D&R Greenway Preserves 5,000 Acres of Open Space in Central New Jersey

Contrary to popular superstition, Friday, September 13th was a lucky day for Delaware & Raritan Greenway, central New Jersey's regional land trust. On that day, we closed on our 74th property and reached the milestone of preserving over 5,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land in our region. Collectively, these lands are valued at over $90 million with $22 million of this total retired through private donations or bargain sales.

These 5,000 acres (approximately 8 square miles) create strategically positioned linkages and constitute five significant Greenways. These Greenways protect fragile watershed recharge areas, provide wildlife habitat and protect biodiversity. They also provide passive recreation opportunities, including hiking and nature study, for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

This achievement is even more remarkable when placed in the context of the pressure for land development, not land preservation in our area. According to the 2000 Census, New Jersey's population has continued to shift westward and southward into the rural counties that make up the D&R Greenway region. Over the past 10 years, formerly rural townships in Mercer, Hunterdon and Somerset counties have experienced amazing growth rates from 21 to 82 percent. Property values range from $5,000 to $100,000 an acre. Despite these challenges, D&R Greenway's success in protecting so much of the precious open space that remains is a nationally recognized model that other land organizations can benefit from.

The momentum of 2002 is unflagging. Through October 31, Continued on page 2

A magnificent cedar tree on the Fullam preserve in Hopewell Township. This property begins a northern extension of the Stony Brook Greenway.

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Foundation Support

D&R Greenway announces new contributions that support our land preservation mission:

An Anonymous grant of $100,000 was awarded to help fund the purchase of Rosedale Woods.

The Gips Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation awarded a grant of $1,000 to help fund the purchase of Rosedale Woods.

The Baldwin Foundation awarded $1,500 to fund the purchase of Carson Road Woods.

The William Penn Foundation has awarded $110,000 to support both land purchases and general operations as part of an ongoing grant.

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation has awarded a renewed grant of $75,000 in support of our daily operations.

The Bryce Thompson Foundation has awarded a $2,500 grant in support of our daily operations.

The Kuhn Charitable Foundation has awarded a $600 grant in support of our daily operations.
5,000 Acres

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The Souland Ridge Greenway, covering the Souland Mountain in Hunterdon County.

The 110-acre Perkowski property in West Amwell is a working cattle farm that includes a scenic pond, important wetlands and a large area of rocky woodland extending upward to the Souland Ridge. The Rockefeller family once owned the house and stone cut on the property was used in the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge. This protected land adds to an existing block of several hundred acres of contiguous woodland, currently being preserved by West Amwell Township and facilitated by D&R Greenway. Together, these properties will extend and encourage the Route 34 and northward to the several hundred acre Alexxanen Wildlife Management Area (preserved by D&R Greenway in 2001).

The 45-acre Brown property in West Amwell, owned by noted photographer Prudy Brown, is a scenic working farm with mature woodland that protects the Alexxanen Creek. This property provides public access and a critical buffer to the 400-acre Alexxanen Wildlife Management Area (including the 273 acre property preserved by D&R Greenway in 2001). The property also contains good examples of Souland's geology, including the shale of the elevation formation and volcanic diabase rock.

The 94-acre Schiller property in East Amwell is characterized by large boulders and boulder field depressions in the heart of the Souland. The property contains one of the oldest and largest white pine stands in the Soulands, with trees dating from the 1700's. It protects the headwater forest of the Souland Creek and has had a colorful local history. Bullets from Revolutionary War skirmishes have been found in the soil and, in the early part of the 20th century, neighborhood dances were held in a large, flat-topped knoll known as "Jacob's Rock."

The 18-acre Horsman property in West Amwell consists of three parcels of deep forest land in the center of one of the largest wooded and preserved forests. The central location of this land provides habitat for deep forest neo-tropical migrant birds that rely on the Soulands as breeding ground. The Horsman tract is significant in that it is an eastern extension of our Souland Ridge Greenway, which will then become part of a newly emerging Greenway, linking existing Preserves in Hunterdon County to the Souland Preserves in Somerset County.

