

# GREENWAYS

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## A New Year, a New Record and Soon, a New Home for D&R Greenway Land Trust

Our 15th anniversary year at D&R Greenway Land Trust was truly something to celebrate. Our accomplishments ranged from placing a record number of properties under permanent protection to successfully completing the first phase of a \$3.5 million capital campaign to open the Johnson Education Center.

First and foremost, D&R Greenway Land Trust's mission is to preserve the open space and natural lands that protect our biodiversity, our water supply and our quality of life. The lands we protect link natural resources with the preservation of New Jersey's rich Revolutionary history. In 2004, we preserved a record 28 properties encompassing 1,260 acres—from mature forests in the Sourlands that provide habitat for wildlife and safeguard the headwaters of eight of our region's streams, to working farms that maintain the agricultural heritage of central

New Jersey. We protected urban lands along important waterways, such as the Drezner property on the D&R Canal in Trenton and the Thorn property on Blacks Creek in Bordentown City. Suburban projects included the preservation of farmland, historic properties and watershed lands throughout Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset counties in townships under continued development pressure: Cranbury, Upper Freehold, Montgomery, Hillsborough, Washington, Hopewell and Princeton. Pristine natural lands in the Amwells and Delaware Township completed the 2004 preservation landscape. (See centerfold for regional preservation map.)

Over our 15-year history, D&R Greenway Land Trust has preserved 7,893 acres of land valued at \$149.4 million, a total of 122 separate properties. In 2004, we celebrated the preservation of our 100th property

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*Johnson Education Center Groundbreaking (left to right): Sheila Johnson Brüttsch, Board Advisors Margee & John Harper, Trustee Shawn Ellsworth, newly elected Board Chair Richard Goldman, Director of Operations Laurie Emde, Robert Reeves representing building contractor E. Allen Reeves, Inc., Founder and Trustee Rosemary Blair, former Board Chair Charles Hartman, Architect Jerry Ford, Executive Director Linda Mead, Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, Princeton Borough Mayor Joe O'Neill, and Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes*

## New Year, New Name

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at Pear Tree Farm in Hopewell with landowners Judy & Oye Olukotun.

This record is especially remarkable when you consider that New Jersey is our country's most densely populated state and that the pressure for development here is tremendous. In fact, a recent study by Rutgers University projects that if development continues at its current rate New Jersey will be the first completely "built out" state within 30 years. To reverse this alarming trend, all organizations charged with preserving our land must increase their pace of preservation dramatically—before the land is irretrievably altered.

In response to this threat, D&R Greenway Land Trust will open the Johnson Education Center in the fall of 2005. The mission of the Johnson Education Center is to strengthen the capacity of local governments, grassroots organizations and state, county and nonprofit partners to protect and effectively manage land. Our professional staff and other industry experts will provide hands-on education and technical assistance to empower leaders who can accelerate the pace of open space preservation. Programs offered by D&R Greenway Land Trust at the Johnson Education Center will be designed to answer the urgent need to protect as much viable land as possible, as quickly as possible. By increasing the knowl-

*"Our success in 2004 represents a giant leap forward in achieving our goals to preserve our region's open space. While we have a superb professional team, we could not have done it without our partners in preservation—officials at every level of government, local conservation groups and the generosity of individuals whose contributions make our work possible."*

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

edge base of individuals and groups involved in land conservation work and encouraging regional cooperation, more acres can be preserved and the stewardship and use of already preserved acres can be integrated with community interests.

Members of the Johnson family provided a generous contribution towards the renovation of the



*Our 100th property preserved, the Pear Tree Farm in Hopewell Township, Mercer County is home to a great new addition to D&R Greenway Land Trust's Board, Oye Olukotun*

circa 1900 barn that will become the Johnson Education Center. The barn is located in Princeton on lands formerly owned by Robert Wood Johnson, founder of Johnson & Johnson Companies and a prominent philanthropist. The 60-acre property was preserved in 2001 as a Princeton Township park, Greenway Meadows, through a model public/private partnership led by D&R Greenway Land Trust. The Johnson Education Center will also become our permanent home. Construction is set to begin early in 2005, and we anticipate a grand opening in the coming fall.

