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Land Preservation Update

Since 1989, D&R Greenway has preserved 323 properties totaling 22,110 acres.

Connecting ~ People ~ Wildlife ~ Community ~ Land

Forests and History Preserved at Princeton's Northern Gateway

One Plus One Equals Benefits for Many

he northern gateway into
Princeton on The Great Road
will remain green with nearly
fourteen acres of ecologically sensitive
and historically valuable forests,
previously planned for development.
Two properties are now permanently
preserved thanks to two Princeton-based
land trusts and visionary landowners.

Over the past two years, Ridgeview Conservancy and D&R Greenway Land Trust worked closely with Oleg Chebotarev and Katerina Bubnovsky to establish a permanent conservation easement on close to 9 acres of their property at the southeast corner of The Great Road and Cherry Valley Road. The two organizations also jointly purchased an adjacent 4.48-acre lot on Cherry Valley Road from Amboy Bank, which had earlier received

conditional permits for construction of a single-family residence.

"Amboy Bank holds a long-standing commitment to supporting local communities. When we became aware of the outstanding conservation efforts of D&R Greenway Land Trust and Ridgeview Conservancy, we were quite pleased to partner with them to support their open space and natural preservation plans for this special location in Princeton."—G. Gregory Scharpf, President and CEO of Amboy Bank

"We believe that current and future generations of Princetonians will be inspired by the beauty and history of this preserved land, which will serve the good of all."—The Chebotarev family



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- SAVE THE DATE! Greenway Gala For the first time ever at the Discovery Center at Point Breeze! Sunday, May 7, 4–6 p.m.
- J. Seward Johnson Sculpture at St. Michaels Farm Preserve

Two landowners...two land trusts... two years. In this case, one plus one equals multiple benefits for all who live in the region and beyond.

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Ridgeview Conservancy's Youth Trail Stewards clearing invasive species from boulders. (photo: P. Shanley)

Benefits for Many

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work with these landowners and our outstanding partner, Ridgeview Conservancy, who is impassioned to care for the forests and wetlands on these significant properties," says Linda Mead, President & CEO of D&R Greenway. "These property owners could have chosen to develop their land. Instead, they chose preservation, benefitting the community by keeping a corner of Princeton green." In 2001, D&R Greenway permanently protected land just south of these properties, Coventry Farm and Farm View Fields, also on The Great Road.

Funding for the recent acquisitions came from Mercer County's Open Space Preservation Assistance Fund, the Municipality of Princeton, private donors and D&R Greenway's Revolving Land Fund. Established in 2015 through our Land for Life campaign, the Revolving Land Fund has supported preservation of close to a dozen properties and continues to work, over and over again. Funds are used to upfront dollars while waiting for public funds, and in some cases to fill gaps in other funding. Donors to the fund are truly legacy donors whose money continues to work for preservation.

The conservation of these two Princeton Ridge properties protects high priority habitat and preserves the scenic beauty along Princeton's northern boundary. New Jersey environmental attributes maps show this land as having the highest value for carbon resilience, habitat connectivity, rare species habitat, and water quality. Traversed by Cherry Run stream, these properties also play an important role in managing stormwater runoff along the highly trafficked corridor between Princeton and Montgomery.



Silvia DuBois



Dedication of Farmview Fields with Phyllis Marchand, former D&R Greenway trustee and Princeton mayor, on land preserved by D&R Greenway in 2001.

Note: This annual report reflects giving from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. D&R Greenway Land Trust has attempted to recognize all those who contributed so generously. We apologize for any errors and request that corrections be brought to our attention by calling 609-924-4646 or info@drgreenway.org.



Christopher Barr, Ridgeview Conservancy's Executive Director, noted that, "In protecting these parcels, Ridgeview Conservancy and D&R Greenway are also preserving important and under-represented vestiges of Princeton's past." It is known that the Late Woodland Indians, ancestors to the Lenape people who inhabited the area between 1,000 and 1,500 AD, fished and hunted along Cherry Run Stream as part of their seasonal migration. In the mid-19th Century, the Tulane family farmstead spanned 500 acres across the four corners of Cherry Valley and The Great Road. Paul Tulane, who went on to found Tulane University, was born on this estate.

