Gifts, Gifts, Gifts

Need a gift for yourself or another special person? You can purchase a variety of unique and attractive items and help to save open space and support environmental education programs in central New Jersey at the same time.

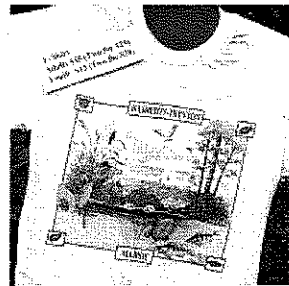
Notecards

Notecards feature artwork by Dorothy Bissell, Clem Fiori, Sylvia Cummings Kokatnur and Lucy Graves McVicker from our exhibit, *Reflections along the Canal: Delaware & Raritan Greenway*.

Set of 4 cards, \$6.00; set of 8, \$12.00.

Post Cards

Six different cards featuring the Marsh are available; \$.25 each, 5 for \$1.00.



SHIRTS, TOTE BAGS:
Hamilton/Trenton Marsh



POST CARD:
The Hamilton/Trenton Marsh,
by Patti Quinby

T-shirts, and Tote bags

These attractive T-shirts and totes feature an original design created especially for the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh.

Adult T-shirt. Hanes Beefy-T. 100% cotton.
S, M, L, XL, XXL. \$15.00, two for \$25.00,
2 or more \$12.50 each.

Youth T-shirt. Hanes Beefy-T. 100% cotton.
L (14-16). \$12.00, two for \$20.00, 2 or
more \$10.00 each.

Tote bag. Cotton canvas. \$12.00.

Item / size	Quantity	Amount
Merchandise total \$		_____
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Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
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Please be sure to call ahead so we can pull your order
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