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In Perpetuity

170 Acre Jewel added to D&R Greenway Ingersoll Rand Tract Preserved

hat began as a single voice calling attention to a jewel of forest and grasslands bordered by singing creeks, culminated in a significant addition to the Delaware & Raritan Greenway.

That single voice was the catalyst needed to form a small group of dedicated citizens who, working with D&R Greenway, brought together State, county, and local governments, big business, and the nonprofit world to achieve their goal. After nearly two years of hard work, that goal came to fruition in September when nearly 200 acres of prime open space owned by Ingersoll Rand in Montgomery Township were preserved in perpetuity.

Triangular in shape, this newly protected property is a critical link connecting the Millstone River Valley, the D&R Canal State Park and the Sourland Mountain. It is bordered on one side by the Millstone River, on the other by Bedens Brook, and beyond the water by the D & R Canal State Park. It includes flood plains, ledges, bluffs and steep slopes, hedgerows, mature forests and low lying

and upland farm tracts.

The open ground and the wooded buffers provide an ideal habitat for a diverse population of wildlife including monarch butterflies, raccoons, wood ducks, wild asters and other well-known New Jersey flora and fauna. This special place has also provided a wealth of happy memories to those who enjoyed it as their childhood stomping grounds, and continues to nourish

those who ramble across its terrain today.

The preservation effort was as memorable and momentous as the land itself. It began in the fall of 1994, when Jim Irish, a neighbor of the property put together an informational package describing the land, its links to other open space, its potential use as open space, and suggesting possible sources of funds to purchase the property from Ingersoll Rand.

Ingersoll Rand was, in 1981, the world's largest manufacturer of compressors and related equipment. Its research facility in Montgomery closed in 1986 and in 1993, following a 3-year legal battle, the Montgomery Township Committee voted to allow a high-density housing development on the tract, permitting the construction of up to 205 single family homes and an elder-care facility

as part of the settlement.

In 1994, as Ingersoll Rand was vigorously pursuing the necessary approvals for the development, a group of neighbors from Montgomery Township and Rocky Hill Borough formed the Citizens for Open Space Preservation (COSP) and began meeting regularly. They put together a petition, signed by 1,000 local residents and through the fall of 1994 and into spring of 1995, made presentations to municipal leaders, the D&R Canal Commission, Somerset County Freeholders and Parks Commission, D&R Canal State Park, D&R Greenway and the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry. While many felt it was too late to stop the development, that the company had too much time and money invested in the project, others doggedly pursued the goal.

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New England Aster

(Aster nova-angliae)

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Its Time to Renew!

You can make a difference! Your membership contributions help protect our drinking water, minimize the impact of flooding, provide habitat where wildlife flourishes, sponsor programs and create trails for us to enjoy our natural landscape. Use the coupon on page 7 and renew your membership today!

William Penn Grant Received

The William Penn Foundation provided a generous two-year grant to develop a coordinated management plan and expand our education and outreach program at the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh. Details on page 4.

Program Leaders Needed

Do you love the outdoors? Want to share your knowledge and love with others? We need your help to meet the rapidly growing demand for educational programs at the marsh. If you provide the enthusiasm, we'll provide the training and a small stipend. See page 4 for more information.

Interested in Preserving Your Land?

Call Peggy McNutt at 609/924-4646 for more information.

Happy Holidays!

May peace and joy fill your days in this holiday season and through the new year.

Common Ground

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance Formed

BY PEGGY MCNUTT

In 1995, based on the interest of several Hunterdon County municipalities in forming land trusts, a group of thirty-seven concerned citizens and community leaders representing local, county, regional and State organizations created a Steering Committee to evaluate regional land trust organization options.

After researching a variety of organizational structures, the Steering Committee determined that since land trusts require substantial resources, one county organization would be far more efficient than several smaller trusts and best serve municipal interests as well as a county focus.

D&R Greenway helped secure funds to enable the Steering Committee to address three goals for the project: establish a county land trust organization, survey residents to assess land preservation interests, priorities and concerns in the county and develop and distribute educational materials regarding methods of land preservation for county residents.

In October 1996, the first Board of Trustees held its organizing meeting, creating the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance (HLTA) to preserve and protect the rural character of Hunterdon County. HLTA will serve as a core conservation organization in Hunterdon County, assisting other conservation organizations and government entities in their preservation efforts. HLTA's goals are:

a. To preserve, protect and enhance the county's scenic beauty, and its environmental and historic resources;

b. To provide for the permanent preservation of farmland and to support and foster agricultural viability; c. To promote the permanent preservation and appropriate management of woodlands and open space;

d. To promote an awareness of the relationship between the appropriate use of land and structures and the continued health, prosperity and welfare of the people of Hunterdon County.

