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20 Years

1 Square Miles of Preserved Land

Land Preservation Update

Since our founding in 1989, D&R Greenway Land Trust has led the preservation of 207 properties, valued at \$282,880,014 and encompassing 12,985 acres; the equivalent of 20.2 square miles.



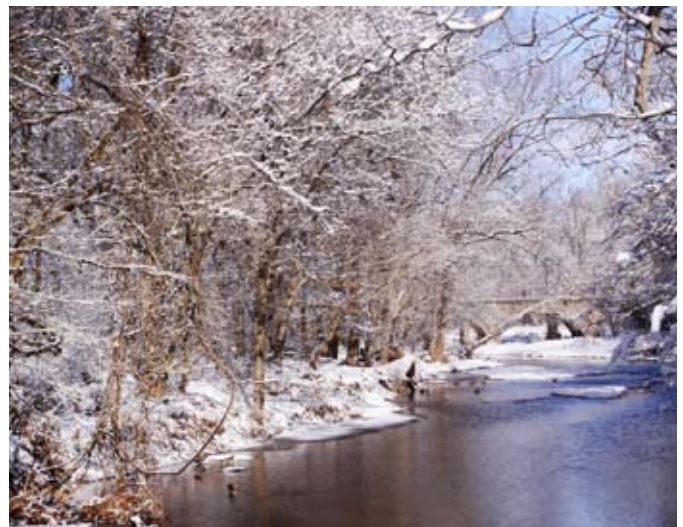
Spring in the Sourlands. The perched wetlands seen here are characteristic of the region and supply the headwaters of the streams and waterways in our region.



The Institute Lands in Summer. The woodlands in the background include a virgin beech forest and miles of beautiful walking trails.



Autumn in Princeton. The beech and oak forest on the Buck Preserve. Deer enclosures and invasive species management practices are helping to restore the native understory.



Snow on the Stony Brook. D&R Greenway was founded in part to preserve lands along the Stony Brook Greenway. Continuing to preserve these lands remains a priority today.

Celebrate!

20 Years and 20 Square Miles of Preserved Land

By Linda J. Mead, Executive Director, D&R Greenway Land Trust

How do I feel about D&R Greenway today? It is one of my proudest achievements. I continue to be dedicated to the goals and efforts of this extraordinary organization and its enlightened leadership.

— Rosemary Miles Blair
Founder and Trustee

Over the past twenty years, D&R Greenway has grown from a volunteer grassroots organization into one of the most recognized land trusts in New Jersey. What has remained the same is our mission. From our first temporary office at 621 Alexander Road to our permanent home at the Johnson Education Center, D&R Greenway's core tenet has been to preserve and protect the land.

You, our supporters, have made this possible. As we celebrate 20 square miles — nearly 13,000 acres — of preserved land, we remember the milestones that have made a difference in the lives of those that live in our communities.

Beginnings

The seed of what would become D&R Greenway Land Trust was planted in 1987 when a group of concerned individuals — Jim Amon, Rosemary Blair, Sam Hamill, Bob Johnston, Donald B. Jones, C. McKim Norton, and several others — came together to discuss the need for a land trust in central New Jersey.

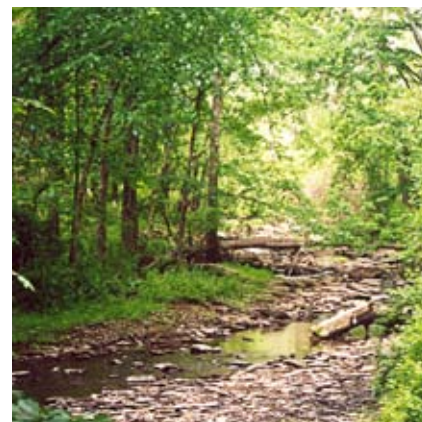
These visionaries represented a partnership of organizations — the D&R Canal Commission, Delaware Canal Watch, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, Friends of Princeton Open Space, MSM (now PlanSmart New Jersey) — all of whom recognized the need for a nonprofit organization that would focus on preserving land in a gap area that was not being addressed by other organizations in the state.

One of their first calls was to Dennis Davidson, then director of the New

Jersey Green Acres Program. Dennis had seen this before — good intentions partnered with concern for the local environment. The test for whether this group would become an active player in saving land was provided in Dennis' challenge: come to the next meeting having achieved something that will launch this new organization. Dennis tells the story now of his amazement when, one-by-one, each person reported on their accomplishment — seed money from the Friends of Princeton Open Space, a newspaper article published about the fledgling effort, a home for the new organization at the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed. From its very beginning, D&R Greenway was off and running — a “can-do” organization.

Founder Sam Hamill recalls, “Some of the critical contributors who made a difference in the early days were David McAlpin, Lee Bullitt, Richard Forman and Kim Norton. Jim Sayen proposed that 40% of Princeton should be protected as open space, and we adopted that principle for the region.” Sam continues, “A turning point came when Bill Swain joined our Board and showed us how to get a (land) deal done. Alan Hershey (now our vice-chair) contributed his knowledge of how to run an organization and manage the finances.”

D&R Greenway received its individual nonprofit status in 1989, and protected its first property. The Hamill



The Hamill Preserve along the Shipetaukin Creek in Lawrence Township — the first property preserved by D&R Greenway.

family donated a conservation easement on 38 acres of their family lands in Lawrence Township, located on the Shipetaukin Creek.

Another of D&R Greenway's earliest easements was donated by Walter and Dorothy Fullam, protecting the 81-acre Cedar Ridge Preserve. This easement subsequently became a fee acquisition when D&R Greenway purchased all of the land from the Fullams' son, Francis. Now a signature preserve, Cedar Ridge is a mosaic of grassland bird habitat, wildflower meadow and forest punctuated by an historic stone wall.

