

D&R Greenway Breaks New Ground with the Preservation of Reed Family Lands

On June 22, 2004, Delaware & Raritan Greenway joined with Mayor John A. Mele of Upper Freehold Township and Deputy Mayor Doug Tindall of Washington Township to announce the preservation of over 81 acres of farmland belonging to the Reed family. These lands, 31 acres located in Upper Freehold Township in Monmouth County and 50 acres located in Washington Township in Mercer County, are important additions to the Upper Crosswicks Greenway. The innovative approach to the protection of these lands, structured by Dennis Davidson, D&R Greenway's Director of Land Preservation and Stewardship, truly broke new ground in the annals of land preservation. It also demonstrated, once again, that preservation is just as economically viable an option as development is for the landowner.

D&R Greenway obtained the 31 acre property from Mr. Reed in Upper Freehold Township through a tax-free exchange for the 50 acres

in Washington Township, previously owned by Mr. Reed's sister, Ellen Powner. The 50 acre property had been purchased by D&R Greenway from Mrs. Powner in January and a state farmland preservation easement was placed on the property to ensure that it would forever remain open space. At the time D&R Greenway purchased the land, Mrs. Powner was under tremendous pressure to sell, and in fact, had an offer from a developer in hand.

D&R Greenway was able to rescue the land using a combination of resources including a New Jersey Conservation Loan, provided by the Open Space Institute, and our own operating funds. The Farmland Preservation Easement on the Washington Township property was made possible by grants of 50% of the easement cost from the NJ State Agriculture Development Committee and 25% each from Mercer County and Washington Township.

Mr. Reed will operate the Washington Township acreage as a sod

Land Preservation Update

As of July 31, 2004 D&R Greenway has preserved over 7,231 acres of land valued at \$138.4 million. This represents 109 separate preservation transactions.

farm, continuing the agricultural tradition of the area.

The Reed family generously donated part of the value of their 31 acre property in Upper Freehold as part of the tax-free exchange. This allowed D&R Greenway to transfer the land to Upper Freehold at a bargain sale price, enabling the Township to purchase recreational land for the very first time.

For the next two years Mr. Reed will continue the existing sod farm operation on these 31 acres. The first year's production will be a sod crop. In the second year, athletic grade sod will be planted for use by the local community.

"Two wonderful properties in two communities have been protected from development by this unique combination of several sales and an exchange," according to Linda Mead, Executive Director of D&R Greenway. "The benefits of this project

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The children of the Reed family are perhaps the first to enjoy the recreational lands created from their family's 31 acre sod farm in Upper Freehold Township. From left are Ryan Nash, Austin Reed, Kyle Reed and Megan Mount.

Upmeyer Internship in Land Preservation and Stewardship Announced

We are saddened to announce the passing in April of our good friend and colleague, Neil Upmeyer. Neil was a member of the Board of Trustees of D&R Greenway for 14 years, serving as chair from January 1998 to December 2001. Under his leadership, D&R Greenway greatly expanded its capacity to preserve land. Greenway Meadows Park in Princeton Township (where The Greenway Center will be located) is but one of the many significant properties protected under his leadership.

In Neil's honor, D&R Greenway is establishing **The Upmeyer Internship in Land Preservation & Stewardship at The Greenway Center**. Spearheaded by his good friend Jim Amon and funded by the generosity of Neil's friends and colleagues, the Upmeyer Internship will be offered annually to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in New Jersey colleges or universities.

The Upmeyer Intern will be chosen by a selection committee that will include D&R Greenway trustees and staff, educators, community leaders and members of the Upmeyer family. In addition to meeting specific

academic criteria, the recipient will need to demonstrate two of the outstanding qualities that Neil Upmeyer embodied:

- A strong and unwavering dedication to land and the environment
- The ability to create a work of scholarship and then transform it into a practical application with real-world benefits

Through the Upmeyer Internship in Land Preservation and Stewardship, we at D&R Greenway hope to identify the next generation of land preservationists and inspire them to follow in Neil's footsteps as champions of open space and the environment.

