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Historic Lambertville Farm Protected

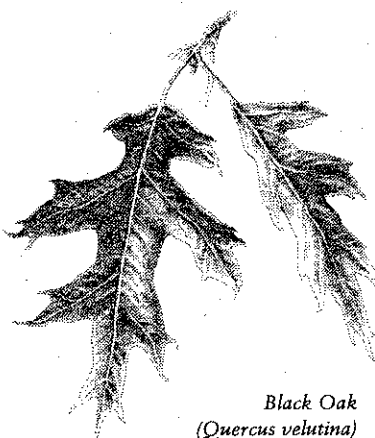
This spring, D&R Greenway joined with the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance (HLTA) and Green Acres to help landowners Dr. David and Peggy Dondero protect their 36 acre farm in West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County. Acting on their strong commitment to land preservation, the Dondero's placed a conservation easement on their land ensuring that it will remain open in perpetuity.

"Our family considers it important in our stewardship of the land to ensure that future generations are able to enjoy its natural beauty and history," Peggy and Dave share.

D&R Greenway worked with the Dondero's, HLTA, and Green Acres to facilitate the land agreement. Although D&R Greenway has a longstanding history of successful land preservation, this agreement was a first for the HLTA.

The Dondero property was formerly the estate of Cornelius Coryell, aide to General George Washington during the American Revolution. The house on the property was built circa 1750 and maintains much of its historical integrity. The wood peg barn is of mortice and tenon construction with hand hewn beams, circa 1750. The property sits on a prominence along Goat Hill Road not far from the "Washington's Rocks" property, the location from which General Washington viewed the Delaware River during the Battle of December 1776. Behind the Dondero house is a rectangular, low rock referred to as the "Washington's dining rock" in historical documents. It was at this location that Cornelius Coryell and General Washington planned strategies for the now famous Christmas crossing of the Delaware River.

Approximately two-thirds of the property contains mature woodlands with a high diversity of species including oak, maple, ash, walnut, sycamore, and hickory. Surrounding the farmstead and complementing the historic setting are some of the original trees,



Black Oak
(*Quercus velutina*)

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Kudos to 10th Anniversary Corporate Sponsors

Many thanks to our 10th Anniversary Corporate Sponsors for their generous financial support of land preservation in central New Jersey.

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William Penn Foundation Renews Support

The William Penn Foundation renewed their support to D&R Greenway with a two-year grant of \$269,500.

The grant will strengthen D&R Greenway's capacity to protect open lands in the watershed through acquisition by supporting an expanded landowner outreach program and increasing the number of acquisition projects underway. 🌱

Greenway Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Friends and supporters of D&R Greenway gathered in May at the historic Prallsville Mills along the D&R Canal and Delaware River in Stockton to celebrate D&R Greenway's 10th Anniversary. Sunlight glistened on the river and streamed through the pane glass windows, bouquets of wildflowers filled the windowsills, as guests mingled among the soft strains of music wafting from the harp of Libby White. The happy crowd was the largest to date to attend D&R Greenway's annual reception.

Neil Upmeyer, chairman of the Board of Trustees presented the Donald B. Jones Conservation Award to Governor Christine Whitman in recognition of her commitment to protect open space. Maureen Ogden, who chairs the Governor's Council on New Jersey Outdoors and is widely recognized for her work in

support of the environment, accepted the award on behalf of the Governor and shared her vision and thoughts on land preservation. Congressman Rush Holt, Senator Bill Schluter, and Assemblyman Leonard Lance joined the celebration praising D&R Greenway land preservation successes and bestowing accolades on Mrs. Ogden for her dedication to land protection and the environment.

Mrs. Ogden was a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1982-1996, where she served as chair of the Environmental Committee for eight years. It was her work in the state legislature that served as the basis for the open space initiative and the critical legislation supporting a stable source of funding for land preservation for New Jersey.

The festive occasion was graced with the delightful Irish lilt of poet Paul Muldoon sharing his work

from his tenth volume of poetry, *Hay*. Mr. Muldoon is the Howard G. B. Clark Professor at Princeton where he chairs the creative writing program. Poems from his earlier books are gathered in *New Selected Poems, 1968-1994* (1996). He received a B.A. from Queen's University in Belfast where he studied with Seamus Heaney, and he was a radio and television producer with the BBC in Northern Ireland for thirteen years until moving to the United States in the late 1980's. His prodigious output as an editor, translator, librettist, and poet have earned him many awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, the T. S. Eliot Prize, and the *Irish Times* Award for Poetry.