Silvia DuBois, a formerly enslaved African American woman who reportedly lived to be 120 years old, worked on the Tulane farm. A vital figure in the history of African Americans in Princeton and the Hopewell Valley, Ms. DuBois' written life narrative shows her to be a woman of prodigious strength, intelligence and resilience.

With support from The Louise H. and David S. Ingalls Foundation, Ridgeview Conservancy is working with dedicated students from Princeton High School's Community Service Program to construct trails and boardwalks on the preserved properties, eventually linking to a ring of conserved forests to help create Princeton's Emerald Necklace. An announcement will be made when the properties become open to the public.

To make a legacy gift to D&R Greenway's Revolving Land Fund that continues to work for land preservation, contact Linda Mead at 609-924-4646.

The EverGreen Circle

A planned gift is a contribution to the future that reflects the donor's beliefs and values. People who make a bequest, establish a gift annuity or designate D&R Greenway as a recipient of life insurance or an IRA, are recognized as members in our EverGreen Circle. These visionaries make a lasting impact on their community's life after they are gone. We are grateful to those who have shared their belief in our mission,

to preserve and care for land, now and forever. To join in this legacy, contact D&R Greenway's President & CEO, Linda Mead, 609-924-4646.

We are especially grateful to those who have joined our legendary group by leaving a bequest. These generous donors live on through their green legacy, realized in 2022: Barbara Delafield, Laura Hawkins and Ann Yasuhara.

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he Taplin Circle was introduced nineteen years ago in celebration of D&R Greenway's 15th Anniversary. It honors the philanthropic vision of Frank Taplin and his wife, Peg, whose generous leadership led to the preservation of two signature Princeton landscapes:

The Institute Woods and Coventry Farm including Farmview Fields, now a public park. Our dedicated Taplin Circle members demonstrate their love of preservation by contributing \$1,000 or more to D&R Greenway annually. We are grateful for their leading support.

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A Legacy of Leadership

In January 2023, two long-term members of our Board of Trustees retired from their terms after serving collectively for 41 years—truly a watershed year!

Johan Firmenich joined our Board just after preserving his family farm with his wife Emily. An enthusiastic supporter of land stewardship, he transformed his own farm and forest into a demonstration of caring for the land by removing invasive species and planting natives. His contribution as a landowner will be recognized with this year's Donald B. Jones Conservation Award. Johan also co-chaired our successful Land for Life Campaign with former trustees Phyllis Marchand and Betsy Sands.

Rich Goldman was among the earliest members of our Board, shepherding our new land trust through years of significant achievements. Rich led development of our Greenway Vision map that guides our acquisitions, and provided volunteer legal support for over 200 land transactions. Rich was at the helm as our Board Chair when we opened our Johnson Education Center in 2006.

Linda Mead says, "Working with Rich was a Masters Class in Land Use and creative problem-solving." Rich retired from his second run as a trustee.

Newer trustee, Ian Snyder, joined our Board after raising funds to establish the "Iron Mike Trail" on Rosedale Road across from our Johnson Education Center. Ian is a financial professional now living and working in New York City. Ian and his siblings, all of whom attended Johnson Park School while growing up in Princeton, are committed to annual stewardship events on the trail that was named for his father.

On behalf of all of us at D&R Greenway, thank you for your dedication to the land and our mission.

New Members Elected to Board of Trustees

As the Girl Scout song says, make new friends and keep the old. As three members retired, three new trustees were elected to our Board in January 2023.

Pete Carril, Jr. is a financial investment manager who founded Patton Hall, LLC in 2012. You may recognize his name, as his father was a legendary basketball coach at Princeton University. Pete, Jr. has run global trading desks and published financial articles. He is a Princeton University alumnus, Class of 1981. Pete has been serving on our Investment Committee and is excited to expand his support of D&R Greenway's mission.

"If you care passionately about clean air and clean water, nature and wildlife, as I do, then land preservation is the cornerstone which protects them all."

Jeff Gradone, Esq. is an attorney specializing in property tax appeals and tax exemption. A Partner at Archer & Greiner, P.C., he is Co-Chair of the NJ State Bar Association Property Tax Committee and a Trustee of the Mercer County Bar Association. Jeff assisted with Hillside Farm taxes. He lives in Hunterdon County along the Delaware River

"I am extremely fortunate and excited to be part of the land preservation puzzle."