A minimum endowment of \$30,000 is required to fund the Upmeyer Internship in Land Preservation and Stewardship. To date, we have received almost \$27,000 in contributions and pledges. If you would like to add your support, please use the enclosed reply envelope. For more information, please call D&R Greenway Executive Director Linda Mead at 609-924-4646, extension 120. ♣



Landowner Stuart Reed and D&R Greenway's Dennis Davidson at the announcement of the preservation of the Reed's farm in Upper Freehold.

Reed Preservation

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include preservation of farming heritage, creation of new recreational lands, and the establishment of a greenbelt on the edge of Allentown that maintains the town's historic identity. The preservation of this land also contributes to the Crossroads of the American Revolution, a proposed National Heritage Area that celebrates New Jersey's revolutionary landscapes."

This model partnership, involving both the New Jersey Farmland Preservation and Green Acres Programs, has become the catalyst for even more land preservation in the area. Thanks to all local, county and state officials, to The Open Space Institute and most especially, to the Reed Family, for having the vision and the perseverance to protect this beautiful open space. ♣



Mariana and Nick Upmeyer with D&R Greenway's Linda Mead shortly after the announcement of the Upmeyer Internship at D&R Greenway's 15th Anniversary Greenway Gala, June 6, 2004.



*Jewelweed
(Impatiens
capensis)*

A Record 15 Properties Preserved in the First Half of 2004

Along with the **Reed and Powner Lands** (see cover story), D&R Greenway has preserved an additional 13 properties so far this year, spreading across six counties and ten municipalities. Encompassing stream corridors and mature forests, meadows and farm fields, these 598 acres protect our wildlife, our water supply and most importantly the environment and quality of life for all of us who live in central New Jersey.

We are proud to share our accomplishments with all of you, our partners in preservation. We are grateful to the many state, county and local governmental agencies and grass roots organizations with whom we work collaboratively toward these achievements.

Sourland Mountain Greenway

Sourland Forest Preserves

*East and West Amwell,
Hunterdon County*

A particular emphasis in the first half of this year has been on preservation of land in the Sourlands, a critical natural resource for central New Jersey's water supply and wildlife. Increased funding for preservation in the Sourlands is a direct result of the heightened focus on the region by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, thanks to D&R Greenway's initiative.

So far in 2004, D&R Greenway has facilitated the preservation of four woodland properties totaling 121 acres for the NJDEP Green Acres Program. The close proximity of these Hunterdon County lands, both to each other and to other preserved land, adds to the unbroken deep woods habitat that is essential to the survival of over 65 species of neotropical migrating birds. These lands also protect important aquifers and stream headwaters.

The 15-acre **Burgard Preserve** in West Amwell is the lynchpin directly connecting the 400+ acre United Water Preserve on the Sourland Ridge, protected by D&R Greenway and the NJDEP Green Acres Program in 2003, southward to the 41 acre Wagner Preserve, purchased by D&R Greenway in 2000. This creates an important trail linkage that starts in

Lambertville and extends through four properties preserved by D&R Greenway to connect with Mercer County's Baldpate Mountain and Washington Crossing State Park. Earlier in this century, diabase rock from this newly preserved land was cut and quarried to pave the Avenue of the Americas in New York. When the job was done, the rock cutting crews were trained as stone masons by assigning them the task of building several stone houses still standing nearby in West Amwell.

The **Fenstermaker/Hudson Preserve** lies just across the road from the preserved Lindbergh Estate in East Amwell. This 31-acre woodland provides an opportunity for a scenic trail linkage to the former property of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, which includes trails maintained by the State of New Jersey. This new addition expands the existing 1,350+ acre cluster of preserved lands that includes the Hunterdon County Sourlands Preserve and D&R Greenway's Northern Stony Brook Preserve, extending eastward nearly to the Somerset County border.

The **Horsman Preserve** is located on the west side of Lindbergh Road in East Amwell. These 46 acres adjoin the existing 90+ acre Pearson Preserve, created by D&R Greenway

and Hunterdon County in 2003. Consisting of mature stands of mixed hardwoods dominated in many places by beautiful white oak trees, the Horsman and Pearson lands are good examples of healthy second growth Sourland forest used by wildlife returning to New Jersey such as black bear, fox and coyote.