The Crosswicks Creek Greenbelt, extending from the headwaters to Monmouth County, is the confluence with the Delaware at the site of the Trenton Marsh in Mercer County.

The 19-acre Indian Run property is one of the smallest but most significant rhododendron collections on the east coast with mature specimens of evergreen rhododendrons and Gable rhododendrons in a woodland setting along the Indian Run Creek. The preservation effort was a unique collaboration among the Upper Frehold and Washington Township School districts, Mercer County and the American Rhododendron Society. Students in these two school districts will benefit from a hands-on outdoor classroom for the study of horticulture and the identification of these magnificent plants and color during rhododendron season each May.

The 7-acre Bridge property in Princeton Township is a wetland property located on the south side of the Delaware and the Princeton Branch Canal.

The 34-acre Main property in West Amwell has been purchased as parkland in collaboration among D&R Greenway and the Princeton Area Open Space Association.

The Story Brook Greenway, following the Story Brook from Princeton to its headwaters in the Souland Mountain.

The 14-acre Rosedale Woods property in Princeton Township is a woodland stream corridor connecting to the Story Brook consisting of a mature canopy of large oaks, maples and other hardwoods and wetlands. It serves as an undisturbed habitat for woodland species and wildlife migration. The property’s immediate proximity to Johnson Park School will allow for the extension of the nature trails behind the school, utilizing the woods as an outdoor classroom. The land also connects directly with the public bike trail along the Story Brook. Preservation of this property forever protects a characteristic Princeton viewed along Rosedale Road, across from Greenway Meadows (preserved by D&R Greenway in 2001).

The 86-acre Fullam property in Hopewell Township is a rich mix of woodland and field habitat comprising mature forest, wetland meadow and successional cedar and shrub areas. A tributary of the Story Brook flows through the property as does the Cedar Ridge Trail, a popular year-round hiking path. The property is the core of the Cedar Ridge Preserve and D&R Greenway’s preservation of this land provides expanded public access to the Preserve. This land also provides a jumping-off point to the highland and leads northward to the Stony Brook Greenway.

The 2-acre Potter property in Lawrence Township is a property that doesn’t need to be big to be significant. This property encompasses the Souland Ridge stream corridor; a little-known treasure of huge old trees, shale ledges and wet and windy trails along private land and woodlots. The unspoiled beauty of this land can now be seen and enjoyed by the residents of our area through its establishment as a public access linkage between Rosedale Park and the D&R Canal. The property is adjacent to preserved land belonging to the family of D&R Greenway founder Sam Hamilton.

Prady Brown Sees Land’s Preservation as a Model Solution

Hav ing lived here for 30 years, I never felt the property belonged to me. Instead, I always felt like a participant having access to this great gift. My wish is to share this gift with the community. It is my fondest desire that people in other states recognize what we are doing with land preservation in New Jersey. In my opinion, we could set a pattern for the rest of the country.

The permanent preservation of Prudy Brown’s property provided the missing piece in the Alexxanen Creek Wildlife Management Area. With the preservation of the Brown property, the D&R Greenway was able to maintain her farm as private property, Ms. Brown is allowing public access through her land into this 600-acre preserve. Through preservation, a beautiful property will be left intact as part of a larger community and family while providing beauty and environmental well-being for us all.

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D&K Greenway's Liquid Assets

Delaware River, the D&R Canal and local waterheds are able to provide all the water we need. To continue to meet demand, however, these resources must constantly be replenished with clean, filtered rainwater.

The 5,000 acres preserved by D&R Greenway recharge enough water back into these sources to serve the needs of 82,000 people in our region each year. This has a huge impact on keeping us self-sufficient in terms of our water supply.

This is how it works:
- The existing amount of water recharged by the process in which water is absorbed by saturation into the ground from the 5,000 preserved acres is 257.7 million cubic feet per year.
- If developed, the 5,000 acres would have the potential to support a minimum of 2,500 new houses and would recharge only 201.2 million cubic feet of water per year.
- By preserving these 5,000 acres, 56.5 million more cubic feet of rainwater is recharged into the ground every year that would have been if the land were developed.
- The average daily consumption of water by each one of us in our region is 58 gallons per day.
- 56.5 million cubic feet of rainwater translates into enough water to serve the needs of 82,000 people each year—4,100,000 gallons a day, 14,965,000,000 gallons of water a year.

