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2003—The Year In Review

In 2003 D&R Greenway preserved more land than ever before – 1,373 acres valued at \$33,482,510. A total of 14 properties, spanning three counties and eight municipalities, were permanently protected from development.

These properties are as diverse as the United Water land, 400 acres of historically-significant, forested watershed land in Lambertville and West Amwell and the Tindall farm, 80 acres of family-owned agricultural land in West Windsor. These lands will remain assets to the environment, refuges for wildlife

and sources of pride for their communities, forever.

In addition to preserving a record number of acres, D&R Greenway undertook several far-reaching and innovative initiatives in 2003. For the first time, we went beyond the DEP Green Acres Program as our sole State funding source and received a non-profit grant from the State's Farmland Preservation Program. This was used to preserve agricultural land in 2003.

Partnering with The Nature Conservancy, we applied and received approval for a \$1.3 million Planning Incentive Grant to protect a block of properties in Hunterdon and Somerset counties—the first time a block grant has been approved for a non-profit organization (Planning Incentive Grants or PIGs are typically awarded to municipalities).

Our persistent effort to raise the profile of the Sourlands, which contain the headwaters of many of the streams in our area as well as the

Land Preservation Update

As of March 31, 2004 D&R Greenway has preserved over 6,800 acres of land valued at \$129.5 million. We celebrated our 100th closing on March 25, 2004, preserving the Olukotun property in Hopewell Township.

deep forest breeding habitat for neotropical migratory birds, was rewarded in 2003. A new partnership with the state was established, creating a Sourlands preservation initiative. A group of 11 properties worth \$2.0 million were approved for preservation. With the expected 2004 closing on these properties, the Sourlands will reach critical mass in terms of protected land, thus becoming a target area for continued open space funding by the State.

The Sister Land Trust Project was also launched in 2003. This international partnership between D&R Greenway and the *Amigos de Calakmul* in Mexico is designed to
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Leona Tindall and her son Doug enjoy the winter view of their 80-acre family farm, preserved by D&R Greenway in 2003.

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help preserve a region of the Yucatán that is the winter habitat for the same species of neotropical birds that breed and summer in the Sourlands. The pilot project of this partnership is the acquisition of a site to establish a biological research station in Calakmul. This joint effort to preserve habitats in two continents between two regional land trusts is the first of its kind.

In the final tally the most important thing is the land, and what it means to our communities. Here then is our honor role of properties preserved in 2003.

Hunterdon County (820 acres)

The **United Water Property** in Lambertville and West Amwell consists of 398 acres of watershed land that provides drinking water for 1,626 United Water customers. One of the largest blocks of undisturbed forest in the Sourlands, the property provides a crucial connection between the *Sourland Mountain Greenway* and the *Delaware River Greenway* and is an essential link in the *Crossroads of the American Revolution*. The original road traveled by George Washington on his way to the Battle of Monmouth crosses the property.

The **Ashton Property**, preserved by West Amwell with assistance from D&R Greenway, covers 40 acres of woodland and pasture on the Sourland Ridge and forms part of the *Delaware River Greenway*. While protecting the headwaters of Moore's Creek, this property also provides a connection between the United Water Property and lands acquired by D&R Greenway in 1999.

The **Mazur/Salkin Property** in West Amwell, better known as Fiddler's Creek Farm, consists of 197 acres buffering Moore's Creek. This preservation is particularly significant as its location provides the last crucial link completing the connection between the *Delaware River Greenway* and the *Sourland Mountain Greenway*. The result is an unbroken chain of preserved land from the Sourland Ridge to Baldpate Mountain and Washington Crossing.

The **Rattigan Property** in West Amwell consists of 57 acres of woodland and farmland protecting



A magnificent view of multi-colored fall foliage at the Pearson property, preserved in 2003.

an important tributary of Moore's Creek. The property is adjacent to both the Mazur/Salkin Property and the historic Hunter Farm, protected by West Amwell.

Together this collection of properties protects the entire Hunter Road landscape, forever preserving the beautiful rural character of the area.

