

# GREENWAYS

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## Land Preservation Update

Since 1989, D&R Greenway has permanently preserved 317 properties, 21,201 acres—an area 34 times the size of Bordentown City, where our new museum will open in spring 2022.

*Connecting ~ People ~ Wildlife ~ Community ~ Land*

### *Everyday Miracles Preserve Land and Keep it Open*

## **Breaking News... New Contracts Inked to Preserve Close to 600 Acres of Land**

A newly preserved farm, an opportunity to create a public trail, a bird and wildlife habitat saved from development.... These miracles happen when D&R Greenway works alongside landowners, everyday. Along the path to preservation are milestones worthy of celebration. Reaching agreement with a landowner on preservation of land that benefits the whole community is the first milestone. The hours and months—and sometimes years—of discussion culminate in “ink-ing” a contract to purchase land or a conservation easement.

This season, we have entered into contracts to preserve lands that add up to almost 600 acres—enough to make a

big impact on the everyday life of those who live and work in our community. These lands mitigate climate change by protecting trees that store carbon from our atmosphere. They provide clean water by buffering streams from runoff caused by extreme storms. They literally keep our open space open, forever.

Now is a time to celebrate. Farmland, woods and meadows that stay open forever are the gifts to our community. Over the next few months, we will continue our everyday work to obtain surveys, environmental studies and other requirements for public funding...and then, we'll announce the details and celebrate the biggest milestone—permanent preservation! 🍀



“As new owners, my family and I are tremendously grateful to D&R Greenway for their role in preserving the farm nearly 20 years ago. Without D&R Greenway, it is unlikely properties like ours would still exist in our area. D&R Greenway ensures that farms and open space will remain a part of our community in the future.” — Jim and Mary Waskovich, speaking about their preserved land that borders the beautiful Baldwin Lake Wildlife Management Area and the Pennington Loop Trail.



### **Breaking News... Coming Soon: An Announcement You Won't Want to Miss**

All we can say for now is this... It will be worth waiting for! Make sure you are on our email list so that you are the first to know. Send your email address to [info@drgreenway.org](mailto:info@drgreenway.org). Dream big and look for a big announcement soon! 🍀

### **Breaking News... New Stewards of Eased Land Care for Farms and Nature**

For thirty years, D&R Greenway has preserved land by holding easements that prevent subdivision and development and that conserve natural resources.

Recently, we've seen more and more original landowners sell their eased properties to new owners. We take the time to educate these new owners about the special features of their land and what the easement says can and can't be done. This can be time-consuming for our staff when eased landowners want to “improve” their property in ways that impact the property's conservation values. We celebrate when we meet new owners who truly care about conservation, like the Waskovich family. It's our hope that every one of our eased landowners will follow the model they set as good stewards of the land. 🍀





## Breaking News... Birthing a Museum

Renovations and exhibits are well underway at Point Breeze. Exciting discoveries from an archeological dig and landscaping finds are showcased here! Sign up for our email announcements at [info@drgreenway.org](mailto:info@drgreenway.org).



A pottery shard from the 1800's, found in the garden next to the museum-to-be.



A marble rain guard found in the garden by Senator Troy Singleton and volunteers.



Princess Caroline Murat spoke to guests remotely from France at a special reception for Greenway Gala donors on October 23. Princess Caroline is a direct descendant of Joseph and Napoléon Bonaparte's sister—Queen Caroline Bonaparte Murat of Naples. On the left is Prince Joachim Louis Napoléon Murat, head of the Murat family.



Historical objects were discovered near the Gardener's House during an archeological dig led by Dr. Richard Veit at Point Breeze.



Cows enjoy high forage at St. Michaels Farm Preserve.

## Breaking News... Agriculture and Climate

The Climate Project with Soil Carbon Partners has achieved a series of breakthroughs, increasing food production at higher-than-expected rates on fields treated with natural soil amendments as compared to control plots.

Cows are gaining more than twice the normal pounds per day from the high nutrient density of the forage.

With the Arctic heating up at three times the rate of the rest of the planet, and scientists predicting the release of 50 billion tons of this frozen methane as temperatures rise, this Climate Project on our preserved agricultural land is contributing to the science of climate mitigation by linking carbon sequestration and food production.



## Breaking News... D&R Greenway on National Stage

# New Free Audio Tour Celebrates “Women in Conservation”

What do suffragette Marjory Stoneman Douglas of Florida, Nobel Peace Prize recipient Wangari Maathai of Kenya, rancher Story Clark of Wyoming and Princeton University’s Dr. Rosemary Grant have in common? They are all women who have made an impact on conservation of the natural world, and they are featured with 14 remarkable women in D&R Greenway’s new “Women in Conservation” audio tour.

Created on the TravelStorys platform, a free downloadable app for your Smartphone, this tour was chosen as the company’s 200th tour and is receiving national attention. It can be enjoyed remotely, or onsite from your Smartphone using GPS triggered points to play stories as you walk our popular Cedar Ridge Preserve.

The new tour began as a Girl Scout project for a young Princeton, New Jersey resident, Madeleine Freundlich, who assisted

D&R Greenway as an elementary student with creation of our Children’s Discovery Trail on Drakes Corner Road. Winning the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award for creating this tour, Madeleine’s initiative was enhanced by up-and-coming conservation leaders from the Princeton AlumniCorps Project 55 Program, Maria Stahl and Heather Callahan, who both served as yearlong Fellows with D&R Greenway. The three young women’s voices can be heard narrating the tour.