The **Roth Preserve** is a remote and beautiful woodland on Zion Road in East Amwell. These 29 acres contain the headwaters of Cattail Brook and support habitat for rare plants and birds. Covered with numerous large boulders, the property is next to "Knitting Betty's Rock" (the subject of a legendary Sourlands headless ghost tale). The protection of this land is a textbook example of a creative, win-win approach to structuring preservation transactions. In this case, the Roths were able to retain their family home and sell the remainder of the property to the State for permanent preservation.

Pear Tree Farm

Hopewell Township, Mercer County

This 22-acre working sheep farm is the home of Judy and Adeoye Olukotun. This picturesque landscape adds to the emerging greenbelt connecting the Borough of Hopewell with the forests of the Sourlands and preserves the scenic viewshed from Rileyville Road. This land also helps protect water quality in the headwaters of the Stony Brook. The preservation of this farm through a conservation ease-

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NJDEP Green Acres Program's Cathy Drake, landowners Adrian and Caroline Roth, and D&R Greenway's Bill Rawlyk and Linda Mead celebrate the preservation of the Roth's property in East Amwell.

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ment held by D&R Greenway was our 100th property preserved.

Safe Haven Farm

*East Amwell Township,
Hunterdon County*

Frank and Cathy Greek's 61 acres of pasture and crop fields was preserved with a conservation easement held by D&R Greenway. The land connects to over 220 acres of mature Sourland forest, also preserved by D&R Greenway, along with state and county partners. The land buffers a headwater tributary of the Back Brook and extends walking trails from the Sourland Mountain into the Amwell Valley. The property is famed for its giant oak tree festooned with 60,000 lights each holiday season.

Ramburg Preserve/Hunterdon County Park

*West Amwell Township,
Hunterdon County*

An expansion of the existing parkland at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds, preservation of the Ramburg property was facilitated by D&R Greenway for purchase by Hunterdon County. Consisting of two almost equal parcels totaling 81 acres, the property that adjoins Route 179 consists of open fields and will be managed for agriculture and for grassland birds. The half of the property that adjoins Gulick Road



The beautiful rolling landscape of Safe Haven Farm in East Amwell.

is wooded and will be managed as a nature preserve. This land is within walking distance of the 500+ acre Alexauken Wildlife Management Area that was protected by D&R Greenway with the State in 2001. The preservation of this land is a good example of an expanded county initiative that has grown from our initial involvement.

Stony Brook Greenway

Lower Stony Brook Road Preserve

Hopewell Township, Mercer County

The mature forest on this nearly 14-acre property protects a 1,000 foot section of the Stony Brook and provides recreational access to a

popular fishing spot. Formerly owned by the Beidler family, this land was acquired by D&R Greenway through a generous bargain sale and will be maintained as a nature preserve. This preserve provides a critical link in the *Stony Brook Greenway* and connects protected headwaters in the Sourlands to important watershed lands near Pennington.

Updike Farm

Princeton Township, Mercer County

The Updike property consists of six acres of working farmland surrounded by the 589-acre Institute Lands, preserved in 1997 by a public-private partnership that included D&R Greenway. Situated directly opposite the Stony Brook, the land provides additional protection for this important stream corridor and adds to the panoramic view along Quaker Road. Now this entire landscape, through which George Washington and his troops marched on the night of January 2, 1777 on their way to the Battle of Princeton, will retain its historic character for the enjoyment of future generations.

D&R Greenway facilitated this transaction for The Historical Society of Princeton, helping to secure funding from both The Mercer County Open Space Preservation Board and NJDEP's Green Acres Program. The Historical Society of Princeton plans to convert the property's beautiful Federal-style farmhouse, parts of which pre-date the Revolutionary War, into its headquarters.



Updike Farm's historic house and surrounding land in Princeton.

Black's Creek Greenway

Thorn Preserve

Bordentown City, Burlington County

Though less than one acre, the preservation of this property is a pioneering effort that creates a foothold for a new Greenway on Black's Creek, a tidal tributary of the Delaware River. D&R Greenway's action to create the Thorn Preserve inspired the historic urban community of Bordentown to apply for their first NJ Green Acres grant to preserve additional lands that will extend this emerging Greenway.