The **Pearson Property** in East Amwell consists of 90 acres of deep forest habitat in the Sourlands, critical breeding grounds for neotropical migrating birds. The land forms an important component of the *Sourland Greenway* and has been dedicated for passive recreation as a Hunterdon County park.

The **Greek Property** in East Amwell consists of 38 acres of woodland and farmland containing the headwaters of the Back Brook. Known as "Safe Haven Farm," the property is famous for the huge oak tree in the pasture that is decorated with over 60,000 Christmas lights each year.

The combination of the Greek and Pearson properties creates a sweep of preserved land that extends from the

Sourland Mountains down into the farm valley below.

Somerset County (372 acres)

The **Kanach Property** consists of 198 acres of prime farmland in the heart of Branchburg. With gently rolling hills and exceptional views, this property constitutes a significant piece of the *Neshanic-South Branch Raritan Greenway*. A developer had already negotiated a deal with the landowner when the Township approached D&R Greenway for help in preserving the land. Working with the landowner, the township and a range of public funding sources, we were able to structure a deal that was truly a win-win for everyone concerned. This project is a case study proving that land preservation transactions utilizing the proper financial planning tools can be as just as economically viable for a landowner as direct sale to a developer.

The **Platz Farm** consists of 39 acres of open fields in Montgomery and forms the second link in the *Mont*

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gomery Greenway, which connects to the Sourland Mountain Greenway. D&R Greenway partnered with Montgomery Friends of Open Space to help the group complete their first preservation project.

The Wilson Property consists of 7 acres of woodland fields along the D&R Canal in Franklin Township. Dr. Wilson has been preserving land with D&R Greenway since 1992. Including this third property, a total of 48 acres in the D&R Canal Greenway has been permanently preserved.

The Negri/Nepote Property consists of 128 acres protected by Franklin Township with the assistance of D&R Greenway. This agricultural land actually consisted of two parcels owned by two branches of the same family. Their joint decision to preserve this land has provided a large section of grassland bird habitat that will be managed by the New Jersey Audubon Society.

Mercer County (181 acres)

The Yeger Property in West Windsor consists of 23 acres of pristine woodland forming a new link in the Millstone River Greenway, protecting the Millstone

River corridor. An intriguing bit of trivia, the land enjoyed brief notoriety 65 years ago when it was part of the Grover's Mill countryside "invaded" by Martians during Orson Well's radio broadcast *The War of the Worlds*.

The Hanson Property in Hopewell consists of 67 acres of woodland and cornfields. Bordering on Baldwin Lake, the land forms an important link in the growing Pennington Village Greenway, providing a buffer around the north side of the borough. This unique partnership included funding from Pennington Borough and the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association.

The Tindall Property in West Windsor Township consists of 80 acres of agricultural land in the Assunpink Creek Greenway. The Tindall family will continue to live on the farm, as they have since 1914 and its preservation helps create breathing room in a densely developed community.

The Hamill Property in Lawrenceville consists of 11 acres of wooded stream corridor along the Stony Brook, contributing to the Stony Brook Greenway. This land connects with other lands preserved by the Hamill family, the first of which was preserved by D&R Greenway in 1990. Family member Sam Hamill was one of the founders of D&R Greenway. This beautiful property was our last closing of 2003.

As we look forward to 2004, we are proud of the fact that we are doing everything in our power to help Governor McGreevey achieve his goals for the protection of New Jersey's environment—one of his top three priorities for the State. On January 8 we celebrated our first closing of 2004 (our 15th Anniversary year). Our 2003 record won't stand for long, given all the preservation projects we have planned and in the pipeline for the coming year!

We thank all of our amazing partners: the State DEP Green Acres and Farmland Protection Programs, the county and municipal open space officials, the local Friends of Open Space groups, and, of course, the individuals, local businesses, corporations and foundations who are all so generous with their contributions. Together we will make a difference—and protect the beautiful open space that makes central New Jersey a special place to live. ♣

Second Four-Star Year for D&R Greenway

For the second year in a row, Charity Navigator, America's premier independent evaluator of charities, has awarded its highest rating to D&R Greenway—four out of four stars. This rating indicates that D&R Greenway excels in the area of strong fiscal management, as compared to nearly 3,000 of America's charities.