Cedar Ridge, set in 220 Sourland Mountain acres, is accessible from marked parking areas on Stony Brook Road and Van Dyke Road in Hopewell. Your companions on the trail now will be “significant women who have had profound impacts upon local and global landscapes, protecting natural resources in perpetuity.” Local women highlighted include Beverly Mills and Elaine Buck for preserving and highlighting stories of African Americans in



Deb Haaland made history as the first Native American to serve as U.S. Secretary of the Interior. She is a member of the Pueblo of Laguna and a 35th generation New Mexican. She is among the impactful women featured in the new audio tour.

the Sourlands; Sophie Glover, who authored ‘Walking the Trails In and Around Princeton’; Sharyn Magee and Hannah Suthers, who have banded birds in the same location in the Sourlands since 1977, revealing scientific trends; D&R Greenway’s Linda Mead, who has preserved 20,000 acres in two states and contributed to two National Heritage Areas; and, Dr. Rosemary Grant of Princeton University whose research on genetic diversity is important for the conservation of wildlife populations worldwide.

Hear their stories and learn about international women in conservation. First, download the free app TravelStorysGPS, found at the App Store and Google Play Store. Among tours from throughout the United States and several international locations, tours closest to you will appear at the top of the list. Download “Women in Conservation” and be inspired.

The Sharing Garden at St. Michaels Farm contributed 1,125 pounds of produce in the 2021 growing season to The Chubby’s Project, helping those in need of fresh, local food.



## “Jackson’s Place”

You can listen to a story about a young man named Jackson Place and his love of nature in our St. Michaels Farm Preserve TravelStorys audio tour.

From the TravelStorys app, if you’ve already downloaded the St. Michaels Farm Preserve audio tour, you’ll have to delete the older version and then download the revised tour with Jackson’s story.



Jackson’s family pictured with a kiosk next to the “Jackson’s Place” memorial gazebo and bench dedicated on Earth Day 2021. Take a walk and stop by to enjoy a long view of a pollinator field, just below the Charles Evans Overlook.

## Breaking News... Congratulations to our Preservation Partners

Buying land and easements is the primary way D&R Greenway preserves land. Sometimes we assist partners with maps, meetings, negotiations and public funding. We are proud to have supported our friends with preserving the Hopewell Quarry—a swimming hole that has meant much to many for generations.

Katherine Dresdner, counsel for the Friends group that made this happen, shares her excitement, “The Friends of Hopewell Quarry are grateful to D&R Greenway for help throughout the years, and to NJDEP Green Acres and the donors who supported the dream of saving the quarry for public recreation.

“Located on 7.2 acres off Crusher Road in Hopewell Township, an inground children’s pool and a breathtakingly beautiful freshwater spring-fed lake will provide everyone—especially children—with opportunities to experience nature and recreation when we open next year.”

❄️ *Wishing You a Joyful  
Holiday Season!* ❄️

❄️ *Thank you for your  
partnership in preserving  
21,201 acres of land!* ❄️

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## Get Your Unique and Sustainable Eco-Art “Green Way Bag” and Win a Prize

Internationally syndicated cartoonist Patrick McDonnell and his wife Karen approached D&R Greenway with an idea and a clear intention: the creation of a unique Eco-Art bag to raise support and share the message of our mission.

“In my comic strip MUTTS, I try to see the world through the eyes of animals. It is my firm belief that there is nothing more important than saving and preserving the natural world. D&R Greenway is a model for what can be done to keep our planet green,” says Patrick McDonnell, MUTTS creator.

Patrick reached out to fellow D&R Greenway trustee, renowned watercolor artist James Fiorentino, who enthusiastically agreed to add his art to create a one-of-a-kind bag.

“I am thrilled to join Patrick in creating the “Green Way Bag” because it embodies everything that D&R Greenway does for our community, from land

stewardship and preservation to promoting the arts. These unique eco-friendly bags will spread the word about D&R Greenway and bring in new supporters, and reusable bags protect our environment and save wildlife.”

To enjoy your very own bag that includes the names of D&R Greenway preserves and special protected places—some popular and others you will learn about—all you have to do is give a gift to get a gift.

Return the coupon below and make a statement about your love of the land.

Two contest drawings will provide winners with unique gifts that include the “Green Way Bag” with original signatures of both artists, a pillow for your home with James’ artwork, and signed prints by the artists.



(l) Artists Patrick McDonnell and James Fiorentino show their art on the Green Way Bag.

**Special gift:** The donor who responds with the largest donation will meet the artists and get a personalized original signed drawing from Patrick.

Clip and return in the remittance envelope with your donation for a Green Way Bag.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am a return donor, giving an extra \$25 in addition to my Annual Gift for a Green Way Bag.

\_\_\_\_ I am a return donor, giving an extra \$50 in addition to my Annual Gift for a Green Way Bag. Please enter me into a drawing to meet the artists and win a special gift.

\_\_\_\_ This is my first gift to D&R Greenway. I am giving \$25 for a Green Way Bag. Please enter me into a special drawing to win a gift from the artists.



Green Way Bags are lightweight, sustainable and reusable, and tuck into a pocket for easy carrying!