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Our Greenway Vision

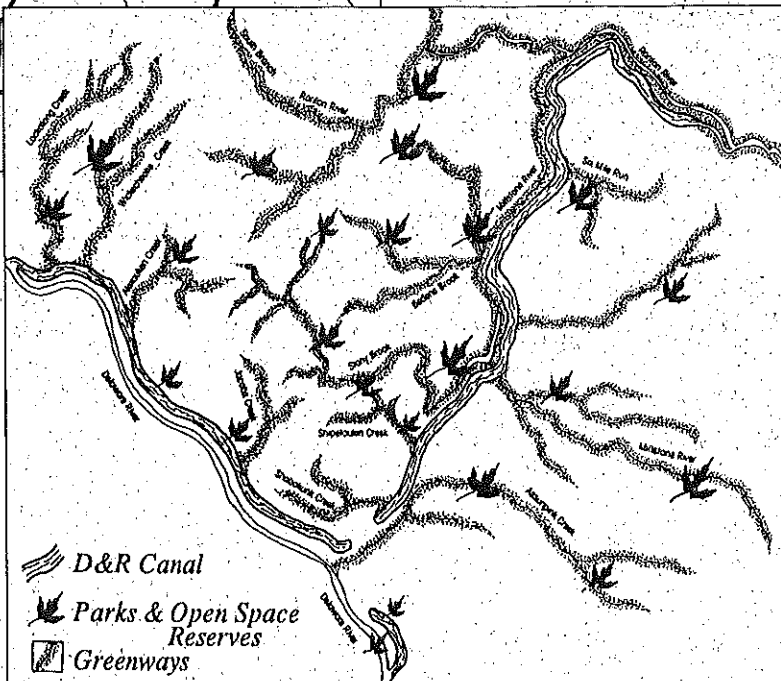
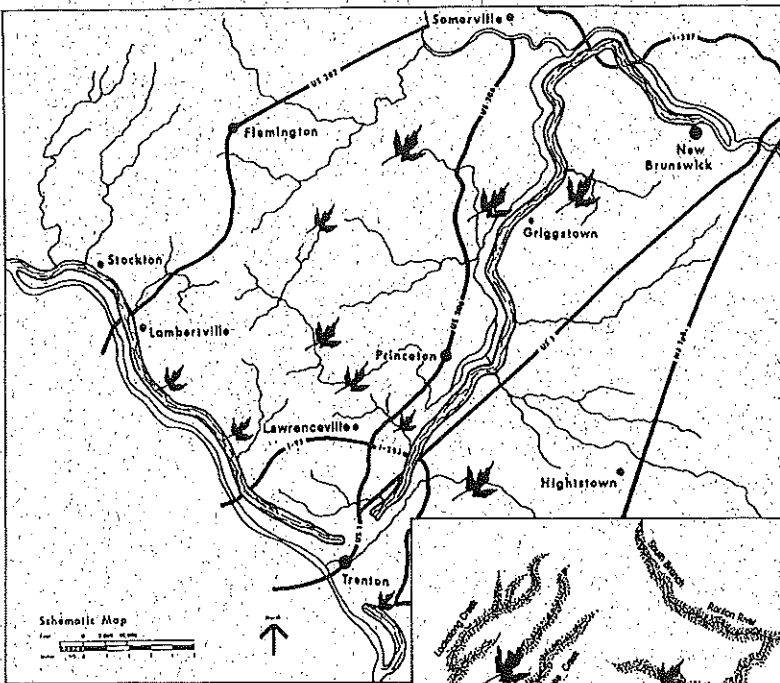
Delaware & Raritan Greenway, Inc., has a vision for central New Jersey, and its key is the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park.

It would be hard to find a central Jerseyan who doesn't value the Canal Park — New Jersey's third most-visited state park — as a historic resource, a haven for wildlife, and a much-loved place of recreation.

But the Delaware & Raritan Canal has another kind of significance. Its water, supplied by a myriad of regional rivers and streams, goes into the drinking water of one out of seven New Jersey residents.

To safeguard the purity of that water, Delaware & Raritan Greenway, Inc., is working to preserve the stream corridors in the most permanent way possible — through land acquisition or conservation easement. These preserved lands and waterways would be joined in a con-

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WHO IS D&R GREENWAY, INC.?

D&R Greenway, Inc., was incorporated in 1989 as a regional, non-profit land conservancy dedicated to the preservation of a continuous open space network in central New Jersey, focused around the region's waterways and unified by the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park.

We offer *Green Sheets* as a way to introduce ourselves to our friends and supporters, to let you know of our goals, how we plan to accomplish them, and our successes along the way... and as a source of helpful information about greenway-building and a vision of the benefits it brings to all of us.

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Upper map shows Delaware & Raritan Greenway project area as it is today. Lower map illustrates the completed Greenway project.

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Throughout 1992, we will pursue ongoing and initiate new acquisitions of sensitive stream corridors, adjacent farms, forests and critical natural and historic areas along the Stony Brook and the Delaware and Raritan Canal.

In addition, we are working to build greenways in two new areas-- Trenton Marsh, a 1200-acre tidal fresh-water marsh, and Shipetauken Creek, a 12+-mile stream that flows into Assumpink Creek and feeds Bear Swamp. We will

encourage land preservation by local residents, and develop educational materials stressing the natural and historic value of these important areas.

We will publish a booklet to share with all the communities in the region our vision of the Delaware & Raritan Greenway and what it can mean to central New Jersey's ecology, beauty and community health. We will work with communities to plan for greenways, implement plans and assist with acquisition.

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tinuous network — a greenway — reaching throughout central New Jersey, with the canal as its "spine." The effect would be like a string of pearls, where the string is the blue-green ribbon of stream corridor and the pearls are the larger tracts of land.

We call them "pearls" for a reason. These lands include some of the region's most beautiful forests, important farmlands, historic sites and habitat for endangered species. The many miles of greenway would provide wildlife with the necessary

room for natural movement; the preserved corridors would act as a "sponge" to prevent flooding, and their vegetation would stabilize stream bank erosion.

Not least important, the greenway would become a regional recreational treasure, bringing the wonder and beauty of nature closer to the people living in the towns and villages along the way and giving them a new link with each other and new pride in the place where they live.

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