Recently, D&R Greenway founder Jim Amon met a man who had grown



Historic stone wall on D&R Greenway's Cedar Ridge Preserve in Hopewell, protected by Dorothy and Walter Fullam in 1992.



Headwaters of the Stony Brook on D&R Greenway's Northern Stony Brook Preserve. D&R Greenway was the first land trust to complete an acquisition with a NJDEP Green Acres grant, after the non-profit program was established. The result was the preservation of this property.



Trail head at one of our Sourlands preserves invites walkers into the woods, where they can enjoy the songbirds and wildflowers that thrive in this beautiful forest.

up in the house next to the Cedar Ridge Preserve. The man told of having regularly visited this land as a young boy, and how he and a friend would sit on the stone wall and envision their future as they looked across the pastures and into the Hopewell Valley. This tale inspired Jim to gather a large group of volunteers to rebuild the remnants of the historic wall this spring. Jim reflects, "Nothing would please me more than to think that people of all ages would come again to this lovely preserve, sit on a stone wall and let their thoughts flow across the landscape."

The First of Many Firsts

In 1991, the New Jersey Green Acres Program established its nonprofit grant program. Dennis Davidson describes the vision behind the program, "The State looked to nonprofits to bring three things to the table: a working

knowledge of local lands and landowners, a willingness to manage protected properties, and the ability to add private dollars to leverage state funds. D&R Greenway surpassed our expectations in all three of these areas."

In 1992, D&R Greenway became the first nonprofit in the State to acquire land with a Green Acres non-profit grant, the 180-acre McBurney Woods in East Amwell. This was the first of our Sourland preserves and home to the headwaters of the Stony Brook.

Over the years, this first Sourlands acquisition has grown to encompass 93 properties and nearly 5,000 acres.

In 2004, with strategic guidance from then Board Chair Chuck Hartman, D&R Greenway reached another Sourlands milestone by establishing the first-ever international sister land trust partnership with Amigos de Calakmul in Mexico and with Asociación de Reservas Naturales Privadas de

Guatemala. These sister groups protect winter habitat for the birds that live and breed in the summer the Sourland Mountains. On April 25, 2006 the *New York Times* reported on this innovative partnership. In the article, Robert Aldrich, a spokesperson for the national Land Trust Alliance, commented that the Land Trust Alliance knew of no other partnerships between United States and foreign land trusts.

Protecting the lands that support clean and abundant drinking water for our region was, at our beginning, a priority objective for D&R Greenway. It remains a priority today. The Sourlands contain the headwaters for more than a dozen of the streams and brooks that flow through our region. Preserving land in the Sourlands helps safeguard water resources. Other early acquisitions focused on lands along the D&R Canal — a drinking water source for over 2 million people.

Leaping Ahead with Multi-Million Dollar Properties

In the mid-1990's, D&R Greenway led the effort that culminated in a permanent conservation easement protecting the 589-acre Institute for Advanced Study Lands in Princeton Township. This complex negotiation lasted five years and involved numerous public and nonprofit partners. The key to its success — and a leap forward for D&R Greenway — was our ability to raise substantial dollars from private contributors. Frank Taplin, for whom D&R Greenway's Taplin Circle is named, was a key player in the successful campaign



Greenway Meadows is one D&R Greenway's signature properties and one of Princeton's most attractive parks.



Carson Road Woods in Lawrence Township was preserved by D&R Greenway together with public, corporate and private partners.

that resulted in the preservation of the Institute Lands.

Ultimately, this multi-million dollar transaction proved that D&R Greenway Land Trust could spearhead public-private funding partnerships that could compete with the dollars offered by developers for large parcels of land. This led to additional multifaceted and landscape-scale preservation opportunities.

In 1999, as D&R Greenway's executive director I received a call from John Harper, a Constitution Hill neighbor of the (then) Robert Wood Johnson estate on Rosedale Road in Princeton. A retired fundraiser, John offered to help "save" the estate from a proposed development of fifty houses. One of the last large properties in Princeton Township, the Johnson estate had been identified in the township's *Open Space Plan*. The purchase price was \$7.4 million dollars. A generous gift totaling \$1 million from two private donors kicked off this effort. When the public funds were tallied, about \$2 million remained to be added to the initial gift to achieve

the goal. D&R Greenway sold the three houses in the front of the property along Rosedale Road to the Hun School for faculty housing while continuing to solicit generous private support. In 2001, success was achieved and the 55-acre rolling landscape — that looks north toward the Sourlands and our first purchased property — became Greenway Meadows park.

2001 was a watershed year for D&R Greenway. Under the leadership of trustee chair Neil Upmeyer, in whose name we have established a conservation leader internship program, D&R Greenway led the preservation of 1,206 acres. This was the first time we surpassed a 1,000 acre annual total — a goal we have reached again and again in subsequent years.

The Greenway Meadows success story led to preservation of two more signature properties through similar multi-party and private fundraising efforts, Carson Road Woods — 186 acres of orchard, field and forest in Lawrence Township — and the 165-acre Coventry Farm — a gateway to the Princeton

community along the Great Road. With the preservation of these lands, the total value of lands protected by D&R Greenway in 2001 reached to over \$25 million dollars — a new milestone in terms of the value of land protected in a single year.

A Permanent Home and Preservation Tool — Johnson Education Center

Another achievement that resulted from preservation of Greenway Meadows was creation of our permanent home — an important education and gathering place that celebrates the protection and beauty of the land — the Johnson Education Center.