At the organizational meeting, Gordon Smith, a D&R Greenway trustee and Peggy McNutt, D&R Greenway Executive Director, were elected to the Board of Trustees; Peggy was also named Treasurer. Other officers include Roger Harris as Chairman, Bill Rawlyk as Vice Chair and Ruth Gang as Secretary. Another D&R Greenway trustee, Neil Upmeyer, was named as an advisor to the group.

The new land trust is also seeking volunteers to serve on a variety of committees. If interested, please contact Roger Harris at 609/397-4368 or Peggy McNutt at 609/924-4646 for more information.

D&R Greenway looks forward to working closely with HLTA on projects along the D&R Greenway in Hunterdon County.

Save the Dates

Mark your calendar, plan to join the fun and help support land conservation in our community! More details about how you can participate will follow in the next newsletter.

Second Annual Marsh Trash Stash

March 22, 1997 (rain date March 23)

Join us and help make the world more beautiful! Last year volunteers made a tremendous impact and removed an estimated 14 tons of trash from the environment—making the marsh a nicer place for wildlife and people! You can help make a difference! Groups and individuals welcomed—there's room for all!

Earth Day Planting Celebration

April 19, 1997 (rain date April 20)

Roll up your sleeves, get down and dirty and plant to have a great time!

We'll be adding trees, shrubs, wild-flowers and grasses to the new plantings by Spring Lake in Roebling Park at the Marsh. It's a great way to celebrate Earth Day and Spring.

Donald B. Jones Award Ceremony

May 4, 1997

Donald B. Jones was a determined preservationist and long-time trustee of D&R Greenway. He displayed selfless generosity in his commitment to land conservation in the region. Join us as we honor this year's recipient of the Donald B. Jones Award.

Second Annual Marsh Madness

May 17, 1997 (rain date May 18)

Bring the family to enjoy nature walks, games, and other activities, learn how the Native American who lived at the marsh made their tools of bone and stone, meet wildlife upclose and personal and join us to dedicate the Roebling Park Enhancements. There is something fun for everyone!

Winter Woodland Walk

Northern Stony Brook Greenway at McBurney Woods Preserve

February 2, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate Groundhog's Day with us at the Northern Stony Brook Greenway at McBurney Woods Preserve. Don Freiday, Chief Naturalist for the Hunterdon County Park System, will lead a winter walk and help us learn about winter habitats and ecology, animal adaptations and identification of weeds, trees and animal tracks in winter. We'll also keep an eye out for the infamous groundhog and his shadow. The Northern Stony Brook Greenway includes 277 preserved acres atop the Sourland Mountain.

Group size is limited and reservations are required. Cost is \$3/person or \$5/family for members and \$5/person or \$10/family for nonmembers. Use the coupon on page 7 to register or call 609/924-4646.

Volunteer Spotlight

Sometimes we can't see the forest for the trees. Other times those closest to it know it best. In this issue we feature neighbors who have become involved as stewards of open space in their communities. They give their valuable time and energy to protect and preserve what they love, sharing the fruits of their labor and making their community a better place for all.

Jim Irish

Three years ago Jim Irish had only a general awareness of farmland preservation, but didn't completely understand it or the process involved. He had heard of Delaware & Raritan Greenway but had only a vague notion of who we were. At that point he wasn't thinking about stream buffers, greenway links, trails, or contiguous open space for wildlife.

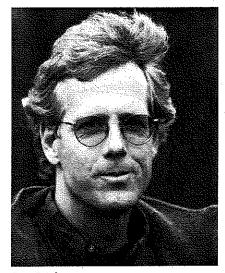
What he was very clear about, was the tremendous personal appreciation he felt for the two hundred acres of open fields and woodlands across the street from his house. "It's an incredible property. You can go back on the property and get lost—not physically, but in thought. When you walk back to the stream's edge, there are no visible houses or other buildings along the horizon. You can feel a sense of isolation—it's a uniquely isolated area in this part of central New Jersey."

As he describes it, "I was so unsophisticated about land preservation, it wasn't even funny."

Today, with the advantage of several years of hindsight, he sees himself as being the right person in the right place at the right time.

"Things just sort of fell into place," he laughs. Back then he simply put one foot in front of the other just to muddle through.

