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Building Community

he work that D&R Greenway does—every day—has many benefits. Clean water, places for people and wildlife to live, breathe and recreate, are just a few. A benefit we don't often think about, because it is less physically tangible, is that D&R Greenway's work builds community.

D&R Greenway provides "common ground." This edition of *Greenways* seeks to convey that sense of community that is built through volunteer activities, educational programs and special events that celebrate open space. It recognizes partnerships that accomplish preservation and stewardship, the sum of which is often greater than the individual parts. It tells about the ways that D&R Greenway uses the land we protect to bring people together. We invite you to join us—and consider the many ways that you can get involved.

D&R Greenway and NJ Green Acres Program Announce the First Major Partnership Success In the Program's 50th Anniversary Year

The views across the Cider Mill Road property are as sweeping as the vision it represents. Almost entirely open grassland, the 89-acre site in East Amwell slopes down from a rise as the road makes an S-shaped bend. From this prospect, surrounded by the panorama of the Amwell Valley, meadows flow in waves southward toward the horizon, lapping up against the long forested ridge of the Sourland Mountain.

The simple beauty belies the complexity of the preservation effort led by D&R Greenway.

"We couldn't have acquired the site without the tremendous cooperation of our public and private partners," said Linda Mead, President & CEO of D&R Greenway Land Trust. "Land is so expensive in our region that we can't do it alone. It takes a community of funders to achieve the desired result." The acquisition cost was \$2,054,000. D&R Greenway facilitated the complex transaction by securing a contract with the landowner, Bryce Thompson, and putting the funding partnership together to achieve everyone's goals.

The State of New Jersey provided funds through three different sources to help preserve this property that is of statewide importance. NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin shared, "This year is the New Jersey Green Acres Program's 50th anniversary year and it is nice to kick off Continued on page 2

Land Preservation Update

Since our founding in 1989, D&R
Greenway Land Trust has preserved
237 properties valued at \$328,794,211.
These properties encompass 14,968
acres—the equivalent of 23.4 square
miles—an area 63 times larger
than the 237-acre Lake Carnegie in
Princeton. D&R Greenway is responsible for the perpetual stewardship
and management of the 53 properties
we own and for monitoring 52 properties we protect by conservation and
farmland easements.

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The vast grassfields of Cider Mill, looking toward the Sourlands Ridge. (Photo: J. Watson)

Cider Mill

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the celebration of this milestone with preservation of a property that has the high quality of the Cider Mill Preserve. D&R Greenway Land Trust was the first land conservancy to close a project with Green Acres nonprofit grant funding in 1991, and now they have led the first major preservation partnership success in our 50th year in business."

NJ Green Acres 'Local' grant funding and direct 'State Land Acquisition' Funding was used on this project as well as New Jersey's Natural Resource Damages Fund (NRDF). The NRDF is funded by damages paid to NJDEP by polluters. These monies are used to preserve or restore lands that protect and improve groundwater recharge.

The State Division of Fish and Wildlife will be part owners and co-managers of the property with D&R Greenway. "The Division of Fish and Wildlife have been outstanding partners in helping to bring the State funding to the table and in providing excellent management guidance as we strive to enhance the habitat values," Linda Mead said. "They really went out of their way to help make this project happen and it made a difference."

In addition to the State funds, Conservation Resources Inc. (CRI) granted monies drawn from a dedicated grasslands preservation fund of the Doris Duke Foundation through the Raritan Piedmont Wildlife Habitat Project initiated by NJ Audubon and Duke Farms. CRI is a nonprofit organization that acts as an intermediary to connect funding sources with New Jersey conservation and stewardship projects.

Hunterdon County provided funds through their County Nonprofit Grant Program to D&R Greenway for the acquisition. East Amwell Township utilized funding from their Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant to help make this acquisition happen—recognizing the value of preserving this land as farmland and critical habitat in their community.

Putting all these pieces together in time for a year-end closing was "a bit of a miracle," notes Ms. Mead. Still, one critical piece of the puzzle remained. Some of the funds that were pledged would not be available to be disbursed in time for the closing. So D&R Greenway turned to the Open Space Institute (OSI), a nonprofit conservation organization based in New York. Through its Conservation Finance Program, OSI made a short-term "bridge" loan to D&R Greenway, which will be paid back as the grant funds are received.