When New Jersey voters overwhelmingly registered support for open space and farmland preservation by passing the Garden State Preservation Trust referendum in 1998, municipalities throughout the state looked to increase preservation activities in their community. With a decade-long track record, D&R Greenway became the "go-to" organization in central New Jersey. Multiple requests for assistance, coupled with the opportunity presented by the barn on the Johnson estate, birthed the idea for a land preservation and stewardship resource center.

The old adage, "You can feed a man for a day, or teach him to fish and feed him for a lifetime," was the vision behind the Johnson Education Center. Our goal was to create a new tool for land preservation by engaging landowners and farmers, community leaders, open space advocates and real estate advisors in discussions and workshops about how to protect and care for land. In creating the vision for the center, I wanted to bring to bear all that I had learned in my twenty years of working with landowners and the land in a way that would raise the profile of preservation and stewardship and secure its future.

Current Board Chair Rich Goldman explains, "The Johnson Education Center was conceived as a focal point for land preservation and stewardship activities in central New Jersey — and beyond. Here, a vision for land preservation has begun to emerge — unconstrained by artificial municipal and county boundaries. Officials and individuals, friends groups and landowners are working together, to secure the best possible conservation outcome for the land."



Historic Coventry Farm on the Great Road is a gateway into the Princeton community.



The Johnson Education Center, D&R Greenway's home in Princeton, is a one-of-a-kind resource for land preservation and stewardship. Programs and art exhibits inspire public commitment to protecting our land and its resources.

Since the opening of the Johnson Education Center in 2006, D&R Greenway has partnered with more than 50 nonprofits, public agencies, local institutions and businesses to host educational programs and events. Our partners have included the New Jersey Green Acres and State Agriculture Development Committee (farmland preservation) programs, the Garden State Preservation Trust, Princeton University through the Princeton Environmental Institute, Bat Conservation International and The Nature Conservancy. Governor Corzine signed the legislation that placed the 2007 open space referendum on the ballot at the Johnson Education Center. Former NJ DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson, now Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency appointed by President Obama, led a NJ DEP senior staff summit at our center.

The Johnson Education Center's Marie L. Matthews Art Gallery and Olivia Rainbow Gallery for children's art provide a unique way to highlight the beauty of nature and the challenges of the natural vs. man-made world. These galleries feature on-going exhibits that highlight the mission of D&R Greenway to:

- permanently preserve natural areas and farmlands through a vision of greenways,
- protect the earth's resources through good stewardship, and
- inspire a public conservation ethic.

Featuring the work of renowned local artists, these exhibits ask visitors to think about their own relationship to the land through paintings, photographs

and sculpture that showcase water, birds, trails, plants, land use, historical landscapes and farms.

Scott McVay, former director of The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, shares his enthusiasm for what the center has become, "The Johnson Education Center has emerged as a place imbued by a love of the land, its creatures and plants, its watersheds and streams. Week in and week out, D&R Greenway connects folks eager to preserve land in New Jersey, artists, conservationists, teachers, civic leaders, scientists, local food advocates, and those seeking to leave a light footprint on the Earth."

The dream has become a reality.



At 1,900 acres Seabrook Farms was the largest single-owned farm ever preserved in New Jersey. NJDEP Deputy Commissioner John J. Watson cited D&R Greenway's ability to "make the connections and open the doors" as key to the success of the preservation.



Margee and John Harper led the private fundraising to preserve Greenway Meadows park and the Johnson Education Center and continue to lend their talents to D&R Greenway.

New Milestones in 2008

Several firsts were reached just this past year. The largest property that we have ever preserved — 1,900 acres — was permanently protected on December 31, 2008. The land, Seabrook Farms, anchors preservation in Mannington Township, Salem County. In this community, with one blinking traffic light and 800 residents, the permanent protection of Seabrook Farms literally changed the destiny of the region. Charlie Kuperus, then New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture, noted, "This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to preserve such a sizable portion of South Jersey's agricultural land base."

In addition to promoting agriculture in the Garden State, this land creates an important buffer to Mannington Meadows, a nationally-recognized Important Bird Area.

You might wonder how D&R Greenway — central New Jersey's land trust — came to make a difference in Salem County. Just two years before, I joined UBS financial consultant Wade Martin to speak to farmers at a town hall in South Jersey. This conversation led Mannington Township to seek our help in trying to preserve Seabrook Farms and other agricultural lands. The William Penn Foundation encouraged D&R Greenway to export our expertise to this rural community.

D&R Greenway Director of Land Preservation Bill Rawlyk, a third generation farmer himself, immediately connected with the desires of the region's farmers. Bill worked closely with members of the Seabrook family to



The Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh is a treasure of natural, historic and recreational resources.



Building bridges for a new trail. Pictured from left to right: Lynne Ebeling; D&R Greenway Trustee Ted Thomas; Remy Danahey; Tom Ebeling; Robin Schore; Stephen Highcock; D&R Greenway Trustee Alan Hershey and Bob Heil.

affect preservation. Protecting the land in honor of his father, patriarch Jack Seabrook, Jack's son has this to say, "In 1999, my father began serious discussions to preserve the land, but made very little progress. We first met D&R Greenway in May or June of 2007. It didn't happen overnight, but we did ultimately preserve all the land. The only new player in the game was D&R Greenway, and they made all the difference to our family. I am very impressed that they accomplish their goals mostly through expertise and relationships."

Looking to the Future

As we focus on the future, the goals that drive D&R Greenway's priorities build on the very projects and principles that have been our focus from the beginning.