Cherry Valley Greenway

Tri-Corner Preserve

*Montgomery Township,
Somerset County*

The *Cherry Valley Greenway* is a bridge between two significant Greenways—the *Stony Brook* and the *D&R Canal*. This landmark 51-acre landscape forms its cornerstone, bordering Montgomery, Princeton and Hopewell. Acquired by Montgomery Township with technical assistance from D&R Greenway, the property's open farm fields and gently rolling meadows preserve the agricultural heritage of Montgomery Township. Highly visible to all who drive by, this land buffers Beden's Brook and will provide future trail linkages in the Montgomery trail system—and it contains one of the best sledding hills in the area! A conservation buyer purchased a 5-acre homesite from the original property, and Montgomery Township purchased 46 acres to keep as permanent community open space.

Neshanic-South Branch

Raritan Greenway

Bibeau Farm

*Hillsborough Township,
Somerset County*

This beautiful 30-acre open landscape of grassland and farm fields buffers tributaries to the Neshanic River. Preservation of the Bibeau farm was facilitated by D&R Greenway's negotiation with the landowner, resulting in Somerset County's purchase of the property including the fields and the farmhouse. The preservation of the Bibeau farm is similar to that of Somerset County's Speiden Preserve on Canal Road. In 2000, D&R Greenway negotiated

the acquisition that resulted in Somerset County's preservation of the 85-acre Speiden property including the house where D&R Greenway's office is currently located.

Upper Millstone River Greenway

Simonson Farm

Cranbury Township, Middlesex County

This 131-acre farm adds another jewel to the agricultural landscape ringing historic Cranbury Township.

D&R Greenway assisted Cranbury Township with financial information highlighting the tax benefits of preservation to the landowner. This critical step in the land preservation process enabled Cranbury Township to succeed in their purchase of the land with a farmland easement, permanently protecting the land from future development.

If you are interested in joining our landowner's honor roll by preserving your land, please call D&R Greenway at 609-924-4646. ♣

Partners Produce Preservation Results with the Help of D&R Greenway

A famous Chinese proverb says: "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." This is the philosophy behind the cooperation and collaboration between D&R Greenway and our many grassroots and municipal partners.

One of those partners is the Friends of West Windsor Open Space.

Founded in 1995, FOWWOS partnered with D&R Greenway in 2003 to protect two critical parcels including watershed lands along the Upper Millstone River that will provide for recreational trails and a protected greenway, and the Tindall Family Farm, an important part of the farming heritage of the local community. Mike Schuit, president and a founder of FOWWOS, shared his thoughts about growing land preservation in the local community, "FOWWOS appreciates D&R Greenway's assistance in preserving the grass and the roots of West Windsor. Protecting our open space and keeping our farming history and our heritage alive for present and future generations is essential to creating a livable and vital community for all West Windsor residents."

Cranbury Township is another example of a partner that has benefited from D&R Greenway's help. Mayor Pari Stave recently completed the protection of the 131-acre Simonson farm thanks to the knowledge provided by D&R Greenway about the financial benefits of land preservation that need to be included in the landowner's overall calculations and decision-making process.

The permanent preservation of land requires skills in real estate, science, financial and estate planning, and fundraising that can seem like an endless maze to new and even experienced land trusts. In our fifteen-year history, D&R Greenway has preserved 109 individually-owned properties. This wealth of experience has taught us to solve many of the obstacles that can bar the way to land preservation. We have found that by sharing our knowledge and skills with our grassroots and municipal partners, we can build an even stronger network of preserved lands that will continue to grow.

The former Robert Wood Johnson Estate, renamed Greenway Meadows Park, was preserved in 2001 by D&R Greenway in partnership with Princeton Township and Borough, Friends of Princeton Open Space, NJDEP Green Acres, Mercer County, and numerous private supporters. The park consists of 55 beautifully landscaped acres planted with large specimen trees and includes a magnificent high point with the best view of the Sourlands from all of Princeton. On the occasion of the park's Grand Opening Celebration on May 22, 2003, Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis L. Marchand, commented, "D&R Greenway's leadership enabled the township to leverage our open space funds with state, county and private dollars. The result is Greenway Meadows Park—a perfect blend of passive and active land use. The recreational needs of all of our citizens from toddlers to seniors can

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For a Good Time, Sign Up Today!