To better understand what was involved in achieving his goal of preserving the land, Jim jumped into the land preservation arena. He attended D&R Greenway's Fall Canal Tour to learn more about us and the greenway, he attended a farmland preservation dedication to meet the people involved, and he made a presentation to the Montgomery Township Committee and appealed



Jim Irish

to them for their support. From there he became a member of the Township's Open Space Committee.

Jim assembled and distributed a comprehensive informational package. He worked with the Citizens for Open Space Preservation (COSP), a bi-partisan grass roots organization that made a significant impact on the process by gathering more than 1,000 signatures on a petition supporting the preservation of the property and the use of public funds to achieve that goal. And Jim continued to talk to anyone who would listen.

Today, in a self-effacing manner, he shares the credit with many. "Many people worked together to bring the goal to fruition. It would never have happened without the support of others. Ted Maciag, then mayor of Montgomery Township,

was a key player. He was supportive of the project, took an active role and was willing to entertain some unusual ideas about financing the project. The Somerset County Freeholders also played an important role."

"And it all benefits the people of Montgomery and Franklin Townships and Somerset County. With this critical link preserved, we have nearly 1,000 acres of contiguous open space between Rocky Hill and the Griggstown causeway along the canal."

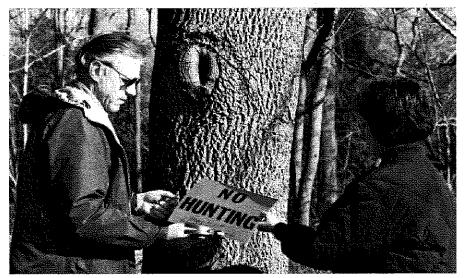
And Jim has a place to stretch his legs, enjoy the night sky, and get lost in thought among the wild asters and butterflies.

Friends of Northern Stony Brook Greenway

A dedicated group of volunteers frequently works behind the scenes to maintain and enhance the preserved lands along the Northern Stony Brook Greenway. The team includes Rosemary and Fred Dursch, Mark & Maura Kelly, Don Payne, and Phil Tunison. All neighbors of our McBurney Woods Preserve, the first parcel protected in the Northern Stony Brook Greenway, they have given generously of their time over the past several years.

Their work is seldom glamorous and in fact often arduous. For these folks, it's also a labor of love. They gain a personal satisfaction from their stewardship of the land. In addition to participating in organized trail maintenance days, they have spent hours clearing roots and rocks

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Phil Tunison (l) with Peggy McNutt

Hamilton/Trenton Marsh Update

Scout Project 'For the Birds'

The houses that Eagle Scout candidate Rob Markley built and installed at the marsh this fall are for the birds! And when the birds discover these latest developments, they will be delighted!

Markley, a resident of Mercerville is a current Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 6. His love of the outdoors prompted him to take on the project of providing nesting boxes for tree swallows, American kestrels and screech owls at the Marsh.

wood shop and together with fellow scouts, classmates and friends, built the twelve nest boxes. On two cold and blustery days in November, his intrepid team of scouts and friends braved the cold winds and waters to install the boxes in Roebling Park.

Markley is proud of his work and feels he's learned a lot. "It's not easy to do such a large scale project. Everything doesn't always go as planned and you have to stay flexible and leave yourself open to adjust."

The biggest challenge was adapting to the mud and water and figuring



Rob Markley (1) installs nest box with scouts.

All three of these species nest in tree cavities. Since none of them are able to create their own nesting cavity and must depend on finding an existing one either in a hollow tree or perhaps an abandoned woodpecker nest, they often have trouble finding a suitable nest site. Dead and rotting trees make the most suitable nesting sites, but unfortunately are often cleared. Many older woodlands which would have dead trees have also been cleared and developed. Nest boxes provide an attractive and successful alternative—a way to give nature a helping hand.

To raise funds to accomplish his goal, Markley sought sponsors for each nest box. With the funds raised, he secured the western red cedar lumber and other supplies needed to construct and install the houses. Then he turned his parents' garage into a

out how to install the boxes. On the test run, Markley sank in nearly to his waist and lost his boot walking back to shore. He quickly devised a better plan and the boxes were installed.

Speaking from his hard earned experience, Markley shares this advice, "Talk to as many people as you can and get advice. You have to make connections. There is no way to know it all or do it all. And don't just find one way; have a backup and contingency plans."

Kudos to Rob Markley for a job well done!