D&R Greenway was also ranked second out of all land trust/environmental organizations in the entire country for our efficiency in using our donor dollars to achieve results! Charity Navigator also placed us second on their list of "organizations expanding in a hurry."

In a letter congratulating us, Trent Stamp, the executive director of

Charity Navigator, wrote: "In earning our highest 4-star rating Delaware & Raritan Greenway has demonstrated exceptional financial health, outperforming most of its peers in its efforts to manage and grow its finances in the most responsible way possible. This consistency in your rating is an exceptional feat, especially given the economic challenges all charities have had to face in the last year."

This second annual top rating from Charity Navigator indicates that D&R Greenway is maximizing the efficiency and productivity of our donations. We pledge to continue to work at this level of effectiveness to protect our remaining open space. ♣

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Tindall Farm Preservation Saves More Than Just Open Space

The Tindall Farm has been the family's farm since 1914. Originally a dairy farm, it was converted into a truck farm in the mid-1940s. Much of the tomatoes and other vegetables grown on the farm were sold to the Campbell Soup Company in Camden. If you grew up eating Campbell's Tomato Soup, chances are you were eating Tindall Farm tomatoes.

The current matriarch of the family, Leone Tindall married Harold Tindall and moved to the farm in 1941. She raised seven children and after her husband died in 1971, she and her family worked very hard to keep their land intact. Back then, developers offered \$120 an acre for the farm, but she persevered and held onto the land.

Due to the enormous pressure for development in West Windsor, the Tindall family had at least five lucrative offers in writing for the land when they approached D&R Greenway. Working with the family, the Township and the Mercer County Farmland Preservation Program, D&R Greenway negotiated a fair market value purchase of the development rights. The closing was an emotional experience for the 80-something Mrs. Tindall. She was so happy that she had hung on long enough to be able to keep the land while still providing financial security for herself and her seven children.

The Tindalls are not the only people to benefit from their farm's protection. All residents of West Windsor stand to gain financially from the preservation of this land. That's because the total cost of the services residents of new construction require typically exceeds the revenues their taxes generate. In the case of the Tindall property, current zoning would have permitted the construction of 22 single family homes housing 33 new school children. It costs the township \$11,369 per pupil in education costs, resulting in \$375,177 in additional taxes each year. These incremental education expenses are not offset by the additional tax revenue the new housing would generate, so the deficit will continue year after year.



D&R Greenway's Senior Land Preservation Specialist Bill Rawlyk and landowner Doug Tindall in front of a silo on the Tindall farm.

In contrast, these open acres of the Tindall Farm will never add new pupils and new education expenses to the school system and the Tindalls' will continue to pay taxes, generating income for West Windsor Township.

The protection of the property also contributes to the quality of life and the environment in West Windsor, rather than detracting from it. As an example, 22 new families would generate, on average, 10 car trips per day. That's 80,300 additional car trips per year, adding congestion to the local streets. Each household would use, on average, 350 gallons of water per day. That an additional 2,810,500 gallons of water per year, from water resources that are not infinite.

Saving the Tindall Farm is a win-win for everyone. The residents of West Windsor eliminate increased traffic on their roads, more students in their classrooms and additional taxes. The rolling, open landscape that remains on Old Trenton Road is a reminder of West Windsor's rural character and agricultural heritage for everyone to enjoy. And the Tindalls' will continue to farm the land that has been in their family for three generations. ♣

Call for Entries for the Fifth Annual Greenway Gala Art Show

Once again, D&R Greenway will celebrate the beauty of the land through art by hosting its annual art show and sale. The show will hang in the Brodsky Gallery at the Chauncey Conference Center on Educational Testing Service's campus in Princeton, NJ, from June 2-12. Susan Taylor, director of the Princeton University Art Museum, is serving once again as our juror.