The Good Time Galas for the Greenway provide opportunities for our partners in preservation to enjoy themselves while supporting D&R Greenway's mission to preserve our threatened watershed lands and large-scale landscapes. In fact, many of the Galas take place on lands already preserved by D&R Greenway.

Several of our Galas have already sold out—including an evening with internationally acclaimed poet Paul Muldoon hosted by Elisa and Richard Rosen, A Revolutionary Hike and Dinner hosted by Amy and Jay Regan, a midwinter musical gala hosted by Lisa and Bob Stockman, Sunday Brunch at Lynn and Bob Johnston's, and children's art workshops hosted by Heather Barrows. We invite you to review our remaining collection of Good Time Galas and make your reservations. Please call us at 609-924-4646. We look forward to seeing you!

An Historic Hike in the Sourlands

Saturday, September 11, 2004
9:00 a.m., East Amwell, NJ
\$75 per person

The Sourlands contain the headwaters of most of our region's streams and provide the essential habitat for well over 100 species of birds. They also have a rich and intriguing history spanning pre-colonial Lenape settlements, Revolutionary War hideouts and the crime of the century—the Lindbergh kidnapping.

D&R Greenway has preserved over 3,500 acres in the Sourlands and this Gala will take you on a guided hike through some of the most beautiful woodlands and landscapes. Starting with breakfast at the home of Andrea Bonette, the route will lead through Pearson Preserve to the 1875 Victorian home of Lily and Oliver Horsman where there will be a house tour. Then it's on to Bryce Thompson's farm for a guided tour of the magnificent historic barn. The final stop will be at the circa 1877 home of Gael and Fred Gardner where lunch will be served.

Guests should dress for a moderate 2 hour (total) hike over rocky terrain. If the weather is very uncooperative, guests will be notified and the Gala rescheduled.

Family Portraits by Pryde Brown

Sunday, September 19, 2004
By appointment,
beginning at 10:00 a.m.
Skillman, NJ
\$200 per family

By popular demand, this Family Portrait Gala returns for a third year and this time award winning photographer Pryde Brown is using the 200 year old Drake-Stoutsburg Barn and beautiful surrounding gardens as a unique backdrop. Each family will receive a specific time for their sitting and after their portrait is taken may enjoy light refreshments and the hospitality of property owners Sandra and Bob More. Within 2-3 weeks, your contact sheets

will arrive and you can select your 5x7-inch portrait. The purchase of additional prints (just in time for holiday cards) may be arranged through Pryde Brown Studios.

Please come dressed for your portrait—casual to formal, it's your choice. In case of seriously inclement weather, the rain date for this Gala is September 26.

Bird Banding and Bagels

Additional Date: Sunday, September 19, 2004
7:30 a.m., Hopewell, NJ
\$50 per person

Our Bird Banding Gala has been a favorite since the Good Time Galas were introduced five years ago and this year it sold out so quickly we needed to add a second date. Join ornithologist Hannah Suthers as she bands and releases song birds in Sommer Park Preserve. The process is fascinating: first, birds are captured in mist nets, placed throughout the preserve before dawn. Then, they are gently gathered up and brought to a central location where Hannah will examine, measure, and catalogue each one, providing a rare opportunity to see and photograph these colorful birds up close. After banding, the birds are released back into the woods.

A tailgate breakfast will be provided before entering the preserve. Please dress for a walk in the woods. Young children are welcome, but will need close supervision. The Gala will be held in light rain; if weather is really uncooperative, it will be rescheduled.

Great Greenway Balloon Festival

Saturday, October 9, 2004
5:00 p.m., Princeton, NJ
\$50 per flyer (adults and children)
\$50 per adult family member or friend for hors d'oeuvres and supper only (children free)

Enjoy central New Jersey's beautiful landscape from a spectacular vantage point few have experienced—a hot air balloon! Flyers will gather in the late afternoon in the open fields of Greenway Meadows Park in Princeton (land preserved by D&R Greenway in partnership with Princeton Township in 2001). Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served while the balloons are inflated—a spectacular sight in and of itself. About one hour before sunset, flyers will board their craft and all the balloons will ascend together in a magical display. Your destination—whichever way the wind blows! After your adventure, transportation will be provided back to Princeton, to the home of Erin Enright and Stuart Essig for a post flight supper and celebration.