Morning haze over Cider Mill. (Photo: J. Watson)

Value of Preservation: Habitat and Community Benefits

Why were so many organizations so eager to participate in the purchase of the Cider Mill property? First and foremost because, notes Bill Rawlyk, D&R Greenway's Director of Land Preservation and Naturalist, "The site is of critical ecological importance in order to maintain and enhance habitat for threatened grassland birds." D&R Greenway was alerted to the importance of the site several years ago by neighbors and partners in Hunterdon County. Bill shares, "The first time I ever visited the Cider Mill location I saw no less than five Northern Harriers hunting over the fields while a Kestrel hovered overhead. I knew then that it was an exceptional site." Not only is the property planted with grasses, but it is surrounded by hundreds of acres of preserved open space and farmland that provide extensive grassland habitat. The more grassland there is in the same area, the more valuable each site is as habitat, providing more (and more diverse) food, cover and nesting sites. Large tracts of grasslands provide habitat for species that simply can't tolerate smaller acreages.

Grasslands (also called meadows) are a unique "early successional" habitat. Grasses, along with sun-loving wildflowers, are among the first to colonize and dominate disturbed soil. Without regular disturbance such as mowing or fire, grasslands will turn into forest, as shrubs and then trees take over the site.

Historically, grasslands in New Jersey were created and maintained by fire or flood; Native Americans maintained meadows by setting fires. After European settlement and the spread of farming, grasslands in the region actually increased as forests were cleared and fields were mowed regularly. Hayfields and pastures supplied the habitat formerly provided by native grassy meadows, albeit less

robustly. But with the decline of farming and increase in development, New Jersey grasslands began disappearing. With their habitat vanishing, birds dependent on grasslands are vulnerable to extirpation.

One such species, the American kestrel, has been documented breeding on the Cider Mill property; other possible breeding species include the bobolink (a species on the state's "threatened" list) and Eastern meadowlark. Short-eared owls and Northern harriers (both state-endangered) are documented winter residents on the site. Other grassland birds that thrive in New Jersey grasslands include Savannah sparrow, vesper sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, and bobwhite quail.

D&R Greenway will introduce "cutting edge grasslands stewardship" to Cider Mill, comments Linda Mead. Unlike the traditional "either/or" approach, the meadows will be managed both to provide habitat and to generate economically valuable grassland crops. "We'll enable creative new approaches to manage land for multiple purposes, producing agricultural benefits in ways that are consistent with—and even enhance—conservation values."

"It's like a seascape," says Jay Watson, D&R Greenway's Vice President, describing the property. "And every day in every season it looks beautiful in a different way, with the changing light on the fields and the endless skies. I've rarely been on Cider Mill Road when there hasn't been someone out walking, running, or riding a bike," Jay says. "It's a recreational vortex." And no wonder. With its endless vistas, quiet roads and abundant wildlife, the Cider Mill property draws people in to enjoy its pastoral pleasures.

Thanks to the efforts of D&R Greenway and our many supporters, and to the NJ Green Acres Program, the Cider Mill Preserve will continue to be a treasured place in the community, forever. Written by Susan Charkes

The Taplin Circle

Frank Taplin was a well-known and respected philanthropist who championed the cause of land preservation. His vision and leadership resulted in the permanent protection of two signature Princeton landscapes, the Institute Woods and Coventry Farm.

In 2004, D&R Greenway Land Trust honored Frank Taplin's memory and his wife Peg's continuing support of land preservation by creating the Taplin Circle, to recognize individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more annually to support D&R Greenway's critical work. Members of the Taplin Circle share Frank's commitment to preserving the land, the historic character and the natural resources of central New Jersey.

All members of the Taplin Circle are invited to a special reception annually where they hear first-hand about the accomplishments that their support makes possible, and learn about upcoming projects before they are publicly announced.

Taplin Circle members who have made a multi-year pledge are listed here at their most recent pledge payment level. Multi-year pledges in effect in 2010 are noted below. Foundation gifts are recognized on page 6.

We express our deepest thanks and appreciation to the members of the Taplin Circle for their leadership in supporting the work of D&R Greenway Land Trust.

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Seeding Nature:

Unique Grant Supports Partnership between D&R Greenway and New York City Parks

I ow far can native seeds travel? As far as the winds of land stewardship can take them! Next summer, six acres of colorful wildflowers and native grasses will flourish on the St. Michaels Farm Preserve thanks to a unique partnership. Localgenotype seed will be produced to initially restore ecological habitats in New York City parklands, and ultimately to expand the availability of native seed throughout New Jersey and metropolitan New York.