D&R Greenway Board Chair Peter Dawson welcomes (l to r) new trustees Jeff Gradone, Pete Carril, and Dan Motto.

Dan Motto grew up with an environmental ethic, with his father a professor at Rutgers University who took his family on vacations to National Parks. Dan earned degrees in environmental science and engineering and spent 20+ years in leadership positions in the pharmaceutical industry. Dan is Chief Operating Officer for Enalare Therapeutics Inc., and provides industry insights to startup companies and private equity investors. He is on the Advisory Council for the entrepreneurship program at Cornell University.

Dan and his wife live in Princeton with their three children who have enjoyed sledding at Greenway Meadows.

"I grew up on the Sourland Mountains and I have fond memories of exploring the Sourlands and other natural areas of New Jersey. More recently, my family has enjoyed many of the properties that D&R Greenway has helped to preserve, in turn learning about their history and how they were almost lost to development. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to help support D&R Greenway's mission and to play a role in ensuring the beautiful natural areas of our State will continue to exist for future generations to enjoy."

10...9...8...7...Preservation!!

We've all counted down to the midnight chiming of the clock on the last day of the year. This holds true for preservation, too, as the days move to year-end. Literally, years of work toward the preservation of a property come down to the final days, hours and ultimately the minute when the ink dries on the deed and it is recorded to ensure legacy conservation. This was the case on December 30, 2022 when Lisa Forrester realized her dream to permanently preserve land that had been important to her family for decades.

In an exciting countdown on the last closing day of the year, D&R Greenway preserved 50 acres of land in Hopewell in a conservation easement with landowner Lisa Forrester. She and her husband, Mercer County Judge Lee Forrester, began the preservation process together. After his passing, Lisa carried forward both their wishes to ensure that the undeveloped land where their children played and were married was permanently preserved as a forever legacy.

"Our family is so proud to be part of this program to protect land with D&R Greenway."—Lisa Forrester

Lisa thanks Rich Goldman for introducing her to preservation. Rich was a long-term member of D&R Greenway's Board of Trustees, whose last practicing day as a lawyer, following a long career, culminated in the closing of this transaction for Lisa and her family.



A small pond reflects the beauty of nature on newly preserved land.

Countdown to Preservation:

Year-end transactions over the past three years

- December 18, 2020
 Preservation of Point Breeze in Bordentown
- December 30, 2021
 Preservation of Betty Wold Johnson's Hillside Farm
- December 30, 2022
 Preservation of Lee and Lisa Forrester's land in Hopewell

Contributing to a corridor of green that stretches from the Delaware River to the Sourlands, among the benefits of preserving swaths of greenways is the protection of migratory corridors for wildlife and songbirds.

On a clear, sunny winter day, blue skies hosted an eagle and hawks overhead. Tall, golden meadow grass swayed in the wind, highlighting the interwoven remnants of native mountain mint and goldenrod throughout the field. Early successional eastern red cedars have grown to mature heights in the forest, providing owl habitat. Mixed with native oaks and maples, shagbark hickories show off their shaggy bark next to ironwood trees. In wetter areas near the stream, American beech and swamp white oak stand as sentinels.

The property is next to Skyview Preserve, owned and managed by Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space. FoHVOS Executive Director Lisa Wolff looks forward to a partnership, "We are so pleased that D&R Greenway Land Trust preserved this property which will lengthen the trails at our adjacent Skyview Preserve. Through our preservation and trail building partnerships, both FoHVOS and D&R Greenway provide even greater benefits to our extended community."

Future trails will highlight the special qualities of the property. There is one area on the property that is not open for now: nine acres where the Hunt Lake Dam, built in 1960 and part of the Stony Brook watershed, still stands. Lee Forrester hoped to preserve the dam in place and worked toward that for many years. Unfortunately, due to new safety regulations and the cost to rehabilitate the dam, preservation of this feature was prohibitive, and the dam will be decommissioned and removed by regulatory authorities. For now, this section of the preserve remains closed to the public until that time when the dam is gone and the land is restored.

D&R Greenway's first land preservation transaction was in the heartland of the Sourlands in Hopewell Township. This property shows our commitment to land preservation in Hopewell, 33 years later.

Hopewell Township Mayor Michael Ruger speaks for all the township's leadership when he says, "Hopewell Township is a proud and enthusiastic partner of D&R Greenway Land Trust. All of us on the Hopewell Township Committee are excited about the preservation of the Forrester property for future generations to enjoy."