We were born from partnership, and the **power of partnerships** remains a crucial component of how we approach our land preservation and stewardship work. Our Director of Land Preservation, Bill Rawlyk, works with state, county and municipal partners and other non-profit organizations in pulling together the funds and long-term plans for each parcel of land that we protect. Over the past ten years, more and more of our acquisitions have been accomplished through facilitations, where D&R Greenway provides the expertise every step of the way to achieve preservation for lands that become state, county and local preserves or parks. We protect farms through easements that provide an on-going partnership with local farmers whose work sustains our well-being. As we fill the remaining gaps in the greenway and extend into new areas of preservation, we are committed to partnerships that benefit all involved — the communities, the local groups and the people.

From our founding, D&R Greenway has been a leader in protecting the lands surrounding and comprising the **Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh**. The 1,250 acres of wetlands and adjoining publicly owned land provide 2,800 acres of open space. The Marsh is a treasure of natural, historic and recreational resources located in a densely populated urban center.

In 1999, D&R Greenway organized a partnership that included state, county and local governments and corporate and private interests to produce a Marsh Management Plan. Today, a volunteer group formed from that effort — Friends for the Marsh — is creating a ten-year update of the original plan.

While many of the tasks identified in the plan are on-going, one of the most visible goals and the one with potentially the greatest impact has been achieved — the establishment of the **Marsh Nature and Interpretive Center**. D&R Greenway secured funding for the center from the State Green Acres Program, which was matched by Mercer County, and in 2004 the county purchased a residence adjacent to John A. Roebling Park that will soon be renovated to create the center.

Mary Leck, professor emeritus of Rider University and D&R Greenway trustee, has studied the ecology of the Marsh for decades. Mary is elated to see the progress that is being made. She commented, "The Marsh Nature Center will prove to be the hub for educational programs focusing on the Marsh's natural and archeological history and ecological significance. We are beginning to work with school groups and will continue our efforts to expand public awareness of and appreciation for the Marsh."

Recognizing that **urban areas** often

lack the money and the expertise to accomplish their goals without assistance, D&R Greenway adopted the community of Bordentown in 2003. Over the past six years, our partnership has led to protection of six properties along Blacks Creek, a tidal tributary to the Delaware River. Our work is now turning the tide in the community with restoration of habitat for native plants and wildlife along with creation of a park for people in this formerly blighted area.

Bordentown City's Mayor John W. "Bill" Collom has expressed his gratitude to D&R Greenway for preserving this land in a letter to D&R Greenway, "The reality for our small town is simply that without assistance from your organization, our hopes would be going nowhere. We are really happy that D&R Greenway Land Trust understands our dreams and shares our goals."

Along with this initiative, we are exploring habitat restoration with the City of Trenton in the Olmstead-designed Cadwallader Park. The ability of diverse populations to benefit from our work is important to our vision.

Stewardship of D&R Greenway preserves has become a bigger and bigger job. We are aware that preservation is only the first step — stewardship is forever. Aptly led by Jim Amon, a founder who is now our Director of Land Stewardship, we are caring for land by removing invasive species, restoring habitat and establishing deer fences that allow native plants to regenerate. Our stewardship staff is taking a leadership role in New Jersey as all land trusts seek out the best models and methods for managing preserved lands.

With assistance from trustee Alan Hershey and New Jersey Trails

Association volunteers, we are building trails where hikers can access the lands that you have helped us to protect. In some of our earliest greenways, we have completed the linkages that will provide for miles of hiking trails that connect to established routes including the D&R Canal towpath and the newly created Lawrence-Hopewell Trail.

Tom Ebeling, D&R Greenway volunteer trail builder, is helping us make a difference, “We appreciate D&R Greenway saving the land. I want to give something back, by caring for the land. We are amazed, driving around, at how much land D&R Greenway has saved. And this land is accessible – it’s nice to see it, but on your land, we can get out and walk on it. That’s why I like to work with Alan, building trails.”

In 2008, D&R Greenway started the **first land trust-owned native plant nursery in the State**. We are propagating and growing trees, shrubs and perennials from seed and stock collected from our own preserves. These plants will help us restore native habitat and will be available to the public for purchase — encouraging you to use native plants in your own landscaping. The Edward T. Cone Grove at D&R Greenway’s Johnson Education Center will demonstrate the beauty and functionality of these native plants.

D&R Greenway is tilling new ground in farming as well. Today, people are more aware than ever of the importance of local, **sustainable agriculture**. The 337-acre St. Michael’s orphanage land, protected through a significant effort supported by the Hopewell community, provides an opportunity for D&R Greenway to model good farming practices along with conservation of natural areas and trails, all of which will benefit local residents.



Preserved land contributes to a healthy environment — supporting biodiversity and a thriving habitat for wildlife and clean water and air. Preserved land also sustains the physical and emotional well being of people by providing places to walk and spaces to pause and reflect on the beauty of the natural world.

D&R Greenway’s Native Plant Nursery will hold a **fall plant sale** on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, at the Johnson Education Center. Specimens for sale will include:

SHRUBS: Spicebush, arrowwood viburnum, blackhaw viburnum, winterberry, swamp rose
WILDFLOWERS: Wild bergamot, joe pye, swamp milkweed, cardinal flower, wood nettle, New York ironweed
TREES: Persimmon, tuliptree, Juneberry, shagbark hickory, assorted oaks
GRASSES: Big bluestem, Indian grass, bottlebrush grass
FERNS: Ostrich fern, Christmas fern



“Don’t throw out the baby with the bathwater.”

Perhaps a funny sentiment to end on, but one that speaks to our times.

From the time a baby is born today until that child becomes an adult, Rutgers University predicts that New Jersey will become the first state in the nation to reach “build-out”. This means that the fate of all of the vacant land you see today — be it preservation or development — will have been decided. Ironically, just as the economic downturn has opened up new opportunities for preservation of land, public funds have been drying up. D&R Greenway has received the largest grants of state funds for preservation due to our successful track record. Still, every dollar we have been granted is spent. We need to find new ways to raise dollars for preservation while we work to replenish public funds.