The exhibition will also be a centerpiece of *The Greenway Gala – Celebrating 15 Years of People and the Land* to be held on June 6, 2004, 6-8 p.m., at the Chauncey Conference Center. Artwork will be on sale throughout the exhibition and during *The Greenway Gala*. Several preview parties are being planned.

Delaware & Raritan Greenway will take a 40 percent gallery fee on all sales from the juried show to

further our efforts to permanently protect the open space before it is lost forever to development.

Eligible submissions to the show will meet the following requirements: recent two-dimensional work, inspired by nature, with a maximum framed size of 30x30 inches. Please note that this year all submissions should be delivered to Princeton Academy, not to D&R Greenway, due to space constraints at our office. Directions to the academy will be found on the entry form.

If you would like to request an entry form, please contact Erika Molayi at D&R Greenway, 609-924-4646 extension 131 or emolayi@delargreenway.org. If you have specific questions or would like more information about the show, please contact Sophie Glovier at 609-252-1417 or glovier8@aol.com. ♣

Celebrate 15 Years of Land Preservation at *The Greenway Gala*

Marking our 15th anniversary as central New Jersey's regional land trust, 2004 will be a year of special celebration for Delaware & Raritan Greenway. We're inviting

you to join with us on Sunday, June 6, 2004, as we honor the past, present, and future of D&R Greenway at *The Greenway Gala – Celebrating 15 Years of People and the Land*.



D&R Greenway's founders include D&R Greenway's Director of Land Preservation & Stewardship, Dennis Davidson (left), who helped D&R Greenway get its start while at the NJDEP Green Acres Program, Sam Hamill, Bob Johnston, Rosemary Blair, and this year's Donald B. Jones award recipient, Jim Amon.

Thanks to the generous support of Educational Testing Service and Eleanor Horne, a Vice-Chair of D&R Greenway's Board of Trustees, *The Greenway Gala* will once again be held at The Chauncey Conference Center at Educational Testing Service's campus on Rosedale Road in Princeton, from 6-8 p.m. This beautiful, park-like landscape

provides the perfect setting to toast D&R Greenway's 15 years of land preservation successes.

At this event Jim Amon will receive the Donald B. Jones conservation award. Jim is a founder of D&R Greenway, an advisor to our board and the executive director of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission. D&R Greenway presents the Donald B. Jones award each year to an environmental hero—an individual who has displayed selfless generosity in his or her commitment to conservation efforts—a perfect description of Jim Amon.

A juried show of art inspired by the land and nature will be on exhibit at The Brodsky Gallery from June 2-12. A 40 percent commission on all sales will benefit D&R Greenway. And *The Greenway Gala* is also the first chance our supporters have to purchase tickets to *The Good Time Galas for the Greenway*.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Sunday, June 6. *The Greenway Gala* is a wonderful occasion to celebrate 15 years of D&R Greenway and the open space we all care so much about. 🌿

2004 Good Time Galas for the Greenway are Underway

Plans are in the works for the 2004-2005 *Good Time Galas for the Greenway*, our annual series of parties, festivals and fun that raise funds to preserve our area's most critical natural resource – our open space. This year's committee, co-chaired by Ellen Hoenig-Carlson and Suzy Trowbridge, is planning some wonderful events.

The 2004 -2005 *Good Time Galas for the Greenway* will include some perennial favorites, as well as some exciting new events. From an elegant Saturday night wine tasting dinner to a fascinating Sunday morning bird banding workshop, the *Good Time Galas* offer a range of festivities designed to appeal to many different interests and age groups. What all the *Galas* have in common, however, is their focus on the beauty and benefits of the land – and the opportunity to help D&R Greenway

in our mission to save it.