A photographic exhibit featuring photos from across the Delaware & Raritan Greenway complemented the program. Special thanks to photographers Jim Amon, Clem Fiori, Chuck Hartman, and Patti Orban Quinby, for inspiring us through their art and so generously sharing their work with us. ■

Governor Whitman Honored

D&R Greenway presented the 1999 Donald B. Jones Conservation Award to New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman for her vision, leadership, and dedi-

cated effort toward protecting our treasured open space.

Last year, Governor Whitman spearheaded a state-wide initiative to protect 1,000,000 acres of open

space and farmland over the next ten years. The referendum put before the voters called for a dedicated and stable source of funding in the amount of \$98 million annually to protect open space throughout New Jersey. In November, voters across the state showed their overwhelming approval at the polls. Today, the New Jersey program is acclaimed as one of the most successful land acquisition and park development initiatives in the nation.

The Donald B. Jones Conservation Award is presented each year in honor of Mr. Jones. A New Jersey native, Donald B. Jones was

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Chairman Neil Upmeyer presents the Donald B. Jones Conservation Award to Governor Whitman prior to the 10th Anniversary Celebration reception as Maureen Ogden and Greenway board and staff look on. Pictured left to right: Patti Quinby, Cate Litvack, Neil Upmeyer, Governor Whitman, Maureen Ogden, John Rassweiler, and Linda Mead.



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best known as a determined preservationist who spent much of his time and money during his last 35 years to save what he called "those lovely landmarks." Among New Jersey structures he saved were the Green-Sergeantsville Covered Bridge, the Locktown Church, Prallsville Mills and the Tudor mansions in Trenton. Donald was especially known for his creative and innovative solutions to preservation challenges.

In addition to being an active trustee of D&R Greenway, Donald served as Commissioner on the Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission. He also provided leadership to numerous other conservation organizations in New Jersey.

Recipients of the Donald B. Jones Conservation Award are selected based on the following criteria:

- the individual has been an initiator, leader or key player in conservation projects that resulted in the preservation of open space, farmland, historic sites and/or waterways; and
- the individual has displayed selfless generosity in his or her commitment to conservation efforts in central New Jersey.

Previous award recipients include:

- 1998 Samuel M. Hamill, Jr.
- 1997 Wendy Mager and the Friends of Princeton Open Space
- 1996 Mary C. Tanner
- 1995 Clem Fiori

Donald B. Jones' personal commitment to stewardship of central New Jersey's natural and historic treasures remains an inspiration to all who benefit from his legacy of conservation. ■



Maureen Ogden accepts the Donald B. Jones Conservation Award from chairman Neil Upmeyer as Beverly Jones looks on.



Landowners Walter and Dorothy Fulham enjoy the festivities.

Greenway Honors Landowners

Landowners who have preserved their land as part of the D&R Greenway in the past ten years were honored at our 10th Anniversary celebration. Without these individuals and their commitment to preserve the land they love, the D&R Greenway as we know it today would not exist. With grateful appreciation to these dedicated individuals, D&R Greenway is proud to present the Delaware & Raritan Greenway Landowner Honor Roll.

D&R Greenway Landowner Honor Roll

Martin, Janet, and Howard Alliger
David and Hope Carter
E. Thelma Weber-DeSimon
Divine Word Seminary
Dr. David and Peggy Dondero
Julia Eckman
Beate A. Feller
Walter and Dorothy Fullam
Deborah Strom Gibbons
Peter and Deborah Goldman
Margaret L. Hamill
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Turning Votes into Dollars—Open Space Legislation Moves Forward

BY LINDA J. MEAD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With overwhelming support from across New Jersey, Governor Whitman's initiative to preserve one million acres of our state's open space has set a new aggressive agenda for the next decade. Since that landmark day last November, conservation organizations have worked behind the scenes to support the passage of the enabling legislation that will turn votes into dollars. As with many ambitious plans, the 'devil' is in the details. Despite any criticisms raised, it is most important that these new dollars more than double the opportunities for land preservation over the next decade.