At the present rate of growth in central New Jersey, we will be required to import water within the next ten years. Delaware & Raritan Greenway sees an urgent need to preserve and protect an additional 5,000 acres in the next five years and a total of 20,000 acres by 2012, to keep that land working to capture, filter and store the water that sustains us all. Your support will help us succeed.

Good Stewards of the Land

On November 18, D&R Greenway hosted a training workshop on monitoring conservation easements.

Trustee John Rasweiler showed volunteers how to navigate a property using aerial and base maps, and a compass. With the help of trustees, volunteers and staff, D&R Greenway will be conducting annual conservation easement monitoring on 25 of our preserved properties.

Dennis Davidson Joins D&R Greenway as Director of Land Preservation and Stewardship

Linda Mead, Executive Director of Delaware & Raritan Greenway, is pleased to announce that Dennis Davidson will be joining the organization as Director of Land Preservation and Stewardship upon his retirement from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at the end of 2002. Dennis served for 15 years as Deputy Director of the NJDEP Green Acres Program.

It is an honor to have Dennis on board. He is a lifelong conservationist and proponent of land preservation in New Jersey and has served under every Commissioner of the New Jersey DEP since its inception. Dennis was the DEP representative on the State Agriculture Development Program for 10 years and a member of the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association. In addition, Dennis represented four governors on the National Association of Outdoor Recreation Professionals for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and is a former Recreation Planner for the New Jersey Division of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Dennis has served as an advisor to D&R Greenway since 1989 when the organization was still an idea in the making. When asked his reasons for joining D&R Greenway's staff, Dennis cited the effectiveness and excellence of the organization, noting that D&R Greenway is blessed with "a great staff, a great board, and great leadership."

In a recent letter to The Conservation Fund regarding Executive Director Linda Mead's national conservation award, Dennis noted, "D&R Greenway has become a critical partner in reaching the State's ambitious open space goals in New Jersey. They know how to get things done, with their success rate growing to the highest level in the State." In fact, under Dennis' leadership, the New Jersey Green Acres Program acknowledged D&R Greenway to be at the top of the list in successfully completing transactions with Green Acres money to achieve land preservation results.

D&R Greenway has been granted more state funding for land preservation than any other organization in New Jersey. We hope you will join us in welcoming Dennis to D&R Greenway.
D&R Greenway Celebrates Galas’ Success

A good time was had by all at the summer/fall collection of 2002. Good Time Galas for the Greenways. D&R Greenway supporters were able to enjoy a wide range of events while raising funds to help further D&R Greenway’s efforts to preserve open space in our area. We would like to extend special thanks to our Gala hosts who contribute so much time, creativity and generosity to make each and every Gala unique and enjoyable.

Wine Tasting at D&R Greenway Barn

A warm summer’s evening provided the perfect atmosphere to enjoy delicious French and Italian wines and hors d’oeuvres. Our thanks to hosts Leslie Campbell (Gala Committee Co-Chair) and husband Mark Zaninger who created a deliciously rustic picnic setting at Greenway Meadows for all to enjoy.

Committee Co-Chair who organized the event.

A Tasting at Tusculum

Thanks to the oenophilic expertise of hosts Chuck Hartman (board chair) and Tom Moore (trustee), four couples enjoyed a series of extraordinary wines complemented by a fabulous five-course dinner. Once again, the most sought-after Gala ticket in town provided yet another memorable evening.

Wendy Mager, President of Friends of Princeton Open Space and John Rassmussen, D&R Greenway trustee, at the Wine Tasting at D&R Greenway’s barn.

Tracking the Treasured Trails

A special hike across preserved lands in the heart of Princeton Township was rendered even more special, thanks to Princeton University Geology Professor Lincoln Holdfast and his fascinating commentary on the geologic history of our area. Thanks as well to Sophie (Gala Committee Co-Chair and trustee) and Curtis Glovier for hosting a lovely picnic lunch at their home, Sign of the Fox Farm.