The William Penn Foundation Makes Grant

The William Penn Foundation renewed their support through a generous two-year challenge grant of \$203,500 to D&R Greenway for the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh Project. The grant will be used to expand the educational programs and develop a coordinated management plan to permanently protect and preserve the marsh. The challenge grant requires that an additional \$70,000 be raised during the first year of the grant to strengthen and diversify the project's funding base.

The William Penn Foundation has been a key partner in the project, providing significant funds for D&R Greenway's very successful public outreach program for the marsh.

As the project continues to develop, D&R Greenway will continue to work through the task forces and partnerships to achieve the public access, protection of resources and educational goals that have been identified. These goals include expanding the educational program, developing selfguided walking and canoeing tours and other interpretive materials, enhancing Roebling Park, working through the State Green Acres Program to preserve environmentally significant lands and developing and implementing a coordinated management plan with land owners, and local, county, and State governments.

Program Leaders Needed

Do you have a love of the outdoors? Want to share your enthusiasm and knowledge with others? If so, we need your help.

As more and more teachers, groups, and residents become aware of the tremendous natural and historical richness of the marsh, the demand for education programs has increased dramatically. To satisfy the increased interest level, D&R Greenway is seeking individuals interested in working with us to provide various programs to school students, community groups and the general public.

We will offer a training program beginning in January that will include the natural and human history of the marsh as well as educational how-to's. If you have a minimum of four hours per month during the day or evening, weekdays or weekends we encourage you to register and become a volunteer educator. Volunteer educators will be paid a small stipend to lead programs. Please contact Dani-Ella Betz, Program Coordinator at 609/924-4646 for more information.

The Hamilton/Trenton Marsh

Winter 1997 Events

The marsh is a wonderful meeting place for wildlife and humans alike. Join us to enjoy the beauty of the winter landscape at the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh.

Hanging low in the southern sky, the sun scatters sparkling diamonds on the blue-tinged ice and casts long shadows across the frozen earth. Wildlife may not be as evident, but a closer look reveals traces and tracks of birds and animals that live at the marsh during the cold winter months.

To celebrate the rich human history of the marsh, we are also sponsoring programs at two museums.

Beginning on January 8 and the first Wednesday of each month thereafter, D&R Greenway will sponsor a wetland walk-about—a seasonal excursion at the Marsh or tour of a local site of related interest. This will be a unique time for those to gather who delight in the rich ecological and historical resources the Marsh offers visitors year-round.

All events are open to the public. Registration is required and will be confirmed. The fee, unless otherwise noted, is \$3/person for members, (\$5/family); \$5/person for nonmembers, (\$10/family). For more information or to register, use the coupon on page 7 or call the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh Hotline at 609/452-0525. Register early; space is limited.

Spring Lake Stroll

January 8, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Join us for an easy walk around Spring Lake to enjoy the beauty and uncover some of the mysteries of the winter marsh.

Winter Waterfowl Watch

January 25, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

A walk along Spring Lake and the marshes at John Roebling Memorial Park provides a wonderful opportunity to observe waterfowl in winter. Coots, great blue and black-crowned night herons, snipe, geese, kingfishers and various species of ducks can be easily seen from the trails. Joe Schmeltz, Mercer County Park Commission Naturalist, will lead the tour.

Abbott Farm Museum

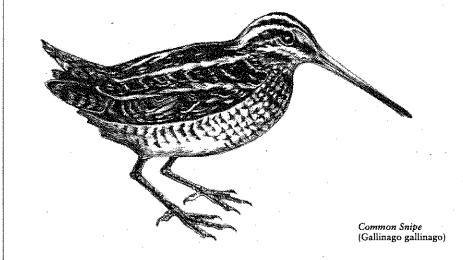
February 5, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

The Marsh shares its borders with the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark, a significant site for Native Americans artifacts, some dating back more than 6,000 years ago. Clyde Quin will lead a talk and tour of Abbott Farm Artifacts at the Native American Museum in Veteran's Park in Hamilton.

Winter Wonderland Walk

February 8, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Learn how plants and animals have adapted to survive freezing



temperatures and lack of plentiful food and water during winter. We'll survey the canopy for nests and search the forest floor for tracks and other traces of wildlife. Dani-Ella Betz, Program Coordinator and naturalist, will lead the walk.

Owl Prowl: Whooo's There?

February 20, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a quiet walk through the moonlit woodlands and crisp night air as we search and call for owls. Several species have been recorded at the marsh in winter including Great Horned, Long-eared, Screech and Barred Owls. Mary Doscher with the Trenton Naturalist Club will guide our group.