In our first ten years, D&R Greenway protected more than

2,800 acres of land in central New Jersey. We were the first nonprofit land trust to acquire land with state Green Acres funding. We played a leadership role in the Institute Lands preservation, the largest state commitment to an open space partnership. Our goal in the next decade is to increase Greenway's land preservation achievements by leveraging state dollars with available local funds. We are finding enthusiastic partners in the counties and municipalities in our Greenway region. The support of our contributors and the generosity of landowners who provide bargain sales and donations are crucial to meeting our goals.

The pending open space legislation:

- provides a stable source of acquisition dollars for farmland, natural areas and open space over the next ten years;
- eliminates rollback tax from any properties preserved under the new legislation;
- allows nonprofits including D&R Greenway to directly access the state farmland preservation fund for the first time;
- rewards increased grants to municipalities with an open space tax, and
- encourages partnerships with nonprofits like D&R Greenway.

The Garden State Preservation Trust Act, also known as *Assembly Bill 1,000,000*, will create a new state body to oversee the expenditures of the funds. As the process moves forward, it is important that

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you let your legislators know of your interest in achieving the open space goals supported by the voters.

The bell has sounded. We have ten years to race for preservation of open space. This is an unprecedented opportunity, one that we may never have again. With your help, D&R Greenway will make the most of it. ■

Preserving Family Lands Program Earns Rave Reviews

D&R Greenway presented a special program about the benefits and techniques of land protection to area landowners this spring. The event was hosted by Thomas and Avril Moore at Tusculum, the Moore's beautifully restored private residence in Princeton. Sixty landowners from throughout the region attended the program and the reception tea that followed. A hearty thank you is extended to Tom and Avril for so generously and graciously opening their home to D&R Greenway and our guests.

Special thanks also go to attorneys Samuel Lambert with Drinker Biddle & Reath, and Megan Thomas of Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan, to James Caufield, vice president at U.S. Trust Company of New Jersey and to D&R Greenway board chair Neil Upmeyer, and vice-chair Ted Stiles, who generously shared their time and expertise as presenters in the program.

Participants also heard 'a word from the wise' from landowners who have protected their land through bargain sales, conservation easements and donations to D&R Greenway. Thank you to landowners David and Peggy Dondero and Deborah Gibbons for their encouraging and guiding remarks.

If you would like to learn more about preserving your family lands, call Linda Mead at (609) 924-4646. ■

Estate Planning Workshop is Great Success

Nearly eighty financial advisors, attorneys, government officials, and other professionals attended the workshop on estate planning and the tax consequences of land preservation presented by D&R Greenway at the Nassau Club in March.

The program featured Stephen J. Small, Esq., a nationally-known authority on land preservation. As an attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C., Mr. Small drafted the federal income tax regulations on conservation easements. He is the author of two books, *Preserving Family Lands I and II*. The books are written in layman terms for landowners and include details and case studies demonstrating the benefits and techniques of land preservation. A limited number of copies are available to landowners from D&R Greenway.

The estate planning workshop addressed the use of creative techniques for effective land ownership

succession planning and how to avoid the pitfalls of transferring valuable land. Participants also learned how to choose the right mechanisms to protect land and achieve income tax and inheritance tax benefits.

Princeton attorneys, Sam Lambert of Drinker Biddle and Reath, and Megan Thomas of Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher, & Brennan also presented portions of the program. Mr. Lambert discussed the various techniques of land preservation and Ms. Thomas shared a local land preservation case study.

Special thanks to our program sponsors: Drinker Biddle & Reath, Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan, U.S. Trust Company of New Jersey, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Johnson and Johnson, First Union, and Merrill Lynch & Co.

For more information about preserving your land, contact Linda Mead at D&R Greenway (609) 924-4646. ■



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Acquisition Specialist Hired

Last spring, Bill Rawlyk joined the board of D&R Greenway. This spring, he decided land preservation was a career to pursue! D&R Greenway is delighted to announce his appointment as a land acquisition specialist.

Chairman of the board, Neil Upmeyer, explained, "Hiring Bill as a land acquisition specialist strengthens and expands D&R Greenway's land acquisition capacity. This increased staffing enables D&R Greenway to bring more of the newly available open space funds to our region and preserve more of our valuable open space."

Linda Mead, executive director agrees. "With more landowner outreach and Bill's help, D&R Greenway has tripled the number of land acquisition projects underway."