Bird Banding and Bagels

For the third year in a row, D&R Greenway supporters were treated to a demonstration of bird banding and learned why preserving lands in our region is so important for the continued health and survival of so many species of birds. Many thanks to noted ornithologist Hannah Safaris for lending her expertise to this perennial Gala favorite. 1st Annual Great Greenway Balloon Festival

A bright and clear early fall afternoon set the stage for a new perspective on land preservation in our area. Ten hot air balloons took to the sky from the fields of Coventry Farm (preserved by D&R Greenway in 2001) and thirty-seven D&R Greenway supporters had an unforgettable view of the beautiful countryside of Princeton Township. Light winds kept the balloons close to home—all the better for enjoying the wonder filled flight celebration provided by Kathy and John Wintun, owners of Coventry Farm. Many thanks to Kathy and John for hosting such a memorable event.

Galas Success

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Planns are already in the works for next year’s festival!

The Rapture of Raptors

Thanks to local falconers Carol Katona and her daughter Melanie, who presented a fascinating exhibition of the art and sport of falconry. Children were invited to get up close and personal with several of the birds at the conclusion of the event. We would like to extend our appreciation to host Jay Gepp (who preserved his 28-acre property with D&R Greenway in 2001).

Octoberfest

A little rain didn’t stop the fun for families at this southern-style barbecue. Delicious food was trucked up overnight from Bill’s Barbecue of Wilson, North Carolina, thanks to hosts Fred (trustee) and Irene (Gala Committee member) Gaskin. Children enjoyed the autumn outdoors by painting pumpkins and building a hay bale fort (with a little help from their dads, including Stuart Essig and Wayne Carlson). We would like to express our gratitude once again to Martha and Frank McDougall for hosting the event at their beautiful farm and to Liz Ebel (Gala Committee Co-Chair) for organizing.

We would especially like to thank Gala sponsor Robert Burt and Honda of Princeton. A Honda representative introduced the new Honda Civic Hybrid. This unique transportation alternative for environmentally conscious drivers is powered by gasoline-electric technology that allows the car to travel 65.5 miles on a single tank of gas.

Soulandits Lecture

Jim Luce, Princeton professor emeritus and author of New Jersey’s Sourland Mountain, provided an engaging discussion of the history of this environmentally significant region. Many thanks to host Andrea Bonetti who provided both a lovely reception and the perfect setting—her home (protected by D&R Greenway in 1999) is in the heart of the Sourlands.

Galas Spring Collection

The 2002 Good Time Galas for the Greenways spring collection will be here before you know it. If you haven’t already signed-up, we hope you will consider these events.

Easter Egg-stravaganza

April 19, 2003, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Erik Jan and Deborah Wilson are hosting an old-fashioned Easter Egg hunt at their eighteenth-century farmhouse, Willow Gate, in Lawrenceville. Springtime games and crafts will delight children and adults alike. Light refreshments will be served. Price per family: $50.

Balanced Rock Mountain Hike

May 4, 2003, 1:00 pm

Join and nature guide John Kusner (who grew up on Bald Pate Mountain) for this spring hike of the special place. Bald Pate Mountain is home to many plant and animal species, offers splendid views that stretch as far as the Philadelphia skyline and is rich in history that reaches back before the Revolutionary War. A picnic lunch will be served before the hike. Price per person: $50.

Outdoor Painting Workshop – to be rescheduled

Rain prevented the capture of the beauty of fall foliage, let’s hope that the blossoms of spring give us more luck. Photos Barbie and Chris Cole will provide the refreshments, the wonderful views and vistas of their preserved farm will provide the inspiration. Some of the areas most noted artists will be on hand to demonstrate and instruct. Please bring your own materials. Our next newsletter will have the rescheduled date. Price per person: $75.

Tour of Rhododendron Gardens at Indian Run Nursery

May 17, 2003, 10:00 am

Prepared by D&R Greenway in May 2002, Indian Run Nursery contains one of the oldest and finest collections of Rhododendrons on the east coast. The gardens will be at their most colorful and fragrant as you tour them with nationally recognized experts from the American Rhododendron Society. Specimen plants will also be offered for sale. Light refreshments will be served. Price per person: $50.