The federal Natural Resources
Conservation Service (NRCS) has awarded a Conservation Innovation Grant to
D&R Greenway to create a Bulk Native
Seed Production model over the next
three years. A matching gift from the
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, through
its corporate giving program and seed
money from Conservation Resources, Inc.
make this innovative project possible. The
initiative was the only New Jersey project
funded by NRCS in 2010.

"At Bristol-Myers Squibb, we take our commitment to economic, social and environmental sustainability seriously," says Frederick J. Egenolf, Director of Community Affairs for Bristol-Myers Squibb. "By working with D&R Greenway Land Trust and other community partners on projects such as the native seed nursery and the acquisition of Carson Road Woods and the St. Michaels property, for example, we are helping improve the quality of life and protect the environment in the communities where our employees live and work."

The model native seed project perpetuates the agricultural heritage of Hopewell Valley to serve the needs of the 21st century. The St. Michaels Farm Preserve property has remained largely undisturbed over the 300 years since Hopewell was settled. Supported by a wide coalition of local communities, private contributors, and state and county government, D&R Greenway led the preservation of the 340-acre property, completed in January 2010. Preservation was not an endpoint, but the start of opportunities for innovative stewardship approaches that will benefit the entire region.

D&R Greenway has undertaken this one-of-a kind project in partnership with the Greenbelt Native Plant Center, a division of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. Greenbelt is supplying the local founder plants that will be used to "seed" this project, and will advise the growing project throughout its infancy. Thirteen species of native plants will be grown, including wildflowers such as New England aster and Joe Pye weed, and native grasses such as Indian grass and Broom sedge.

The project is an innovative blend of agricultural and conservation techniques. The bulk seed production fields will utilize organic farming methods, and will enhance soil tilth, increase rainwater infiltration, and support a diverse guild of native pollinators. The growing fields



will produce seed for a blended native seed meadow mix that is genetically appropriate to the region. This pilot project will produce the only native plant seed mix derived from ecotypes local to New Jersey and metropolitan New York. Local ecotypes of native species are the most successfully adapted to conditions within their region.

The project will propagate knowledge as well as seeds. Through a series of field days, New Jersey growers will learn the best techniques for growing native seed. The project will produce a Manual for Bulk Native Seed Production in New Jersey and the Mid-Atlantic Region.

NYC Parks offers a ready-market for the high-quality seed that will be produced. Some of the native seed will be used to help transform the 2,200-acre Fresh Kills Landfill on Staten Island into a park over the next 20-30 years.

In addition to supporting NYC Parks' projects, D&R Greenway will establish local and regional markets for native seeds. Someday soon you will be able to grow wildflowers on your own property with native seed grown at St. Michaels—making this new D&R Greenway preserve truly a "seed" for growing community through the land.

Photographs: NYC Parks, Greenbelt Native Plant Center



St. Michaels Farm Preserve will support a Visionary Community Farm

A community is a network of relationships. What binds a community together is the sense that each of us has a part to play, that we matter to the larger whole, and that we depend on each other for our fundamental needs. Land is integral to sustaining a community; it's a nexus for nourishing vital relationships.

Hopewell Township's Jon McConaughy sees his role in the community as developing a local food network. D&R Greenway's St. Michaels Farm Preserve will be a critical element. Jon says, "We have to get back to creating that communal bond that's been lost along the way. St. Michaels is a key part of what we're doing. It's a center for the community."



Cows attract curious visitors during the St. Michaels Celebration, June 2010. (Photo: R. Goldman)

The St. Michaels Farm Preserve was preserved in 2010 through a concerted effort by the Hopewell Valley community. Over 900 individuals and local businesses donated to the campaign. D&R Greenway spearheaded the preservation initiative and, along with partners, purchased the property.

Jon is creating a sustainable, organic farm, as well as a market to supply the farm's products to the community and a "vertically integrated" farm-to-table restaurant that will have 90% of its needs supplied locally, most by the farm itself.

His remarkable vision begins with the land. Double Brook Farm, headquartered close to St. Michaels on Long Hill Way, will farm 500 owned and leased acres where Jon will grow fruits and vegetables, pasture livestock, operate a dairy, and eventually raise grain.