Explore the Mysteries . . . Discover the Magic! An Armchair Tour of the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh

February 26, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Have you always wanted to take a tour of the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh without getting your feet wet? Now is your chance! D&R Greenway's slide presentation beautifully captures the natural world of the marsh and its rich history that dates back more than 6,000 years. Join us to learn more about the plants, birds, mammals, insects, reptiles, and amphibians who make their home there. This program is free and will be held at the Hamilton Township Library, One Municipal Drive, Hamilton.

Abbott Farm Artifacts: A Behind the Scenes Tour

March 1, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark is the site of rich artifacts left by Native Americans who resided in the Hamilton/Trenton area. Historical interpretation of NJ Native Americans and a vast collection of artifacts is exhibited at the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton. Dr. Lorraine Williams, New Jersey State Archaeologist, will provide us with a behind the scenes tour of the museum's collection of artifacts. This program will take place at the Museum in Trenton.

Woodland Walk

March 5, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Catch the first signs of Spring on a woodland walk at Roebling Park.

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In March 1995, D&R Greenway met with Ingersoll Rand to explore preservation options and discuss preserving the land through State Green Acres funding. The company felt an obligation to its shareholders to receive a full fair market value price for the property. With all the planning approvals in place, the land could be sold to a developer for a substantial price. Despite this, the company and Montgomery Township met to discuss the potential for preservation.

Those discussions consumed approximately one year, during which time the company continued along the road to development.

During this period, the efforts to enlist broad support for preservation continued. Ted Maciag, then mayor of Montgomery Township, spear-headed the township's involvement and set the stage for Montgomery's commitment to preserving the land. In May 1995, D&R Greenway, with approval of Montgomery Township leaders, made application for Green Acres funding for the property. In February 1996, the Somerset County freeholders committed funds to Montgomery Township to assist in the purchase. With a potential price tag of \$7.5 million dollars, as much support as possible was needed.

At some point, it became clear that the sale of the land for the elder-care facility by Montgomery could cover much of Montgomery's acquisition costs for the total property. Approximately 40 acres of the tract were set aside for this purpose, with the intention that the sale of that land would reimburse Montgomery for some of its costs, and the property taxes from

the continuing care facility would equal the property taxes received from Ingersoll Rand. In the summer of 1996, Montgomery reached an acceptable price for the property and approved a bond ordinance to pay for its purchase. Because D&R Greenway would not have the funding from Green Acres until after the proposed closing date, they secured a bridge loan from a local bank.

With contributions from Montgomery Township, Somerset County, the Borough of Rocky Hill, State Green Acres and D&R Greenway, the closing took place on September 11, and the property was deeded to Montgomery Township and the State and became part of the preserved Delaware & Raritan Greenway.

The persistent efforts of each person and organization involved made this result possible, affirming again

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Gifts, Gifts, Gifts

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

Notecards

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

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



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

NOTECARD: August Morning at Port Mercer, by Sylvia Cummings Kokatnur (below, left)

SHIRTS, TOTE BAGS: Hamilton/Trenton Marsh





T-shirts, Sweat shirts, and Tote bags

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

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

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

Adult Sweat shirt. Russell Activewear. 50% cotton / 50% polyester. M, L, XL, XXL. \$22.00.

Tote bag. Cotton canvas. \$12.00.

Post Cards

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

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what Margaret Mead once said, and we at Greenway have experienced on more than one occasion. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." This resounding success demonstrates that working together, a group of individuals can affect great and visible change, the effects of which will be felt long into the future. We are all richer for it.

Editor's note: Special thanks to Kate Buttolph for her contribution to this article.

Spotlight

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from the trails, spreading chips, clipping overgrown branches and removing fallen trees. They have also helped to remove deer stands and post properties for D&R Greenway.

Motivated by a love of the land and a joy in the work, they often see something that needs doing, and without a word, complete the task. While they work behind the scenes and we don't often hear from them, the fruits of their labor are clearly obvious to those who walk along the well-maintained trails.

Fred and Rosemary Dursch share, "We have been outdoor people all our lives. We have been active in preserving things, giving a hand. In a way, we are in it for selfish reasons too—we simply like to do what we do."

Phil Tunison seconds that notion. "I have a great interest in wildlife and environmental protection. I've been a member of Sierra Club, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed and Audubon for many years. Land preservation is important to me and I like to help where I can."

D&R Greenway extends a special thanks to these volunteers who have demonstrated, through their generous sharing of time and energy, their strong commitment as stewards of the land.

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