For more information or tickets to these Galas, please call Nancy Breden at D&R Greenway, 609-924-4646 or use the enclosed reservation card. We hope you will join us in our celebration of the land and work with us to protect our area’s most precious and threatened natural resource.

Linda Mead enjoys a test drive of the new Honda Civic Hybrid at headquarters of Honda of Princeton looks on.

Falconer Carol Katona shows off a kestrel (a small European hawk) to Gala attendees Fred Graham, holding daughter Piper Graham, Alexander Essig and Jackson Graham.

D&B Greenway supporters Ellen Carlson and Marilyn and Thomas Zucovich enjoy the summer’s wine tasting.

Family Portraits at Meadowgate Farm

We would like to extend our appreciation to Pryde Brown (who preserved her family’s 45-acre farm with Delaware & Raritan Greenway in October 2002) for donating her time and talent to create beautiful portraits. Thanks also to Diane and Leo Rosenberg for allowing us to use their picture perfect Meadowgate Farm as a backdrop and Liz Ebel (Gala Balloons preparing to launch on the beautiful fields of Coventry Farm in Princeton as the Great Greenway Balloon Festival gets underway.
We Did It! Rosedale Woods
Preserved Forever

Delaware & Raritan Greenway is proud to announce that the final piece of the Robert Wood Johnson property on Rosedale Road in Princeton Township was permanently preserved in October. With the purchase of the property from Rosedale Woods, or "The 14 Acres" as it is commonly known, a piece of Princeton Township is saved from development forever. These 14 acres mark the entrance into Princeton along Rosedale Road and are considered a signature viewpoint of our community. These woods are directly across Rosedale Road from Greenway Meadows, the 60-acre Princeton Township Public Park (preserved by D&R Greenway in 2001).

D&R Greenway brokered a sale price of $850,000 for this remaining tract of woods from the estate of the late Mrs. Robert Wood Johnson. (The appraised value of the property was $1.5 million.) D&R Greenway partnered with Friends of Open Space (POSO) to secure NJDEP Green Acres funds and additional funds from Mercer County. Private contributions were raised through Princeton Day School's Walk for Open Space and matched by D&R Greenway, POSO dedicated $25,000, and D&R Greenway contributed $25,000, a combined effort. Still, with the contract deadline fast approaching, we were in a race to raise the remaining $96,000 by October 23rd.

The retention and sale of a two-acre building lot presented a possible solution to the funding shortfall. This notion was quickly discarded. Executive Director Linda Mead expressed her feelings, shared by the members of the Board of Trustees, "While we knew that a building lot in the area would be highly valued and would solve our funding problem, we learned that this was not the right answer, nor was it sending an accurate message about how we at D&R Greenway view the value and importance of land preservation.

We chose to redouble our efforts to save the entire tract of land for the benefit of the community and the environment." Last minute fundraising by D&R Greenway and POSO guaranteed the neighborhood. Forty-five neighbors generously responded to a series of family room meetings and calls for help. The final gap was closed with a contribution by Greenspace Center and a grant from the township, culminating in saving this precious Princeton woodland.

Rosedale Woods — preserved forever for all to enjoy.

Board of Trustees

D&R Greenway Co-Sponsors
Two Trail Initiatives

In the Central New Jersey Trails Association has been organized to provide convenient information on walking trails and to promote healthy outdoor recreation. Many residents in our area live within short distances of beautiful natural areas and existing walking trails, but don’t know anything about them. Families who are interested in walking find it difficult to know where to go. It is the overriding goal of the CNJTA to make this type of information readily accessible and to promote active use of existing trails on parks and protected lands.

Under the leadership of D&R Greenway Trustee and Treasurer Alan Hershey, this new initiative complements the efforts of land preservation organizations and parks agencies. The CNJTA has established four key goals for this project:

1. Identifying and maintaining a database of trails throughout central New Jersey.
2. Creating a website to publicize and provide information about these trails;
3. Communicating information about the trails to health professionals and;
4. Helping to identify lands that can contribute to a comprehensive trail network.