Enjoy a walk through peaceful forests during the Good Time Gala, An Historic Hike in the Sourlands, on September 11th.



Christopher Munoz awaits the hot air balloon lift-off at the 2002 Great Greenway Balloon Festival.

Balloons need specific weather conditions for safe flight. If the balloons can't fly, Stuart and Erin will still host the supper. Flyers will be able to arrange their flights, at their convenience, directly with Balloon America.

Traveling the Towpath

*Sunday, October 24, 2004
2:00 p.m., Griggstown, NJ
\$50 per adult, \$25 per child*

The D&R Canal was built to provide a swift and safe route from Philadelphia to New York City. Completed in 1834 for \$2,830,000 it quickly became one of America's busiest navigation canals.

Join Jim Amon, Executive Director of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission, for a 3 mile walking tour down one of the most picturesque sections of the canal, with expert commentary on both its history and its significance to life in central New Jersey today. Guests will park at D&R Greenway headquarters and walk down the towpath to the historic Griggstown Reformed Church, where a hearty autumn supper will be served. Guests will be transported back to their cars after supper. We thank Llura and Gordon Gund for sponsoring this event.

Please dress in comfortable walking clothes. The Gala will be held in light drizzle; if weather is really uncooperative, it will be rescheduled.

An International Pinot Noir Tasting

*Saturday, April 16, 2005
7:00 p.m., Princeton, NJ
\$350 per person*

Thought to have been grown in France for over 2,000 years, Pinot Noir is the red grape of the burgundy region, responsible for the great red wines of the cote d'or. Pinot Noir is known as the "headache" grape of winemaking because it is so difficult to grow and work with, but when a grand harvest is pampered properly, the wine is elegant beyond compare. Several regions outside of France also produce outstanding Pinot Noirs including California and Oregon, New Zealand and Italy.

This year, Carrie and John Pallat will be uncorking bottles from their wine cellar to a small group of fortunate guests who will enjoy an extraordinary tasting of Pinot Noirs from around the world. The multi-course menu will be specially designed to complement these spectacular vintages. This occasion will be a true celebration of outstanding food, wine and hospitality. Complementary car service to guests living in the greater Princeton area will be provided.

Introduction to Orienteering

*Saturday, April 23, 2005
10:00 a.m., East Amwell, NJ
\$50 per adult, \$25 per child,
\$150 per family*

If you love maps, exploring and the natural world, you'll love orienteering!

The "sport of navigation," orienteering is easy to learn, fun and challenging. The object is to hike to a series of points shown on a map, using a compass and choosing routes—both on and off trail—that will help you find all the points in the shortest amount of time.

Lisi Bromley and Dougin Walker are opening their 103-acre property, preserved by D&R Greenway in 2002, for this exciting Gala. Bill Rawlyk, D&R Greenway's Land Preservation Specialist, and Naturalist Sean Grace, who holds a Masters in Environmental Education, and Jim Smirk, a biology teacher, will introduce guests to the basics of map and compass use. Guests will then divide into three groups for an exploratory hike utilizing their newly acquired skills. This will be a fun-filled day, emphasizing how to confidently explore new areas. A picnic lunch will be served.

Guests should dress for a moderate, 1 hour hike over rocky terrain. Long pants, comfortable walking shoes and a water bottle are recommended. This Gala is ideal for families; however, young children will need to be supervised. If the weather is very uncooperative, guests will be notified and the Gala rescheduled.

Los Pájaros de Calakmul

*Saturday, May 21, 2005
5:30 p.m., Hopewell, NJ
\$75 per person*

What do the Yucatán forests of Mexico and the Sourland forests of New Jersey have in common? They both provide a home to over 65 species of neo-tropical migrating birds. To help protect the essential summer and winter habitat for these birds, D&R Greenway has established a partnership with Amigos de Calakmul. The Amigos protect the Calakmul biosphere in the Yucatán while D&R Greenway has protected over 3,500 acres in the Sourlands.