Our work is far from done. D&R Greenway will continue to fill gaps to complete our vision of greenways. We will, as we have always done, spearhead large landscape-scale projects that make a difference to the future of our communities. We will forge new paths in caring for the land and making it accessible for your enjoyment and benefit.

As we all face perhaps the greatest challenge of our lifetime — that of global warming — we realize that the work of D&R Greenway to keep the land green replenishes our resources and helps in the fight against climate change. We are needed now more than ever.

You have our commitment that, with your support, we will fulfill the promise of our beginnings as a “can-do” organization. ♡

Linda J. Mead

“As a lifetime resident of New Jersey, I witnessed first-hand the disappearance of open space in our state. As farms evolved into housing developments and strip malls at an alarming rate, I had to do more than witness these losses. I had to get involved. When I became aware of D&R Greenway’s preservation work, I decided to volunteer to do whatever I can to help the cause. When the land is gone, it is gone forever.”

— JoAnne Stransky, D&R Greenway
 Willing Hands volunteer

Leave Your Legacy for the Land!

Coinciding with our 20th anniversary year, D&R Greenway has launched a Planned Giving Program to provide donors with additional opportunities to support our mission of land preservation and stewardship for generations to come. Donors of planned gifts can support land acquisition, property stewardship, educational programs or trail building, or all of these emphases. This can be done by leaving a bequest as a provision of one's will or by means of a charitable gift annuity. D&R Greenway offers donors the opportunity of two types of immediate gift annuities — a single life annuity and a joint and survivor annuity.

D&R Greenway will recognize

donors who inform us that they have remembered D&R Greenway in their wills or who make a planned gift to D&R Greenway through a charitable gift annuity, their retirement plan or by other means, as members of the *D&R Greenway EverGreen Circle*. The names of members will be listed in our *Greenways* newsletter with permission. Donors who make planned gifts to D&R Greenway in 2009 will have the added distinction of being a Founding Member.

For information about how your planned gift can advance the mission of D&R Greenway, please contact Linda Mead, Executive Director, or Scott Sheldon, Director of Gifts & Grants, at 609-924-4646. 🍀

"What D&R Greenway does to protect open space is good stewardship of natural resources. Good stewardship applies to financial and estate planning too. I've included D&R Greenway in my Will so that it can use my financial resources to keep preserving natural resources for everyone's benefit."

— Megan Thomas, Esq., Co-Chair of D&R Greenway's Planned Giving Committee



By the Numbers

You may be interested to know that, with your help, D&R Greenway:

- Preserved our first 1,000 acres by 1995, six years after we were founded.
- Reached 5,000 acres of preserved land in 2002, four times the rate of our first six years.
- Reached 10,000 acres of preserved land in 2007, doubling our record in just five years.
- By the end of 2008, we had preserved almost 13,000 acres, just one year later!
- In 2000, we celebrated protection of our 50th property, an easement for Kate's Trail, named in memory of Kate Gorrie.
- The millennium year of 2000 was the first time we closed on a dozen properties in a single year (as Chuck Hartman would say: "That's one for every month!")
- In 2004, we celebrated protection of our 100th property, Pear Tree Farm in Hopewell owned by Judy and Oye Olukotun.
- In 2008, just four years later, we celebrated protection of our 200th property — land that overlooks Hopewell borough from the Sourlands — again preserved by Judy and Oye Olukotun.

- In 2004, we protected 28 properties, the largest amount in a single year to date.
- In 2008, we protected the largest property in the history of D&R Greenway and the largest single-owned farm in the history of the New Jersey farmland preservation program, the 1,900 acre Seabrook Farms in Salem County.
- We have protected and remain responsible for 51 conservation easements.

- We have facilitated the protection of 110 properties for our public partners.
- We are stewards by direct management of 4,109 acres of preserve land.
- The total value of lands protected by D&R Greenway is \$274 million dollars (based on value at the time of protection).
- Donation value totals \$24.5 million given through bargain sale from property owners.



Judy and Oye Olukotun's Pear Tree Farm in Hopewell, the 100th property preserved by D&R Greenway.

Enjoy Your Open Space

Right here, in the center of the most densely populated state in our nation, there are thousands of acres of preserved open space. Nestled among the many homes, corporate office parks and busy roads, there are miles and miles of trails to enjoy. *Walk The Trails In and Around Princeton* will serve as your guide to these beautiful, but often hidden places.

Sized to fit in your back pocket, *Walk The Trails In and Around Princeton* features detailed instructions and trail maps for sixteen walks through local parks and preserves. It also contains sixteen beautiful color postcards and many other stunning photographs of local open space.

Walk the Trails In and Around Princeton was created by former D&R Greenway trustee and author, Sophie Glover, photographer Bentley Drezner, and book designer Maria Lindenfeldar. It was printed by Enviroprint of Bound Brook, New Jersey, using soy inks on sustainable papers. Profits from the sale of the book through D&R Greenway will benefit our trail construction, trail maintenance and stewardship projects.

According to Sophie (a Princeton

University graduate), "When I moved back to this area in 1995, I was amazed at how much development had taken place. I joined the board of D&R Greenway Land Trust in order to help preserve as much of the remaining open space as possible. The land D&R Greenway Land Trust preserves makes this a place that we want to live. For Bentley and I, that is very true — the beautiful vistas of fields and forest, the trails to explore and the farmland that allows us to be "locavores" — all these things make this community one in which we love to live."

To purchase your copy, please call D&R Greenway at 609-924-4646 or visit www.drgreenway.org.