Double Brook will be a "zero-input" farm, meaning that the farm itself will supply its own needs. All the animals (beef and dairy cows, sheep, goats, pigs,

chickens, turkeys) will be born and raised on the farm. Plants will (eventually) be grown from collected seeds. Manure from the animals will provide the fertilizer. By using cover cropping and other management practices, no pesticides will be needed. Fuel for machines will be biodiesel, generated from farm-grown plants, and renewable sources such as wind or solar power will supply other energy needs.

Beginning in summer 2011, Double Brook will lease 83 acres of the 340-acre St. Michaels Farm Preserve from D&R Greenway to pasture cows and sheep, and another 10 acres to grow hay for the animals to eat in winter.

Jon says, "I'm glad to be working with

D&R Greenway because they're innovators. Land should be preserved for the people of the community to use and enjoy. D&R Greenway folks are thought leaders in making that happen."

Leasing St. Michaels fields to Double Brook "builds on the past to achieve a visionary future for land stewardship," comments Linda Mead, D&R Greenway President & CEO. "That vision is of a model for sustainable, communitycentered farming on land that

simultaneously supports wildlife habitat."

St. Michaels has a long agricultural heritage, but more traditional farming practices of the past have had negative impacts on the land. Working with Jon, D&R Greenway will enhance the property to provide habitat for grassland and shrub-scrub bird species. Bill Rawlyk, D&R Greenway's Director of

Land Preservation, explains, "We're changing from intensive row crop agriculture to stable habitat conditions of long term untilled hayfields and pastures. We're also restoring the stream floodplain with native shrubs, and planting buffer strips of native warm season grasses along streams and field edges." Invasive plants will be removed; native fruit trees planted.

Jon will be leaving a 20year career in international

banking in March to devote himself full time to the farm. While he "always wanted to be a farmer," the expertise he brings to the operation is not traditional farming but how to build effective groups. Double Brook will have about 60 employees including a cheesemaker, baker, butcher, and farm manager. The farm will be a small community in itself. Employees will have ownership interests in the company. The organization will be "laterally integrated." As he explains, "There will be a tight web of relationships. For example, the market manager will work with the farm manager to get the right mix of vegetables to the store."

A large part of Double Brook's mission is educating the community, nurturing the connection between people and land. "We'll invite people to the farm so they can understand where their food comes from and how it's produced," says Jon. Paths with interpretive signage will provide access to fields, orchards and berry patches.

The farm is inherently tied to the community. According to Jon, "If the farm's capabilities grow beyond the community's needs, we'll recreate it elsewhere, rather than expand. It will be a model for other communities."

Expanding the farm wouldn't work, because it would be detached from those relationships—among people, animals, and plants—that create a larger community "whole." These are not abstract relationships. They rest on the limits and the capabilities of the land itself. Stewardship of land to feed a community is a vision of the future built on the preservation of relationships that endure.

Written by Susan Charkes



Sheep like these will become part of the new landscape at the St. Michaels Farm Preserve.

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e are especially grateful to our **Business Partners in Preservation** who share their resources to support our mission. These local businesses and corporations clearly demonstrate their appreciation for the natural lands, farms

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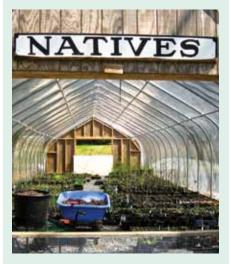
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&R Greenway volunteers make an important contribution to our work in a variety of ways.

In 2010, our Native Plant Nursery volunteers planted and cared for close to 10,000 native plants. These trees, shrubs, ferns, grasses and wildflowers are being used to restore native landscapes on D&R Greenway preserves, on public lands such as D&R Canal State Park and in our supporters' own landscapes.

Our New Jersey Trails volunteers cleared many miles of trails that contribute to a greenway network throughout our region. They collect information in the field to support the maps and field guides that D&R Greenway makes available on www.njtrails.org. Led by D&R Greenway Board Chair Alan Hershey, volunteers from age 16 to 70+ move boulders, forge through brush and build charming pedestrian bridges to create special places for people to connect with the land.

D&R Greenway preserves require careful tending to remove

invasive species, restore habitats and maintain trails among other tasks. Our Stewardship volunteers multiply the work of our interns and staff, enjoying the community spirit of volunteering together as they ensure that this important work gets done. The next time you enjoy a D&R Greenway preserve, think about all of the volunteer efforts that go into caring for the land.