Bill is a busy person with a strong commitment to land preservation. He is a founding member of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance (HLTA) and serves as vice president of land acquisition and chairman of HLTA's Land Acquisition Committee. Bill also serves as a trustee to the Delaware River Greenway Partnership and is the Kingwood Township liaison to the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board for the farmland preservation program.

He has been a member of the Kingwood Township Environmental Commission since 1990 and has served as chairman since 1992. This year he became a trustee of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC). He also serves on the Hunterdon Solid Waste Advisory Council.

Bill has been involved since 1995 with the South Branch Watershed Association. He provided technical support for their water monitoring program and trained students and volunteers in monitoring methods. In 1997, Bill received the Annual Conservation Award from the association.

Bill is enthusiastic about working with D&R Greenway. "I've gotten a tremendous amount of land preservation experience in a short time, which benefits both the Greenway and HLTA. Also by working across the region, I've been able to identify and involve regional partners who can help with funding acquisitions and preserving more land."

In his 'spare' time, Bill owns and operates Hunterdon Turf Farm, a third generation family farm involved in sod production for the landscape market.

Welcome Bill! 🌱

Leck Named Woman of Distinction

D&R Greenway trustee Mary Allesio Leck, Ph.D. was honored in March as a 1999 Woman of Distinction by the Delaware & Raritan Girl Scout Council. The 1999 Women of Distinction Awards honor the achievements of nine outstanding women from central New Jersey communities.

Dr. Leck is a professor of biology at Rider University. She is also on the board of D&R Greenway, the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, and is past president of the Torrey Botanical Society.

Mary has been instrumental in Greenway's Hamilton/Trenton Marsh project. She has guided many outdoor enthusiasts and schoolchildren on tours at the marsh. Mary has also assumed a leadership role working with the Management Plan Committee and developing the plan to permanently protect the marsh. She has done research at the marsh for more than twenty years and recently completed a sabbatical during which she compared the natural and con-

structed wetlands of the marsh. Her research has become a vital component of the management plan.

In May, Mary also received the Research and Service Award given by the Rider University Science Advisory Board for her marsh research.

Congratulations Mary! We always knew you were a 'Woman of Distinction.' 🌱



Jewelweed
(*Impatiens capensis*)

In Memorium

Bambe L. Cross
1967-1999

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Bambe Cross, a staff member with the New Jersey Green Acres Program. Bambe represented Green Acres in several D&R Greenway preservation projects and was an enthusiastic bundle of energy; a real pleasure to work with. She had a positive influence on us and many others through her work and volunteer efforts. She will be greatly missed.

D&R Greenway extends sincere condolences to Bambe's family and the Green Acres staff. 🌱

SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate Women and the Land

Reception on Sunday, September 19, 1999, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Learn why what is good for the heart and soul, can be good for the land—and the pocketbook too. Sponsored by D&R Greenway. 🌱

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including a very large hackberry which may qualify for the NJ State Big Trees list. The balance of the property, is actively farmed as it has been since its original owner in 1750.

The Dondero property is an important component of the scenic corridor along the Delaware River. Route 29, which runs along the D&R Canal and Delaware River at the base of the hill below the property, is designated as the State's first Scenic Byway. Protection of this property also supports the goals for preservation identified in the *Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Management Plan*, prepared by the National Park Service in 1997.

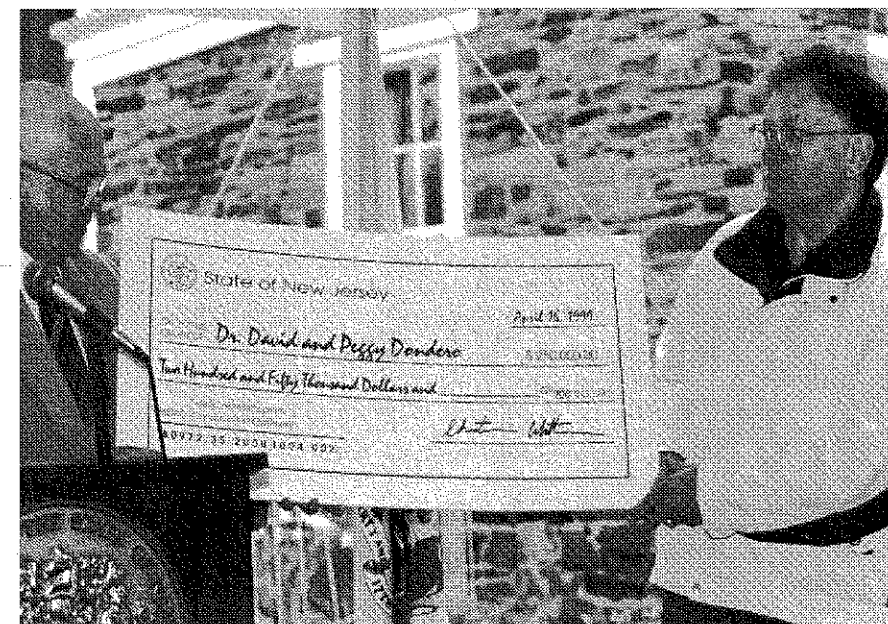
The Dondero property is also a foothold along the Delaware River anchoring a band of contiguous natural woodlands that D&R Greenway is working to preserve. The woodlands are on the ridgeline that extends from the Delaware River through D&R Greenway's Northern Stony Brook Preserve to the heart