Steadfast Stewards

D&R Greenway thanks the following Steadfast Stewards who consistently donate to D&R Greenway's mission to preserve and care for land and inspire a conservation ethic, now and forever. Their long-term support shows they have

confidence in our work, year after year. We especially want to thank those who joined us in our early years for establishing what has become one of the leading land trusts in New Jersey and the country—D&R Greenway Land Trust.

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Donation of Dorothy Doughty Porcelain Birds Expands Education about the Natural World

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J ay Vawter, whose significant contribution in 2012 of almost 100 decoys exhibited at the Johnson Education Center, has made a new donation that expands the collection and opportunities to educate visitors about species and habitats preserved by D&R Greenway.

Dorothy Doughty was a British sculptor and daughter of a poet and travel writer. Educated at the Eastbourne School of Art, she became a keen naturalist and ornithologist. In the 1950s, she made two visits to America to study birds in their natural habitat and to capture their character in models made from paper, wire and twigs. In 1957, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II presented a pair of Doughty Parula Warblers to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a great honor for the artist.

"My work with the birds has been a joyful thing. In this tortured world one of the happiest ways of spending a life is to work closely with nature. Although the miraculous perfection of birds and flowers, and indeed all wild things, is beyond the power of man to portray in any medium, he or she who strives towards it, learns to see even more deeply, to glimpse something of the Infinite, and to feel a privileged and very humble person."

—Dorothy Doughty, 1892–1962



Blue-gray Gnatcatchers with Dogwood.

Doughty is mostly known for her collection of porcelain American birds that included thirty-six pairs and three individuals produced by Royal Worcester. Shown in museums throughout the US and Great Britain, Jay's donation of eleven Doughty porcelain birds will now be displayed by D&R Greenway.

The first showing will be at D&R Greenway's new Discovery Center at Point Breeze, where two pairs of species found on the newly preserved property will be exhibited this spring. Look for an announcement about the additional seven that will be exhibited in the decoy cabinets at the Johnson Education Center, recently expanded thanks to Jay's generosity.

Sneak Preview:

Before and After at Point Breeze

See the Renovations and New Exhibits for Yourself Join us at our Greenway Gala, Sunday, May 7 from 4–6 p.m.

Point Breeze has a long and storied history. The Lenape lived on the land along the Delaware River 13,000 years ago. King Joseph Bonaparte made his home here from 1816–1839 after his exile as King of Spain. When D&R Greenway joined the City of Bordentown and the State of New Jersey to permanently preserve the 60-acre property on December 18, 2020, we assumed ownership and responsibility for the former King's Gardener's House, the only remaining structure from the Bonaparte era.

The Gardener's House, built ca. 1820, saw many important visitors during Joseph Bonaparte's time, including the former King himself. It was used over the past eighty years by Divine Word Missionaries for meetings, education and counseling, and as a



BEFORE: The entrance hallway shows the former front door with sidelights, and the damage done to the floor from a leak under the door.



AFTER: The new wood floor matches the uncovered and refinished floors in the Crown Jewels Gallery and the Peoples Room. The mahogany paneled double door is modeled after historic photos, and an American antique chandelier welcomes you.

home for priests. Alterations made in the 1960s era included drop ceilings, shag carpeting, construction of non-bearing walls that led to a bathroom, and a "modern" kitchen that fortunately still retains the original iron bake oven manufactured in Philadelphia, Pa. in the 1830s.

The roof was replaced, the chimney relined, and we added safety features to open to the public. The modern front door leaked and destroyed hallway flooring that needed replacement, which led to matching old wood with new.

The Revolving Land Fund that was established by D&R Greenway made a significant contribution to preservation of the property.



A sentinel sycamore tree stands tall in front of the Discovery Center at Point Breeze, ready to welcome you.



BEFORE: Looking across the back of the house with aluminum shutters and the land beyond during a Spring 2021 volunteer gardening day with New Jersey Senator Troy Singleton.



AFTER: A view from behind the house looks across the garden toward the sunset. The statuary of St. Joseph was donated by Divine Word Missionaries to commemorate their eighty years on the property from 1940–2020



BEFORE: We discovered that the staircase was likely added to the center hall later, as the original house had flow-through doors front and back. A photo of Catholic priests and nuns on this staircase illustrates Divine Word's history on the property.