Or better still, join Sophie, Bentley and Maria on June 14 at D&R Greenway's Founders Fête featuring a walk on the Kingston branch of the D&R Canal followed by a reception at Eno Terra.

Walk the Trails In and Around Princeton will be available for purchase and to be signed by the author.

For more information about D&R Greenway's Founder's Fête, please see the back cover of this newsletter. ♡

WALK THE TRAILS IN AND AROUND PRINCETON

Sophie Glover
with photographs by Bentley Drezner



Walk the Trails In and Around Princeton is available for purchase at D&R Greenway's Johnson Education Center in Princeton or through our website www.drgreenway.org. Profits from the sale of this book benefit D&R Greenway.

Public and Non-Profit Partners in Preservation

Since D&R Greenway's founding in 1989 we have strived to build partnerships in order to leverage and maximize available preservation funds. We would like to thank the following state, county, municipal and non-profit funding partners for collaborating with us over the years.

We would especially like to acknowledge the **NJDEP Green Acres Program** and **Mercer County** for their ongoing and unflagging support of D&R Greenway's mission to preserve natural lands, open spaces and farmlands throughout our region.

PUBLIC PARTNERS

State of New Jersey Green Acres Program
State Agricultural Development Committee (Farmland Preservation)

Burlington County
Bordentown City
Bordentown Township

Hunterdon County
Delaware Township
East Amwell Township
Kingwood Township
West Amwell Township

Mercer County
East Windsor Township
Hopewell Borough
Hopewell Township
Lawrence Township
Pennington Borough
Princeton Borough
Princeton Township
Washington Township
West Windsor Township

Middlesex County
Cranbury Township

Monmouth County
Allentown Borough
Millstone Township
Roosevelt Borough
Upper Freehold Township

Somerset County
Branchburg Township
Franklin Township
Hillsborough Township
Montgomery Township

Bucks County, PA
Buckingham Township

NON-PROFIT PARTNERS

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space
Friends for the Marsh
Friends of Princeton Open Space
Friends of West Windsor Open Space
Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance
Lawrence Township

Conservation Foundation
Monmouth Conservation Foundation
Montgomery Friends of Open Space
New Jersey Conservation Foundation
Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
The Nature Conservancy

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 clearly demonstrate that they share Frank's commitment to preserving the land, the historic character and the natural resources of central New Jersey.

We would particularly like to acknowledge the members of the Taplin Circle who have contributed to D&R Greenway for five or more consecutive years. You have helped grow D&R Greenway into the leadership organization it is today.

All members of the Taplin Circle are invited to a special reception each fall.

Please note that Taplin Circle members who have made a multi-year capital campaign pledge are listed here at their most recent pledge payment level. Their total pledge amount is acknowledged on page 22.

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May 16, 2008. Sheila Johnson Brüttsch, daughter of General Robert Wood Johnson, joins Elizabeth Meszar Biscotto, Julia Meszar Nemeth and Sheila's husband François Brüttsch to dedicate a barn beam in the RWJ Auditorium at the Johnson Education Center. Created as a result of the preservation of the 60-acre Robert Wood Johnson estate by D&R Greenway and partners in 2001, the Johnson Education Center is D&R Greenway's home in Princeton. The estate, renamed Greenway Meadows, is one of Princeton Township's loveliest parks. The plaque honors Elizabeth's and Julia's parents, Elizabeth and George Meszar, who managed the Johnson estate from 1932-1945. Caretakers and groundskeepers, the Meszars tended farm animals for General Johnson, and raised crops. Not shown, is a third sister Vivian Elaine Phillips, who was born on the estate in the caretaker's house.

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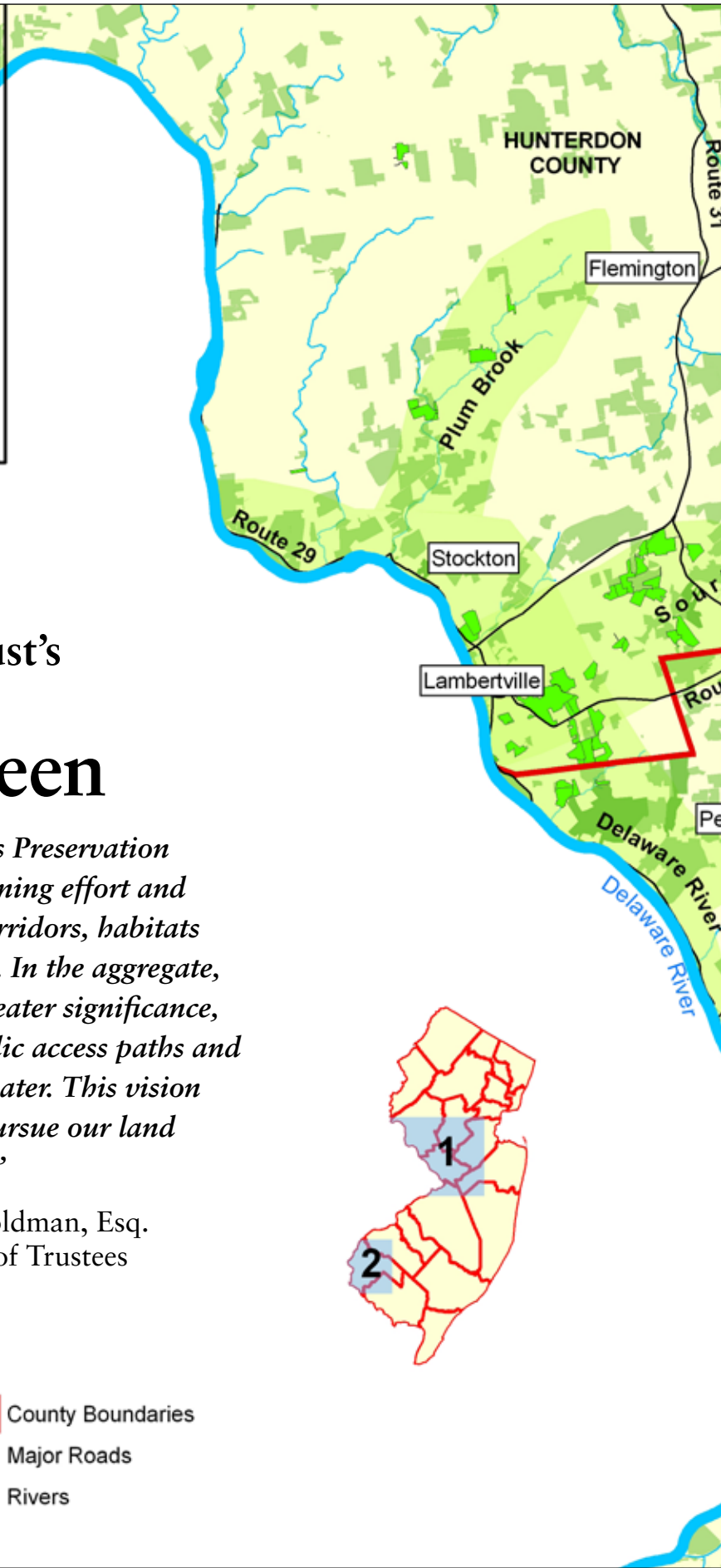
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May 2, 2009. Lydia Furnari and Russ Furnari, PSEG's Environmental Policy Manager with D&R Greenway's Director of Programs and Partnerships, Barbara Simmons at our Down-to-Earth Ball. (Photo courtesy of Richard Grant)