If you would like to become more involved with D&R Greenway and help raise the funds to save our open space, please consider joining our *Good Time Galas for the Greenway* Committee. You can help receive and categorize the art for our *Greenway Gala* art exhibition, help organize and run individual *Galas*, or help out at *The Greenway Gala* on June 6th. If you are interested, please contact either Ellen Carlson at 609-333-1087 or



2004 Good Time Galas for the Greenway Co-chairs Ellen Hoenig-Carlson (left), Suzie Trowbridge (right), and Jo-Ann Munoz, director of communications at D&R Greenway (center), helping to plan this season's festivities.

hoenigcarlson@aol.com; Suzy Trowbridge at 609-921-2428 or suzytrowbridge@aol.com; or Jo-Ann Munoz at D&R Greenway, 609-924-4646 or jmunoz@delrargreenway.org. 🌿

Somerset County Planning Board Presents Award to D&R Greenway and The National Park Service

The Somerset County Planning Board recently presented a 2003 Land Development and Planning award to D&R Greenway and the National Park Service. The award was for Excellence in Planning and recognized the feasibility study for *Crossroads of the American Revolution, National Heritage Area in New Jersey*. This study was authorized by Congress and conducted jointly by D&R Greenway and the National Park Service.

A National Heritage Area is defined as "a region where natural, cultural, historic and scenic resources combine to form a cohesive, naturally distinctive landscape arising from patterns of human activity, shaped by geography." The parameters of this feasibility study included the identification of intact Revolutionary War sites and related landscapes and the development of proposed boundaries for the National Heritage Area. A vision statement was developed, as well as management alternatives for the implementation and administration of the proposed National Heritage Area.

D&R Greenway coordinated the public outreach and input program that was integral to the feasibility study. Public meetings were held throughout the state and input was gathered from many organizations and hundreds of individuals.

D&R Greenway remains active in the *Crossroads of the American Revolution Association* with Director of Land Preservation and Stewardship Dennis Davidson and trustees Ted Stiles and Neil Upmeyer serving on the board. D&R Greenway has preserved a number of properties that contribute to the Revolutionary landscape and that are key components of the *Crossroads* initiative including: the United Water Land, preserved in 2003, the Birum and Williams properties, preserved in 2002 and the Institute Woods, preserved in 1997. Several of the properties we are actively working to preserve in 2004 have important connections to the American Revolution.

For more information about *The Crossroads of the American Revolution Association*, please call 732-321-9376. ♣



D&R Greenway Welcomes a New Board Member

D&R Greenway is happy to announce that Daniel Pat O'Connell was unanimously elected as a trustee to our board. A Princeton resident, Pat is president of his own financial advisory firm, Evergreen Capital Advisors, Inc., where he specializes in assisting local governments and non-profit corporations in raising capital. A particular area of expertise is financing for farmland and open space preservation.

The Government Finance Officers Association gave its Award for Excellence in Financial Management to an agricultural land preservation financing program that Pat developed for Howard County, Maryland. Since 1989, this program has purchased conservation easements on 89 farms totaling 9,600 acres. Pat has implemented similar installment-purchase programs in Burlington County, New Jersey.

Pat was instrumental in the development of the Trust for Public Land's local government lease-purchase land acquisition financing program, and serves on TPL's National Advisory Council. He also serves as an advisor to the New Jersey Garden State Preservation Trust.

The staff and board of D&R Greenway are pleased to have the benefit of Pat's talent and expertise. He is a terrific addition to our team and will provide great assistance in helping achieve our overall goal of preserving watershed lands and large-scale landscapes in central New Jersey. ♣

Rhododendron Garden Tour



Join us on Saturday, May 15 at 10 a.m. for a tour of the Rhododendron Gardens at Indian Run Nursery in Washington, New Jersey, one of the oldest and finest collections of rhododendrons in the northeast. Representatives from the American Rhododendron Society will be on hand to provide expert advice and nursery plants cloned from the parent plants at Indian Run will be on sale. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$35 per person; all proceeds benefit D&R Greenway's land preservation mission. For reservations, contact Elika Molayi at 609-924-4646 or emolayi@delrargreenway.org.

Thank You to All Our 2003 Partners in Preservation

The board of trustees and staff of D&R Greenway would like to thank each and every one of our partners in preservation. Your generous support enables D&R Greenway to accomplish our mission of protecting central New Jersey's threatened open space. For every \$100 dollars donated to our general operating fund we are able to preserve an average of one acre of land—in a region where land prices range between \$5,000 and \$100,000 per acre.