Besides moving into a new location in 2005, we are announcing a few changes to enhance our ability to meet our land preservation mission. In order to better reflect our preservation work as a land trust, and to account for the expansion of our work beyond our traditional focus along the Delaware & Raritan Canal, we have evolved our name to D&R Greenway Land Trust (from our original name Delaware & Raritan Greenway). And, to make information

about land preservation more accessible, we have launched a new website, [www.drgreenway.org](http://www.drgreenway.org). Here, supporters and partners will find updates on our preservation activities, educational programs and fundraising events. The site provides information about public trails on preserved lands and links to other environmental and conservation websites.

### 2004 Land Preservation Partners

Many thanks to all our land preservation partners who contributed funds or direct value to achieve a record of 28 properties permanently protected in 2004.

Our 2004 Landowners  
NJ Department of Agriculture,  
Farmland Preservation Program  
NJ Department of Environmental  
Protection, Green Acres Program  
Hunterdon County  
Mercer County  
Middlesex County  
Monmouth County  
Somerset County  
The City of Bordentown  
Cranbury Township  
Delaware Township  
East Amwell Township  
Hillsborough Township  
Hopewell Township  
Montgomery Township  
The City of Trenton  
Upper Freehold Township  
Washington Township  
NJ Conservation Foundation  
Open Space Institute  
Princeton Historical Society

Working together we are making a difference for our friends, neighbors and communities in central New Jersey. ♣

We at D&R Greenway Land Trust encourage you to find the peace and joy of nature in the new year, and we invite you to join us for all the excitement and promise of 2005. ♣

## D&R Greenway Land Trust Secures \$500,000 in Grants for Marsh Nature Center

On October 1, 2004 D&R Greenway Land Trust executive director Linda Mead stood with Glen Gilmore, Mayor of Hamilton Township, John Flynn, administrator of the New Jersey DEP Green Acres Program, and Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes to announce that funding has been secured to begin the process of establishing a nature center at the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program provided an initial \$250,000 grant to D&R Greenway Land Trust for the project, which Mercer County matched with its own \$250,000 contribution.

At the press conference, Linda Mead told the assembled crowd: "D&R Greenway Land Trust has been spearheading the movement to preserve the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh for over 10 years under the leadership of D&R Greenway trustee Mary Allesio Leck, Ph.D. The proposed nature center will greatly enhance the experience of everyone who visits this environmental treasure. We are very grateful to our partners for funding this important project."

The Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh is a unique natural oasis in a densely developed region—an urban wetland with significant biological and historical resources. The northernmost tidal freshwater wetland on the Delaware River, the Marsh provides diverse habitat for over 230 species of birds, 890 species of plants, and many species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles, including a number of threatened and endangered species. Because of the numerous ecological studies conducted here since the early 1970s, the Marsh is highly regarded by wetlands scientists both nationally and abroad.

In addition to its environmental significance, many important historic and archeological features are located within the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh. These include the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark, the D&R Canal, Point Breeze in Bordentown—once the home of Joseph Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother—and the Watson House, the oldest structure in Mercer County, built in 1708.

Because of the development surrounding the Marsh, and the fact that no single entity or governing body holds jurisdiction over the entire region, the Marsh and the plants and wildlife that make their home here are under constant threat. Local residents, scientists, environmentalists, educators and lovers of the natural world have stepped forward to champion the existence of this amazing ecosystem.

As part of our effort to help protect the Marsh, D&R Greenway Land Trust helped launch Friends for the Marsh in 2002. This grassroots organization is dedicated to protecting the natural, historical and recreational resources of the Marsh, to promoting research and actions that lead to enhanced stewardship, to expanding educational opportunities, and to increasing the public's awareness, appreciation and use of the Marsh. The funding for the Nature and Interpretive Center is a huge step forward for the Friends for the Marsh and for the residents of the urban centers that surround it.

According to Mary Allesio Leck, a founding member of Friends for the Marsh, "The nature center will become an invaluable resource for visitors and for the volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly to protect this unique ecosystem."