Jay Gompper, a Sourlands landowner who protected his 28 acres of forest with D&R Greenway in 2002, is inviting D&R Greenway supporters to meet the pájaros (birds) of Calakmul up close and personal. While enjoying Mexican appetizers, margaritas, wine and beer, guests will learn about the habits and characteristics of the birds from Bill Rawlyk, D&R Greenway's Land Preservation Specialist and Naturalist. About an hour before sunset guests will venture into the woods for a bit of bird watching. Afterwards, everyone will enjoy a Mexican fiesta. Proceeds from this gala will benefit both Los Amigos de Calakmul and D&R Greenway. ♣

D&R Greenway Celebrates our 15th Anniversary at The Greenway Gala

Fifteen years. One hundred-nine individual properties protected. Over 7,231 acres of permanent open space. The Board of Trustees and staff of D&R Greenway and all our partners in preservation had so much to celebrate at the 2004 *Greenway Gala*.

James C. Amon was presented with the Donald B. Jones Conservation Award, in recognition of his leadership, dedication and commitment to the quality of the environment for all of us who live in central New Jersey.

The Upmeyer Internship at *The Greenway Center* was announced, dedicated to the memory of Neil Upmeyer, a trustee of D&R Greenway

for 14 years, board chair for 4 years, and lifelong champion of open space and the environment. (See related article on page 2.)

And the Taplin Circle was inaugurated, honoring Peg and Frank Taplin's unfailing support of the protection of our region's land and natural resources. (A list of the Taplin Circle's charter members appears on page 15.)

In keeping with tradition, local artists presented works inspired by nature at *The Greenway Gala Art Show*, while tickets for *The Good Time Galas for the Greenway* sold briskly, with several *Galas* selling out on the spot. (See article on page 6.)

D&R Greenway would like to express our gratitude to trustee Eleanor Horne and to Educational Testing Service for hosting *The Greenway Gala* at the beautiful Chauncey Conference Center. We would like to acknowledge our 15th Anniversary Committee for their support of this year's *Greenway Gala* and extend special thanks to the *Good Time Gala for the Greenway* committee, hosts and sponsors, especially co-chairs Ellen Hoenig-Carlson and Suzy Trowbridge. We are grateful to Dale Schierholt, of Acadia Marketing and Design, for his creativity and invaluable help in crafting our invitations, program and other graphic materials and to Robbie Ellsworth for capturing the special moments of our 15th Anniversary *Greenway Gala* in the pictures that grace these pages. ♣



Jim Amon receives the Donald B. Jones Conservation Award from D&R Greenway Executive Director Linda Mead and Trustee Rosemary Blair.



Good Time Gala Host Carrie Pallat, Brent Enright, Good Time Gala Host Erin Enright, and D&R Greenway Trustees Stuart Essig and John Pallat



D&R Greenway's Director of Major Gifts Shawn Ellsworth, Trustee Pat O'Connell and Charlotte O'Connell



D&R Greenway's Partners in Preservation enjoying the 2004 Gala for the Greenway at the Chauncey Conference Center at ETS's Princeton campus



John and Dee Patburg, Wayne Carlson and Trustee Fred Gaskin



Jim Amon and Chuck Hartman, Chairman of D&R Greenway's Board of Trustees



Director of Major Gifts Shawn Ellsworth and D&R Greenway Advisor Margee Harper



Landowners Frances Preston and Percy Preston (second from right) and Peg and Stowe Tattersall



D&R Greenway's 15th Anniversary Committee Member U.S. Congressman Rush Holt pays tribute to Neil Upmeyer

Delaware & Raritan Greenway's 15th Anniversary Committee

We deeply appreciate the support and guidance provided by this committee in helping to commemorate our 15th anniversary celebration.

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Black-capped chickadee (Parus atricapillus)

Thank You to Our 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 of D&R Greenway's mission to preserve our region's watershed lands and large-scale landscapes. ♣

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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).



Celebrating D&R Greenway's 100th property preserved are D&R Greenway's Laurie Emde, Board First Vice Chair Rich Goldman, Landowners Judy and Oye Olukotun, Linda Mead, Bill Rawlyk and Kate Buttolph

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Friends for the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh

Friends for the Marsh will kick off the 2004-2005 season with a sunset walk and picnic for members at Divine Word Missionaries (Joseph Bonaparte's Point Breeze; 101 Park St, Bordentown) on September 27 at 6 p.m. Hot dogs, veggie burgers, and beverages will be supplied by the Friends; bring a pot luck side dish to share. Sign up is necessary; please call 609-924-4646. The next meeting will be on November 15 at 7 p.m. Visit www.marsh-friends.org for information about other Friends' activities including field and canoe trips.