Our fiscal acumen has been recognized

with a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for the second year in a row. Trent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator, commented in our notification letter that "A 4-star rating from Charity Navigator means your supporters can be assured that Delaware & Raritan Greenway is worthy of their trust and commitment."

We thank you for your support in 2003 and hope we can continue to count on your generosity in this, our 15th Anniversary year.

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Including Delaware & Raritan Greenway in your will is one of the most significant things you can do to save our landscape for your heirs. It is a true legacy. If you are interested in other giving opportunities such as a charitable remainder trust or the donation of your land for tax benefits, call Linda Mead at D&R Greenway (609-924-4646).

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We value the thoughts, opinions and insight of our partners in preservation, and so we are asking you to please take a few moments and fill out this confidential survey. We will use the information you provide to help shape our strategic plan as D&R Greenway moves into the next 15 years.

1. Below is a list of reasons why land in our region should be preserved. On a scale of 1-5, please rate how important each reason is to you.

	<i>Not at all important</i>					<i>Extremely important</i>				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
To preserve natural habitat for birds, plants and wildlife	1	2	3	4	5					
To retain scenic landscapes	1	2	3	4	5					
To preserve our region's history and heritage	1	2	3	4	5					
To protect local drinking water supplies	1	2	3	4	5					
To prevent excessive development and traffic congestion	1	2	3	4	5					
To establish trails for walking, hiking and biking	1	2	3	4	5					
To provide opportunities for outdoor recreation (such as picnicking, walking and nature study)	1	2	3	4	5					
To provide opportunities for outdoor recreation (such as playing fields for team sports)	1	2	3	4	5					
To contain the municipal tax burden that accompanies new housing construction	1	2	3	4	5					
To preserve our communities' current character and quality of life	1	2	3	4	5					

Please put a check mark next to the statement that *you* consider the most important.

2. From the following list, please indicate the outdoor activities in which you or your family have participated in the past 12 months. (Please check all that apply.)

- Walking for recreation or exercise in a park or neighborhood
- Running in a park or neighborhood
- Walking or light hiking on trails through undeveloped land
- Off-trail hiking
- Biking in a park or neighborhood
- Biking on a roadway bike path
- Mountain biking on trails through undeveloped land
- Bird watching or other nature study
- Environmental education activities
- Visiting historic sites
- Canoeing or kayaking
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Other _____

3. Below is a list of other kinds of non-profit organizations. Please check off the types of organizations you support and rate, on a scale of 1-5, how committed you are to each one.

	<i>Not at all important</i>				<i>Extremely important</i>
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_____ Mental health	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Healthcare	1	2	3	4	5
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_____ Educational institutions my children or I attend(ed)	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Religious institutions	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Political campaigns	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other environmental organizations	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Animal welfare	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Historic organizations	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Sports and recreation	1	2	3	4	5

4. Is there anything else you would like share with us, regarding your views on land preservation or the work of D&R Greenway to date?

5. Please indicate the approximate length of time you have been a financial supporter of D&R Greenway and the year of your most recent gift. _____

Thank you for your time and interest in D&R Greenway. To return this survey to us, please use the reply envelope enclosed in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Jo-Ann Munoz at 609-924-4646 ext. 125 or jmunoz@delrargreenway.org. The results of this survey will be published in a future edition of *Greenways*.

Festive Plans for Delaware River Steamboat Floating Classroom

D&R Greenway neighbor and landowner Bart Hoebel is introducing a unique and interactive educational experience in our area—the Delaware River Steamboat Floating Classroom. After years of refurbishing, the steamboat is the first on the river since the late 1800s and is designed to teach clean water ecology and American history to school classes or any interested group.

All D&R Greenway supporters are cordially invited to the historic launching and festival, May 8 at 4 p.m., on the banks of the river in New Hope, Pennsylvania. There will be a champagne toast, Dixieland band, dinner, dance and FUN! George Washington and Abe Lincoln will be there. How about you?