“This map represents D&R Greenway’s Preservation Vision and reflects our long range planning effort and goals to permanently protect stream corridors, habitats and connections throughout the region. In the aggregate, the individual parcels take on much greater significance, forming contiguous greenways for public access paths and the protection of wildlife, plants and water. This vision map is our fundamental guide as we pursue our land preservation and stewardship mission.”

-  D&R Greenway Preserved Lands
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May 2, 2009. Holly Welles, a member of D&R Greenway's Outreach Committee, and husband, Rob Thomas, with Mary Penney, Outreach and Stewardship Associate at D&R Greenway's Down-to-Earth Ball. Rob Thomas owns The Camden Bag Company, which manufactures disposable cutlery, plates and cups that are all compostable and will quickly biodegrade in landfills. Rob and Holly generously donate these products to D&R Greenway for use at our events. (Photo courtesy of Richard Grant)

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May 2, 2009. Betsy Ford and D&R Greenway Trustee and Founder Rosemary Blair enjoying D&R Greenway's Down-to-Earth Ball. (Photo courtesy of Richard Grant)



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May 2, 2009. Landowner Judy Olukotun and D&R Greenway Trustee Hella McVay enjoy D&R Greenway's Down-To-Earth Ball. (Photo courtesy of Richard Grant)

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July 31, 2007. Governor Corzine signs the Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007 on the Ellsworth Terrace at the Johnson Education Center as New Jersey State Senator Shirley Turner looks on. (Photo courtesy of Valerie Ford)

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March 22, 2003. Representative Rush Holt, Wendy Benchley, President of The United Nations Foundation and Better World Fund Tim Wirth, and D&R Greenway's Executive Director Linda Mead, Director of Land Acquisition and Stewardship Dennis Davidson, and Board Chair Charles Hartman celebrate Wendy Benchley's achievements in conservation and environmental protection.

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June 14, 2008. D&R Greenway's Board Chair Rich Goldman and Executive Director Linda Mead present the 2007 Donald B. Jones Conservation Awards to Leslie Davis Potter, representing the St. Michael's Preservation Committee and the Hopewell community, Callie Considine, the first recipient of a junior award, Deputy Mayor David Sandabl of Hopewell Township and Mayor David Nettles and David Knights of Hopewell Borough. (Photo courtesy of Richard Grant)

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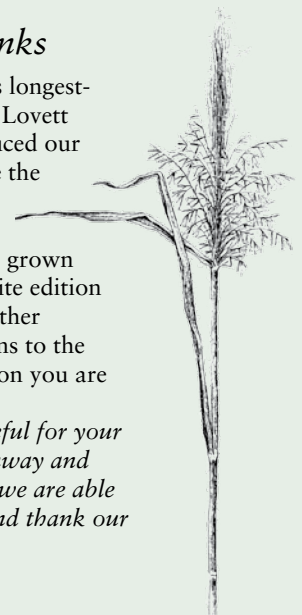
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Perhaps D&R Greenway's longest-serving volunteer is Mahlon Lovett who has designed and produced our newsletter, *Greenways*, since the very first edition in 1992.

Under his careful stewardship, *Greenways* has grown from a 4-page black and white edition illustrated with his wife Heather Lovett's botanical illustrations to the 24-page four-color publication you are reading today.

Mahlon, we are very grateful for your commitment to D&R Greenway and our mission. Thanks to you we are able to showcase our successes and thank our donors in beautiful style.



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October, 2004. Bill Scheide entertains on the piano in honor of Frank Taplin at the inaugural Taplin Circle reception while his wife, Judy, assists with the sheet music.