New Jersey Trails Association

New Jersey Trails Association is dedicated to providing free and convenient information about places to walk in New Jersey. NJTA assembles descriptions, histories, directions, maps and other facts about trails open to the public and posts the information on their website. They also work with state, county, local and non-profit groups and parks agencies to identify and encourage more trails. For more information, or to find the perfect trail for your next hike, please visit www.njtrails.org.

Members of the Taplin Circle Raise More Than \$300,000 to Preserve Open Space

To help commemorate our 15th Anniversary celebration, D&R Greenway introduced 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. 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. The over \$300,000 figure raised by members of the Taplin Circle

from November 2003 to date represent gifts to general operations and does not include gifts of land or capital contributions.

The following is a list of the charter members of the Taplin Circle. We thank them for their support and their unwavering vision to preserve our region's watershed lands and large scale landscapes today—before they are lost forever to development. We invite you to join the Taplin Circle and as a special thank you, all Taplin Circle members will be invited to an inaugural reception on October 24th 2004. ♣

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be met by a visit to this magnificent park. It is truly a multi-faceted gem, especially enhanced by the presence of *The Greenway Center*.”

When the property was preserved, D&R Greenway retained five acres encompassing two historic barns. D&R Greenway is renovating the larger structure, which will soon become *The Greenway Center*. As a focal point for land preservation in New Jersey, *The Greenway Center* will offer programs and resources in land preservation and stewardship, as well as development and communications, to municipalities, grassroots organizations and other groups. D&R Greenway will provide hands-on education, technical assistance and direct action to help these organizations achieve their goals. *The Greenway Center* will also provide a home for D&R Greenway.

Loraine Otis, president of the **Montgomery Friends of Open Space**, was mentored by D&R Greenway to complete the organization's first land preservation success in 2003. A skilled attorney, Loraine has now expanded her skills to include the complexities of land preservation. In a recent letter, Loraine wrote about the importance of an organization like D&R Greenway and a place like *The Greenway Center* to serve as a resource for local partners. “*The Greenway Center* will provide critical support to all municipality-based land trusts and vastly increase our effectiveness. From training in the tools and techniques used in the operational process of land preservation to workshops and seminars concerning best practices in outreach and fundraising, *The Greenway Center* could truly make all the difference.”

As D&R Greenway prepares to move into *The Greenway Center* next year, we are working with our partners to design a resource area and programs that will exponentially grow protected acres by supporting our partners in their land preservation work. We welcome your thoughts and ideas. To share them, please contact Jo-Ann Munoz at 609-924-4646 or jmunoz@delrargreenway.org. Together, we will create a vision for our region's future that includes many acres of green. ♣

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Greenway Meadows Park Opens with Great Fanfare

On May 22, 2004 area residents celebrated the much anticipated opening of Princeton's Greenway Meadows Park. The former Robert Wood Johnson Estate, the 55 acre park on Rosedale Road was preserved in 2001 by D&R Greenway, Princeton Township and Borough, Friends of Princeton Open Space and many, many private donors. At the event, D&R Greenway supplied popcorn and beverages, Thomas Sweet donated their ice cream and a bluegrass band played courtesy of Princeton Recreation Department, who also tossed

out commemorative Frisbees. Festivities included games by teams of the Princeton Soccer Association and the Princeton Girl's Softball League on the park's 12-acre active recreation site, with everyone enjoying the vistas and walking paths of the 43 acres of parkland dedicated to passive recreation.

Surrounded by Greenway Meadows Park, the former estate's circa 1900 barn is undergoing renovations to become *The Greenway Center*, a focal point for land preservation education in New Jersey and the future home of D&R Greenway. ♣



Enjoying the Grand Opening Celebration are: Sheila Johnson Brutsch, François Brutsch, Betty Wold Johnson, Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, D&R Greenway Executive Director Linda Mead and Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand. (Photo by Richard Grant)

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