For tickets and information call Tina at 609-924-2558 or Cindy at 609-921-6612 or email: info@steamboatclassroom.org.

Delaware River Steamboat Floating Classroom is a nonprofit organization. Proceeds benefit the educational program and boat equipment. ♣

Support D&R Greenway by Walking for Open Space!

On Sunday, May 16, join with Princeton Day School's Environmental Action Club (EnAct) to raise dollars to help preserve land in central New Jersey.

Now in its second year, the PDS "Walk for Open Space," raised \$50,000 in 2003 to benefit conservation groups in the area. All you need to join in is enthusiasm and your walking shoes. Walkers will meet at 1:00 p.m. at Rosedale Park.

To ensure that D&R Greenway receives the funds generated by your walk, please designate D&R Greenway as beneficiary on your registration form. Register on the website—www.walkforopenspace.org—or by contacting Liz Cutler at 609-924-6700 ext. 285. ♣

Grand Opening of Greenway Meadows Park and Ground Breaking for *The Greenway Center*

On Saturday May 1, 2004 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon, you are invited to join D&R Greenway and representatives of Princeton Township and Princeton Recreation Department for this special event. Enjoy entertainment and refreshments while you tour

Princeton's newest landmarks. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Greenway Meadows Park and *The Greenway Center* are located on Rosedale Road opposite Johnson Park School. We hope to see you there! ♣



Greenway Meadows park spans 55 acres of beautifully landscaped meadows. The park has 43 acres reserved for passive recreation and active recreation on the remaining 12 acres. The Greenway Center is located near the athletic fields in an historic barn.

Voices for the Marsh, a Juried Photography Show

The Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh is a unique natural oasis in the midst of a densely developed region. Its wetland and upland habitats include ponds, freshwater tidal marsh and swamp, tidal rivers and channels, floodplains, and steep-sided bluffs.

Because of this diversity of habitats, the Marsh is home to more than 850 recorded species of plants, 28 species of butterflies, 60 species of fish, 19 species of amphibians and reptiles, 237 species of resident or migratory birds, and 17 species of mammals.

To celebrate the beauty and mystery of this natural treasure, the Friends for the Hamilton-Trenton-

Bordentown Marsh are presenting a juried photography show entitled *Voices for the Marsh*. The public is invited to a complementary opening reception at the Hamilton Library on April 2 from 5-8 pm. Exhibition dates and locations are as follows:

- April 3–23 at the Hamilton Public Library
- April 26–May 12 at the Atrium at Trenton City Hall
- May 13–June 2 at the Farnsworth House Restaurant, Bordentown.

For additional information, or to become a Friend for the Marsh, please visit www.marsh-friends.org. ♣

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D&R Greenway Announces the Formation of the Taplin Circle

To help commemorate our 15th Anniversary celebration, D&R Greenway is introducing the **Taplin Circle**, a special organization created to honor the commitment Peg and Frank Taplin have shown towards the protection of our region's open space and environment. In particular, their leadership resulted in the preservation of two signature Princeton landscapes. Frank provided the million dollar challenge grant that galvanized our community behind the preservation of the 589-

acre Institute Woods and he gave significant resources to preserve the 160-acre Coventry Farm.

Annual membership in the **Taplin Circle** begins with a gift totaling \$1,000. There are four membership tiers: Partner, Benefactor, Conservator and Leader, based on increasing levels of support. Contributions to general operations through the annual appeals and sponsorships to *The Greenway Gala*, as well as donations towards the acquisition of land or conservation easements,

accrue towards membership in the **Taplin Circle**.

Although Frank passed away in May 2003, his unwavering support of open space and the environment will live on through the **Taplin Circle**, fueled by the generosity and actions of other like-minded individuals.

For additional information about the **Taplin Circle**, please contact Jo-Ann Munoz at 924-4646 ext.125 or jmunoz@delrargreenway.org.



Long-time D&R Greenway supporters and conservation leaders, Peg & Frank Taplin

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