The association operates as a special cooperative project under the aegis of the D&R Greenway, who is providing office space and support. The Stoney Brook-Millstone Watershed Association will provide computer mapping of trails that are documented by CNJTA volunteers. Additional funding has been provided through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The Lawrence Hopewell Trail is a planned 20-mile path through county parks, corporate lands and protected open space and along existing roadways. It is the initiative of an extensive alliance of public and private partners consisting of nonprofit groups, corporations, environmental, healthcare and recreation-related schools and governments at the municipal, county and state level. D&R Greenway is a charter member of this coalition and is providing both environmental and increasing consultation and support.

Bristol-Myers Squibb and Engineers Without Service provided the initial project leadership, spearheaded by Betty Taylor, Executive Director of Cooperative Affairs for BMS and Eleanor Horne, Vice President and Corporate Secretary for EWS (and D&R Greenway Trustee). Both companies have made significant financial contributions to further this effort. Already, $3 million of the estimated $6 million price tag has been committed from Mercer County, BMS, and EWS. As Eleanor Horne has noted: "We think of our Rosedale Road campus as a park that is open to our neighbors to enjoy. The Lawrence Hopewell Trail expands the recreational possibilities for all."

The Lawrence Hopewell Trail is expected to break ground in the fall of 2003 with new construction designed to link and extend currently existing trails. We encourage all D&R Greenway supporters to find the time to express your support and benefit that our preserved open space provides. For more information on either of these projects, please call us at 609-924-4464.

Proposed Legislation Could Help You Help D&R Greenway

The Charity Aid, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act of 2002 is designed to provide new charitable giving tax incentives. As currently drafted, the act has several provisions to make charitable contributions easier to make including:

- A charitable contribution deduction for gifts of appreciated stock
- Tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts (IRAs) for charitable purposes.
- An increase in the amount of income that can be earned on charitable contributions.
- A charitable contribution deduction of up to $250 for individuals and $500 for married couples filing jointly would apply.
- The deduction would be capped at $200,000.

"In a recent letter to the editor, we urge our donors to check with their tax, accounting or legal professionals about the status of the CARE and its relevance to particular circumstances. We all may benefit from its application."

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Delaware & Raritan Greenway relies on contributions from you to support our efforts to preserve and protect open space in central New Jersey. Because every dollar earned from land acquisition goes directly toward purchase, without your contributions to general operations we could not support our professional staff, who are critical to negotiating and executing our land preservation successes. Publicly acknowledging the extraordinary generosity we enjoy from you is very important to us.

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Wine Oak (Quercus alba)
Announcing Formation of Friends for the Marsh

A group of concerned citizens who care about the future of the Hamilton/Trenton Marsh have joined together as Friends for the Marsh. Spearheaded by naturalist and D&R Greenway trustee Dr. Mary Leck and by local resident Andy Cosentino, the group's mission is to build a constituency to support the preservation and stewardship of the Marsh, and to support educational and recreational activities that complement conservation of Marsh resources.

The Hamilton/Trenton Marsh has been an active initiative of D&R Greenway for ten years. In 1999 D&R Greenway gathered a partnership that included state, county and local governments with corporate and private interests to produce a Management Plan with five agreed-upon goals:

- Protection and Preservation
- Stewardship
- Education
- Recreation
- Long-term Management

In response, an education committee of teachers and environmental educators has become active in scheduling regular programs and walks at the Marsh. The State and Mercer County have been active in land preservation. And D&R Greenway is working with a number of partners to raise awareness about the national significance of this unique resource.

The Hamilton/Trenton Marsh

Did you know that the 1,250-acre Hamilton/Trenton Marsh is home to:

- 812 species of plants (including a new species discovered in February 2002 by Professor Mary Leck)
- 28+ species of butterflies
- 60 species of fish
- 19 species of amphibians and reptiles
- 237 species of resident or migratory birds
- 17 species of mammals

"Friends for the Marsh" is considering several charter projects that could prove to be exciting and beneficial.

To become a "Friend" and join in the fun, call Nancy at D&R Greenway at 609-924-4646 or contact Mary A. Leck at 609-895-5420 or by email leck@river.com.