of the Sourlands. The band includes parts of Hunterdon, Mercer and Somerset counties.

Preserving this land is important. It is one of the last unbroken stretches of woodland in this part of New Jersey. It provides critical wildlife habitat and gives visual character to the communities of East and West Amwell, Hopewell, Hillsborough, and Montgomery.

Under the Green Acres cooperative nonprofit partnership, D&R Greenway, HLTA and Green Acres purchased agricultural, conservation and public access easements through a bargain sale. These easements protect the natural and historic significance of the site. David and Peggy Dondero also contributed generously toward the open space preservation by donating a portion of the easement for which they will receive a charitable income tax deduction.

D&R Greenway applauds Peggy and David Dondero for their foresight and commitment to land preservation and congratulates the HLTA for completion of their first land protection agreement! 🌱



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Robert Shinn presents a check to landowner David Dondero.

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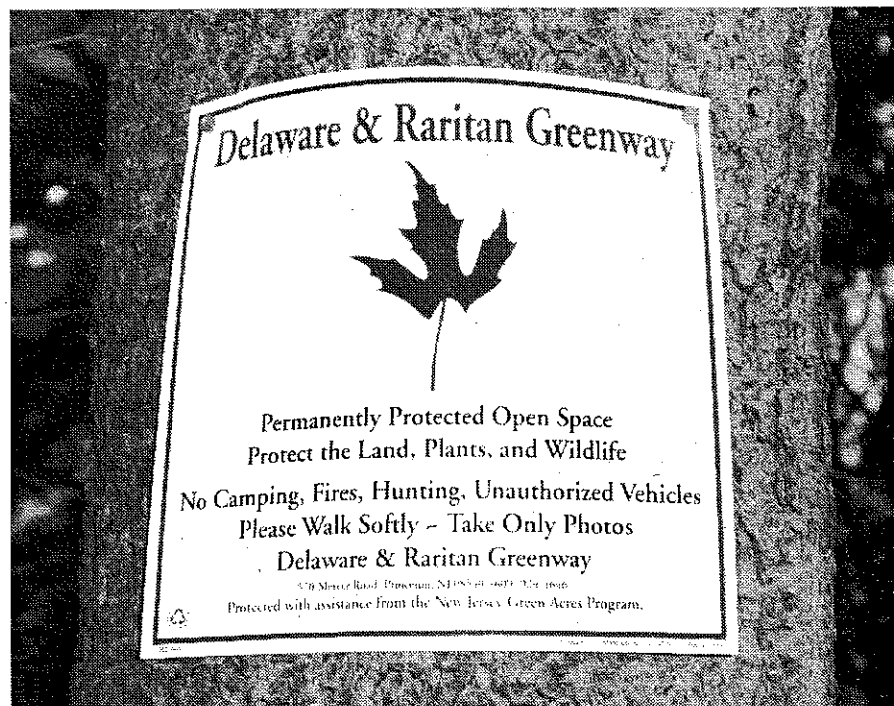
A Sign of the Times

During the next few months, D&R Greenway preserved land will be identified with new attractive signs designating the land as permanently protected open space. The signs include guidelines for public use of the land to minimize human impact and protect the land, plants and wildlife.

Members of the D&R Greenway

Land Management Committee and volunteers will be posting the signs. If you would like to help post signs or with trail maintenance, call Bill Rawlyk at the office (609) 924-4646.

Look for the Greenway leaf in your travels throughout the region. 🍁



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