AFTER: The center staircase bids you to ascend to learn the stories of the Three Chandeliers. The upper story includes the Natural World and the Walk through Time rooms.



BEFORE: Rich Allen, Land Steward (l), and Dave Seiler, Land and Property Steward, constructing the Historic Garden fence.



BEFORE: Sturgeon sculpture being placed at the new Discovery Center.



AFTER: Sculptor Kate Graves with her Sturgeon pointing to the Delaware River.



AFTER: Grand Opening of the Historic Garden at Point Breeze.

D&R Greenway took on the challenge of raising private donations to ensure that the Discovery Center at Point Breeze would be ready to open in two short years.

On May 7, D&R Greenway supporters will be the first to have an opportunity to visit the new Discovery Center at Point Breeze, just before it opens to the public. The mission of the Discovery Center is the same as D&R Greenway's

ome visit the Crown Jewels Gallery where you'll learn about the "real" crown jewels of the land. Take a "Walk through Time" to meet the people who lived on this land over the past two hundred years and beyond. See art

from a Lenape artist, and discover

mission: to preserve and tell the story

of the land, and connect people to a

conservation ethic.

artifacts in the display cases. You'll even learn facts about the waterways that surround the property in the Delaware River and Crosswicks Creek Water Closets!

Special thanks to Wendy Kvalheim for interior design and donated features; Jeanne Perantoni, architect; Bert Kerstetter and Calico Corners for French draperies; Dr. Richard Veit, Ph.D. for artifacts; City of Bordentown officials and staff; and, Edward J. Dallas Historic Renovations. Many more donors and participants will be recognized upon the opening.



Crown Jewels Gallery with French-style draperies of the era, donated by Bert Kerstetter and Calico Corners.

2022 Volunteers

D&R Greenway thanks our loyal volunteers who play a significant role in supporting our staff and moving our mission forward. Their collaborative contributions continue to build community and are invaluable to the growth and success of D&R Greenway.

Expert Birders: D&R Greenway partners with expert birders from Washington Crossing Audubon Society. These volunteers identify and count species on our preserves. This data is submitted to ebird.org at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, an extensive data source for information on birds and the earth's biological diversity.

Native Plant Nursery: Volunteers learn about, grow and care for native plants. Their valuable participation with watering and caring for nursery plants, and with native plant sales, raises funds to preserve and steward more land.

Stewardship and Trail Stewards: This resolute group enjoys true community spirit as they keep our trails and preserves navigable and beautiful for the public! In 2022, stewardship volunteers assisted staff with tree planting to provide food and habitat for wildlife.

New Jersey Trails: From October to May, led by former Board Chair Alan Hershey, skilled volunteers move boulders, clear brush, and build stream crossings to create welcoming trail experiences for people to connect with the land. For more information, see www.njtrails.org.

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Photographers and Graphic Design: A talented group of photographers and designers dedicate their time and expertise to contribute to D&R Greenway's public outreach.

Sharing Garden at St. Michaels Farm Preserve:

Thank you to our gardeners who helped plant, mulch, weed, and harvest produce from the Sharing Garden. In 2022, we donated 2,748 pounds of produce to those in need through the Chubby's Project to feed Hopewell families and individuals from May through November.

Historic Garden at Point Breeze: Thank you to our gardeners who helped plant, mulch, weed, and harvest produce for the inaugural Fall season. In 2022, we donated produce to those in need through Christ Church, First Baptist, and Trinity UMC's hot meal distribution program in Bordentown.

Willing Hands: This enthusiastic group of volunteers helps promote a conservation ethic by processing mailings, decorating and helping with logistics at our signature events and art exhibit receptions.