Willing Hands are a community of volunteers that support special events, art openings and educational programs at the Johnson Education Center and in the community. They ensure that our supporters receive mailings about D&R Greenway's mission and activities, and make the work of a small staff lighter by their involvement.

D&R Greenway especially thanks each of our volunteers for their unique partnership in our mission. To become a volunteer, please call Carolyn Edelmann at 609-924-4646 or visit our website, www.drgreenway.org.

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NJ Trails volunteers contemplate strategic placement of boulders to create steps along a trail.

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Building Community on the Foundation of a Solid Vision

Taking the helm, Alan Hershey builds on the successes achieved over the past six years under retiring Chair Rich Goldman

In the fenced-in vegetable plot in his Pennington backyard, Alan Hershey grows tomatoes from seed. He and his wife, Phyllis Frakt, start far more seedlings than they need and share the bounty with friends and colleagues.

"It's very gratifying, because I encourage people to grow fresh vegetables and herbs and see the satisfaction that they get from the results. It's like seeding the future of our region through the many preservation accomplishments of D&R Greenway, ensuring that the community will benefit from our focused work," says Alan.

It's this kind of vision and generosity that drives him as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees of D&R Greenway.

A senior fellow at Mathematica Policy Research, Alan has big shoes to fill at D&R Greenway. His predecessor, Richard S. Goldman, Esq. is not one to be daunted by a major blizzard—or by any other challenge. A real estate attorney at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Rich is known for his creative approach and ability to solve complicated real estate challenges. "During his six years as Chair he has generously devoted himself to leading D&R Greenway through one of our most significant periods of accomplishment and growth," says President & CEO Linda Mead. "He has given his time and expertise pro bono to work on the nuts and bolts of acquisitions. He was the attorney for our first land purchase in 1991

when he joined the Board of Trustees, and has been our pro bono lawyer on 203 of our 237 land transactions since."

"He is an incredible strategic thinker who sees the bigger picture of preservation," she continues. "He has taken us through some extraordinary milestones."

During his tenure nearly 7,000 acres were permanently protected, including the 340acre St. Michaels

Farm Preserve in Hopewell, the 2,000 acre Seabrook Farms in South Jersey now under agricultural easements with the State Agriculture Development Committee, and D&R Greenway's latest acquisition—the Cider Mill Preserve in East Amwell, a habitat for threatened grassland birds. Twenty miles of trails were blazed on D&R Greenway preserves over the past six years, making the natural world accessible to the public. D&R Greenway's Native Plant Nursery was established under Rich's tenure, growing over 10,000 indigenous

plants in 2010, 100 different species that will be used to restore the native landscape. Significantly, Rich oversaw the design, construction and move into D&R Greenway's Johnson **Education Center** in Princeton, a nonprofit meeting hub in central New Jersey that has achieved statewide recognition for its conservation programs and nature-themed art gallery.



Trustee Eleanor Horne, "Pro Bono Man" Rich Goldman, President Linda Mead, and incoming Chair Alan Hershey gather to honor Rich for his leadership and countless hours of support in closing 203 of D&R Greenway's land preservation transactions.

Highlights of Rich's last year as Chair in 2010 included dedication of the Charles Evans Overlook, a destination spot where visitors to the St. Michaels Farm Preserve can enjoy the panoramic vista, and dedication of the Scott and Hella McVay Poetry Trail in Greenway Meadows park in Princeton.

"That was an incredible day," says Rich, who was an art major before going to law school. "Seeing the connection between poetry, music, the arts and nature was very moving."

From the beginning, Rich didn't want D&R Greenway to be stymied by thinking too small. And so he helped grow the focus toward a regional master plan of open space and greenways, with "maps to help target and identify land resources and important waterways, as well as areas of habitat for grassland birds, and farm land that could be integrated with natural environments," says Rich, who loves to be outdoors, whether gardening, taking photographs in the woods, or walking along the canal with his wife, Cheryl.

With Rich's guidance, the D&R Greenway Vision Map was established, indicating 13 greenways envisioned for central New Jersey and an emerging greenway in Salem County. The goal is to not only permanently protect lands but create unbroken corridors of preservation.