November 2, 2008. John Phillips, First Vice-President of Glenmede Trust, joins D&R Greenway Executive Director Linda Mead, Beverley Jones and her daughters, Stephanie and Candace, and Jim Shissias, the 2008 Donald B. Jones Conservation Award recipient, at D&R Greenway's Taplin Circle Reception. The 2009 Award will be presented to Representative Rush Holt on September 13. (Photo courtesy of Wendy Claflin) D&R Greenway would like to thank Glenmede Trust for underwriting the Taplin Circle Reception in 2006, 2007, 2008, and again, in 2009.

Join us to Celebrate!

20 Years of Preserving and Protecting the Land

The trustees of D&R Greenway invite you to join them for a late summer garden party and a champagne toast to mark a most significant milestone—our 20th anniversary. This festive afternoon will take place at the Johnson Education Center, our home in Princeton, on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

Representative Rush Holt will be our honored guest and will be presented with the 2009 Donald B. Jones Conservation Award. Representative Holt was unanimously selected by D&R Greenway's Board of Trustees to receive this award in recognition of his outstanding commitment and actions to preserve and protect the land, the environment and the historic character of the 12th district of New Jersey, the State of New Jersey and the United States of America. Highlights of his record include co-sponsoring the legislation that resulted in the federal designation of the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area in New Jersey. Representative Holt is also a co-sponsor of legislation that would extend the tax benefits of preserving land through conservation easements.

A highlight of the afternoon will be a silent auction of Plein Air paintings of D&R Greenway's preserved landscapes, created and donated by accomplished local artists. Our trustees and supporters have also generously given of their time and talent to create special "auction experiences" including:

- A walk on Baldpate Mountain led by D&R Greenway Vice-Chair Alan Hershey followed by a Spicy Tex-Mex Dinner hosted by D&R Greenway Board Chair Rich and Cheryl Goldman

at their home in Titusville — prepared by Chili Chef Extraordinaire, Rich. Number of guests = 10

- A walk on one of Princeton's treasured trails led by Sophie Glover, author of *Walk The Trails In And Around Princeton*, followed by dinner hosted by Sophie and Curtis Glover at Sign of the Fox Farm, their home in Princeton. Number of guests = 12

- A walk through the rolling meadows of the St. Michael's property in Hopewell followed by dinner at Double Brook Farm, prepared by hosts Robin and Jon McConaughy, with entertainment provided by singer/songwriter Roia Rafieyan. Number of guests = 8.

During the event you can stroll through Meredith's Garden for Inspiration and enjoy the view of Greenway Meadows from the Carroll K. and Frederick P. King, Jr. Terrace and the Ellsworth Terrace. Wine, beer and champagne will be served along with an array of hors d'oeuvres and specialty table selections.

Please join us for this celebration of the land and of the environmental heroes — artists, supporters, volunteers and elected officials — who work tirelessly to preserve and protect it. ♣

20th Anniversary Party

Sunday, September 13, 4 – 7 p.m.
Johnson Education Center

Tickets: \$100 per person (a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible). 20th Anniversary sponsors are entitled to tickets based on donation level; call now to reserve your space!



10,000 Reasons to Celebrate! Chair of the St. Michael's Preservation Committee Leslie Davis Potter, D&R Greenway Board Chair Richard Goldman, Representative Rush Holt, Cheryl Goldman and Emily Goldman, at D&R Greenway's 10,000th Acre Celebration.

Preserving Open Space Saves More Than Just Land

Since 1989, with your support, D&R Greenway has preserved 12,985 acres of land. If this land had not been preserved, what would we have instead?

Based on assumptions commonly used by municipal planning boards:

- For every two acres, one house would have been built. That's 6,493 additional houses.

- Each house generates, on average, 10 car trips per day. That's 64,930 additional car trips per day on our already congested roads.

- Each house expends, on average, 350 gallons of water per day. That's an additional 2,272,550 gallons of water expended per day.

- Each house shelters, on average, 2.2 children. That's 14,284 additional

children. Our communities invest, on average, \$12,000 per child, per year, for education. That's an additional \$171,415,200 in additional education expenses per year.

In central New Jersey, open space costs between \$5,000–\$100,000 an acre to preserve. But *not* preserving our remaining open spaces could cost us all so much more. ♣

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D&R Greenway Founders' Fête

Sunday, June 14

12:30 p.m. Walk the D&R Canal

1:30 p.m. Reception at Eno Terra

restaurant in Kingston

Tickets: \$75 per person

20th Anniversary sponsors are entitled to tickets based on donation level; call now to reserve your space!

D&R Greenway's founding mission was to preserve lands along the D&R Canal and its tributary streams, so... what better location to applaud the vision of our founders than along the banks of the D&R Canal!

Author and former trustee Sophie Glover, along with photographer Bentley Drezner and book designer Maria Lindenfeldar, will lead a walk from their new book, *Walk the Trails In and Around Princeton*.

Joining the walk will be Jim Amon, D&R Greenway founder, current director of stewardship and former director of the D&R Canal Commission.

At 1:30 p.m. the festivities will continue when walkers (and those who have chosen not to walk) will enjoy a fabulous food and

wine tasting generously underwritten by Eno Terra Restaurant, located beside the Kingston Lock. Eno Terra's *Eat Local/Drink Global* philosophy means that they source the best ingredients from local and regional markets and pair the resulting cuisine with the best wines from around the world. At the reception, we will salute our founders Jim Amon, Rosemary Blair, Sam Hamill and Bob Johnston. ♻️

For more information or to purchase your ticket to this special celebration, please call 609-924-4646 or visit www.drgreenway.org. Visa, MasterCard and personal checks are accepted.



D&R Greenway Founders Jim Amon and Rosemary Blair, author Sophie Glover, and photographer Bentley Drezner (with Julian Drezner) invite you join them for a walk along the D&R Canal in celebration of D&R Greenway's Founders' Fete.

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