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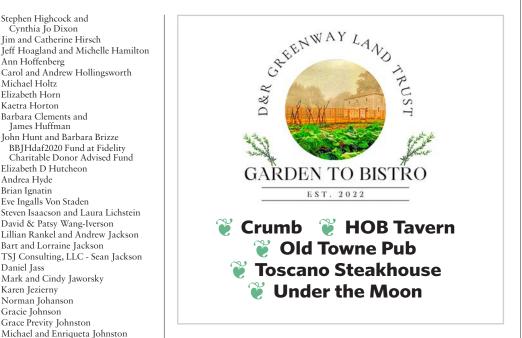
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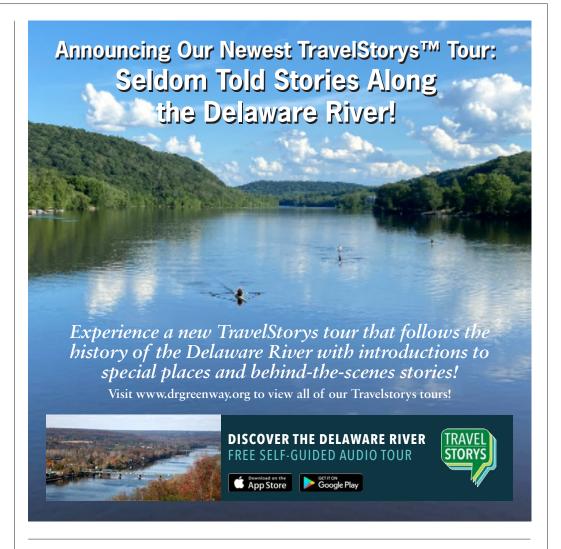
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Laying the Groundwork for Creation of the Betty Wold Johnson Hillside Park

When D&R Greenway Land Trust received the generous gift of nearly 800 acres in Hopewell known as Hillside Farm, from the sons of Betty Wold Johnson, we knew that creating a special public park worthy of Mrs. Johnson's love of the land meant a significant commitment. Under the leadership of our Board Chair Peter Dawson, our trustees vowed to "do it right!". Our first step, important to any new property management plan, has been to understand the unique place that in this case includes structures and land.

Learning about a property as rich in natural resources as Hillside Farm is a multi-season process and is ongoing. We have been fortunate to have the support of an expert birding team from Washington Crossing Audubon, led by Hannah Suthers and Sharyn Magee. Along with biologists from Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey, our team has been collecting data on birds, amphibians, wildlife and plants on the vast acreage.

What we have learned is this:

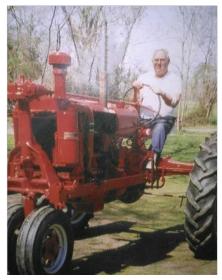
to date, 127 species of birds have been observed at Hillside Farm. Over 400 acres of forest and over 200 acres of farmed fields support threatened and endangered species including the largest concentrated sightings of bobolinks in the region. These grassland birds have been disappearing due to loss of habitat. We are ensuring that farming methods protect these important birds. Redshouldered hawks, barred and long-eared owls, and wood thrush have been found on the property. We are carefully assessing trail opportunities to ensure protection of habitats throughout the woods before opening the preserve to the public.

The concentration of species and quality of the habitat is a testament to Betty Wold Johnson's care of the property and her commitment to assemble nearly 800 acres of land over 40 years.

Similarly, we are assessing the buildings and historical attributes of the property. If you were lucky to join us at our 2022 Gala and our Masquerade Ball at Hillside Farm, you saw that this is a large task. We secured a grant from the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission to hire Richard Veit, Ph.D., an historian and archeologist, who will work with others to assess

the Revolutionary-era attributes of the property. Dr. Veit recently completed an archeological dig on land surrounding D&R Greenway's Bordentown property, the former estate of Joseph Bonaparte.

To be among the first to receive announcements of guided walks and other events at Hillside Farm, go to our website at www.drgreenway.org to sign up for our e-news. While we take the time to open this "national park in our own backyard", we appreciate your patience and respect for the significance of this property. We assure you that the future park will be worth the wait.



Furman "Buck" Hendrickson on his F20 tractor on Spring Waters Farm, now part of Hillside Farm.

"THE AWAKENING"

OPENING EVENT

Ribbon Cutting on Sunday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. St. Michaels Farm Preserve, Hopewell

The Hopewell Valley Arts Council and the Johnson Atelier are partnering to host a year-long celebration of Seward Johnson's amazing life.

The focal point of the celebration will be the installation of a 70-ft.-wide monumental sculpture by Seward, The Awakening, in partnership with D&R Greenway Land Trust, at St. Michaels Farm Preserve in Hopewell.

The public is invited to the unveiling of this spectacular work of art and are requested to visit drgreenway.org or hvartscouncil.org for parking and additional information about the series of related events.



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