Rich gives credit for the organization's success "to Linda and the staff, to the



(Back row) Rich Goldman, then executive director Maude Backes, and trustee Bob Johnston assist (front row) Dr. & Dr. Wilson in preservation of their land along the D&R Canal, 1993.

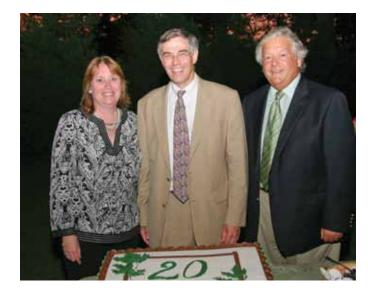
community that believes strongly in land preservation, and to the landowners who have become our best spokespersons because they are happy with the outcome. We find that when we preserve a property, the neighbors in the area reach out to us.'

"Some government agencies protect land by regulation and environmental laws," continues Rich. "They achieve the purpose of preservation but landowners are unhappy because they feel that the land was taken from them. We pay for it and treat the owner fairly, so the landowner becomes a partner with us and often continues to support D&R Greenway's mission by spreading the word."

He is grateful for "a board of trustees that is a spectacular group of people. They are dedicated, never negative and work together smoothly toward common goals."

preservation of lands that fill gaps in the vision map, one area he seeks to focus on is stewardship. After completing the hard work of preserving the land, the next challenge follows: restoring habitats, and making the protected land accessible with public trails.

"The more land we preserve, the more stewardship we need to do," says Alan. In his spare time,



President Linda Mead, Representative Rush Holt and Chair Rich Goldman at D&R Greenway's 20th Anniversary celebration, 2009.

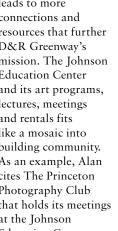
Alan oversees a trail-building crew of more than 100 volunteers, ranging in age from 16 to 70+, working every weekend May to September, building bridges and stone steps with hand tools. People serve for all kinds of reasons, he says—to keep in shape, to do community service, or just because they love to be outdoors. "People have such a good time, they are

leads to more connections and resources that further D&R Greenway's mission. The Johnson **Education Center** and its art programs, lectures, meetings and rentals fits like a mosaic into building community. As an example, Alan cites The Princeton Photography Club that holds its meetings at the Johnson Education Center. They have partnered

with D&R Greenway on an art exhibit that looked at then and now photographs of lands around central New Jersey, and this year will co-sponsor a youth photography contest that will encourage high school students to experience nature through photography. More ideas are in the works.

"D&R Greenway is in effect a community that works on improving community," he continues. "We're successful because the board, staff and volunteers are a family, viewed by the community as a trusted neighbor. We want to continue to cultivate that so landowners look to us when thinking about the future of their land, and the community will look to us as an organization that serves an important public interest that enhances their lives." Written by Ilene Dube

eager to volunteer," says Alan. This service, in turn, builds community, and





Alan Hershey and volunteer Lynn Ebeling work together to build a pedestrian bridge on a D&R Greenway Preserve.



Dr. Nupur Lahiri at the dedication of the Scott and Hella McVay Poetry Trail in Greenway Meadows park.

who has served with D&R Greenway from its earliest days. As treasurer for more than a decade, he created a systematic structure for budgeting and managing finances, so that the annual budget would be rooted in the activities undertaken. Additionally, he helped the organiza-

One of those board members is Alan,

tion promote access to trails, starting a website, www.njtrails.org, that provides maps and information on places where people can walk and enjoy nature.

Alan's number one priority as Chair is to build support to ensure the long-term stability of D&R Greenway's work. "By growing our resources through funds, volunteers and community, we can broaden and step up activity to do bigger and better things."

In addition to furthering the permanent

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Artwork from Species on the Edge, by Cindy Song, displayed in D&R Greenway's Olivia Rainbow Gallery, 2010.

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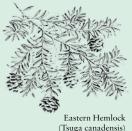
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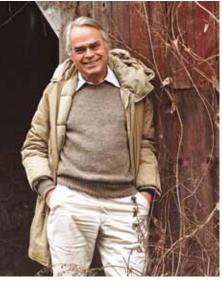
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A magnificent view can be enjoyed by all visitors to the Charles Evans Overlook, open to the public. (Photo: J. Watson)



Plein-air art created during a Paint-Out at the St. Michaels Farm Preserve was on display for the community celebration, June 2010. (Photo: J. Watson)

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The Natural Leaders group, a collection of young teachers from across the country that are part of the Children & Nature Network, join D&R Greenway's Jared Rosenbaum to assist with design of an educational trail on lands owned by D&R Greenway across Rosedale Road from our Johnson Education Center, August 2010.

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Trustees John Rassweiler and Ted Thomas arrive with other guests at D&R Greenway's Down-to-Earth Ball, hosted by Jon and Robin McConaughy on their farm, April 2010

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A special thank you to our community of D&R Greenway trustees for an exceptional year of giving in 2010, including annual, special, and planned gifts. Collectively our trustees reached a new milestone in their support of the organization, showing that their leadership and love of the land go hand-in-hand with their confidence in the work of D&R Greenway, now and in the future.



A special showing of the Oh Freedom! Exhibit celebrating the role of blacks in the American Revolution, was displayed at the Johnson Education Center along with information on Revolutionary-era lands preserved by D&R Greenway, December 2010.

Lands Preserved in 2010

Thanks to the help of all of our partners and supporters, D&R Greenway was instrumental in the permanent protection of twelve individual properties totaling 800 acres in 2010. These lands were collectively valued at \$19,537,943. Through bargain sales from landowners, partner funding from state, county, and local governments and other nonprofit organizations, and with the help of private donations from D&R Greenway supporters, these lands will stay in conservation, open space, and farmland now and forevermore.

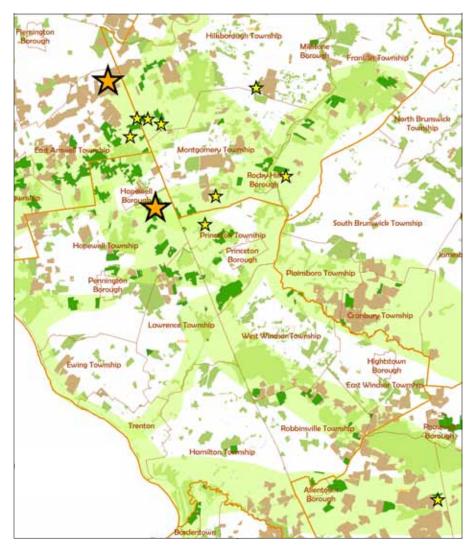
The lands protected in 2010 fall into three categories: *community lands*, *conservation lands*, *and partnership acquisitions*.

The St. Michaels Farm Preserve is an example of *community land*, protected by and for the community. Preservation of the historic agricultural landscape on the edge of the borough of Hopewell, use of the land to sustain local food production, and the creation of walking trails, are but a few of the many benefits generated by permanent protection of this 340+-acre landscape. Protecting this property as a community resource means an ongoing commitment on the part of D&R Greenway to actively manage this site for agricultural and community uses.

Other examples of community lands include the parcels that D&R Greenway is adding to two Princeton Township parks, Woodfield Reservation, and Herrontown Woods. A small 5-acre parcel in Franklin Township, Somerset County, provided a critical missing link in an expanding greenway that connects to the D&R Canal State Park, providing new opportunities for hikers in this wooded area of our landscape.

The Cider Mill Preserve and Maple Lane Farm in Hillsborough are both examples of *conservation lands*. These two parcels, together totaling 146 acres, provide important grassland bird habitat for threatened species. D&R Greenway's stewardship staff will care for these lands, protected in partnership with others including the New Jersey Green Acres Program and State Division of Fish & Wildlife, and Conservation Resources, Inc. These lands will serve as demonstration sites to show how lands can be managed for conservation goals while retaining their important farmland values.

D&R Greenway has amassed a critical inventory of lands of all types—farmland,



D&R Greenway's Vision Map with stars showing the 12 properties protected under D&R Greenway's leadership in 2010, with the largest two stars indicating the two properties featured in this newsletter—Cider Mill and the St. Michaels Farm Preserve.

woodland habitat, stream valleys, and meadows. We are more actively engaged than ever before in managing these lands for conservation values and to serve as demonstrations to others. This involves inventorying the lands to enable protection of rare and endangered species, restoring native habitats, overseeing farmland uses, and building trails where appropriate to allow the public to enjoy these preserved lands.

A core tenet of D&R Greenway is to accomplish preservation through partnership. In some cases, this means that we provide expertise, guidance, and leadership to enable preservation, though we do not become an owner or manager of the land. Hollystone Farm is an example of a *partnership acquisition* that created a 121-acre permanent preserve that is now

owned and managed jointly by the State of New Jersey, Mercer County, Hopewell Township, and Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space. Across from Baldpate Mountain, it connects to the D&R Canal State Park and is near Washington Crossing State Park. Another example of this type of preservation is found in two wooded parcels located in the Sourlands, collectively 60 acres, that we facilitated into permanent protection with Somerset County Parks.

Altogether, these lands create a mosaic of greenways that connect throughout central New Jersey, providing important benefits to people and wildlife. Our supporters enable our staff to do this work. We are grateful for their part in the greater community of those who love the land.

Join the D&R Greenway Community at the Johnson Education Center

New Art Exhibit Opening

Born of Wonder: Childhood and Nature

In Tribute to Charles Evans

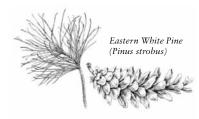
Marie L. Matthews Gallery, April 4-July 15, 2011 Opening reception: Friday, April 8, 2011, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"Children are born with a sense of wonder and an affinity for Nature. Properly cultivated, these values can mature into ecological literacy, and eventually into sustainable patterns of living." - Zenobia Barlow, Founder, Center for Ecoliteracy

Delighting children and adults alike, art will be the canvas that provides opportunity for learning about the connections of art, nature, and preservation. Visual and poetic expression and depictions of children experiencing the land will evoke a youthful exploration of nature.

In some gallery rooms you will be encouraged to touch the work, in others to celebrate the vivid memories of childhood. This exhibit is a tribute to Charles Evans, a visionary who believed in the value of preserving land for future generations—including his own granddaughter, Charle Lily





The Craft of Transforming Natural Materials into Art

Sunday, May 15, 2011, 2-3:30 p.m. Family-Friendly

Three talented artists will describe the process of art-making from training, to method, to materials, to the finished piece. Steven Ferrari works with local stone to create abstract statues with metal inlay, Jonathan Yianilos manipulates fallen trees into experimental sculpture, and Jessi Reel is a professional portraitist who studied traditional oil painting at Stanford University. This program is designed to inspire the young and the young-at-heart!

Poetic Nature: Coleman Barks on Rumi

Friday, April 15, 2011

Walk the Scott & Hella McVay Poetry Trail with world-renown Rumi translator Coleman Barks, 4:30-6 p.m. Welcoming Reception and Book Signing, 6-7 p.m.

Evening Reading, 7-8 p.m.

Help us celebrate publication of *The Big Red Book: The Great Masterpiece Celebrating* Mystical Love & Friendship.

Coleman Barks, renowned translator and poet, will read from his translation of the work of Rumi, the medieval Sufi mystic who also happens to be the bestselling poet in America. Mr. Barks was featured on two PBS specials from the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, "The Language of Life" and "Fooling with Words."

Reading with Barks at the D&R Greenway Land Trust will be Lisa Starr, Poet Laureate of Rhode Island for the second time. This promises to be an evening you won't forget. You may join us for the walk, the talk, or the entire evening.



(Impatiens capensis)



Greenway Walks

Sponsored by The Edward T. Cone Foundation

The Sourlands Ecosystem Preserve, Saturday, May 7, 2011, 9-11 a.m. Family-Friendly

Join D&R Greenway's Director of Stewardship Jim Amon to experience spring bird migration at D&R Greenway's Sourlands Ecosystem Preserve. Bring your binoculars to see returning birds such as scarlet tanager, Baltimore orioles and hooded and Kentucky warblers who have come back from the Yucatan to start their families in the Sourlands ecosystem. This is a rejuvenating time to enjoy the forest as it comes back to life with spring wildflowers and Maple-leaf viburnums. You'll enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of spring!

This is a wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day with your children and grandchildren, enjoying the rebirth of the natural world as spring arrives!

Call D&R Greenway at 609-924-4646 to learn more and save your place.





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Friday evening, May 6, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

oin us for a casual and fun evening with good food, music and dancing!—all co-chaired by Sundi Culbertson and Robin McConaughy, and hosted by Avril and Diana Moore in the Historic Barn at Tusculum (the Princeton home of Declaration of Independence signer John Witherspoon).

All proceeds benefit the land preservation and stewardship mission of D&R Greenway.

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