The Nature and Interpretive Center holds the promise of many benefits including:

- Educational experiences for students of all ages to learn about the importance of wetlands and the diversity of organisms found at the Marsh, and the opportunity to connect with the rich culture and history of the area.
- Increased support for wildlife habitat and resource protection.
- Recreational activities through the extension of trails and interpretive programs.
- Ecotourism opportunities that will add to the revitalization of Trenton.
- A year-round, all-weather learning facility.
- Enhancement of a growing public/private partnership for protection and preservation of the Marsh with participation from the State, Mercer and Burlington Counties, local municipalities including the cities of Trenton and Bordentown, and the townships of Hamilton and Bordentown. PSE&G, the Friends for the Marsh, the Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission, D&R Greenway Land Trust and numerous individual supporters.

For more information on the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh, please visit [www.marsh-friends.org](http://www.marsh-friends.org).



*Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes announces a matching commitment of \$250,000 to the establishment of a nature center at the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh. Executive Director, Linda Mead stands to his left, and Hamilton Mayor Glen Gilmore and NJDEP Green Acres Program Administrator John Flynn to his right*

## New Board Leadership for 2005

January 2005 marks a change of leadership for D&R Greenway Land Trust as we welcome Richard Goldman, Esq. as our new chair. Rich is a real estate attorney with Drinker Biddle & Reath in Princeton, and has served on the Board since 1990. Rich's legal expertise was instrumental in the protection of Greenway Meadows and Coventry Farm in Princeton.

Former Chair Chuck Hartman oversaw the protection of 3,382 acres during his 3-year tenure from 2002 through 2004. Chuck's strategic vision broadened the reach of D&R Greenway Land Trust through leadership initiatives including our sister land trust project and establishment of the Johnson Education Center. Chuck will continue to serve on the Board and will spearhead special projects in 2005.



*Former Board Chair, Chuck Hartman, waves during the Johnson Education Center groundbreaking while speaking to Shawn Ellsworth, trustee in charge of major gifts, and his wife, Robbie*

New trustees joining the Board of D&R Greenway Land Trust in 2005 include Hella McVay, a former trustee who is back after a leave of absence and will be lending support to educational programs at the Johnson Education Center; Alex Hanson, a Pennington landowner who placed his land under conservation easement with D&R Greenway in 2003 and who spearheaded the state's revised landowner liability legislation by working with then Senator Bill Schluter and current Senator Leonard Lance; Oye Olukotun, a landowner who protected his Hopewell farm—our 100th property preserved—with D&R Greenway and hosted our landowner



*Newly elected Board Chair Richard Goldman at the Johnson Education Center groundbreaking, flanked by Trustee Shawn Ellsworth and Director of Operations Laurie Emde*

reception in 2004; and Meg Gorrie, who will act as a liaison to the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association and work on special stewardship and trail projects. Welcome!

D&R Greenway Land Trust extends grateful appreciation to three trustees who are leaving the Board: Stu Essig, Fred Gaskin and Megan Thomas. Each has made significant contributions and will continue to be active on special projects as time allows. We thank each of them for their past and continuing support that enables D&R Greenway to be a leader in land preservation in New Jersey. ♡

## Land Preservation Staff News

D&R Greenway Land Trust is pleased to announce the continued enhancement of our professional land preservation team.

Bill Rawlyk has been promoted to Director of Land Preservation for D&R Greenway Land Trust. Bill has been with D&R Greenway since 1999. He first served as a trustee before becoming our staff specialist in land preservation. Bill is a trained naturalist and it is always a treat to join him on a walk in the woods where he can identify every tree, flower, bird and salamander. Bill is also a founder of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, a partner to D&R Greenway. Bill is a third generation farmer in Hunterdon County, and has worked with his family to turn the family farm into

a permanent preserve in partnership with NJ Audubon and the State of New Jersey. Bill is successful in land preservation because he truly understands the landowner's needs from his own experience.

Dennis Davidson's new title is Director of Government Relations & Partnerships. Dennis is the former Deputy Director of the New Jersey Green Acres Program, and currently serves as chair of the Garden State Preservation Trust. Dennis' thirty years of experience in land preservation enable him to understand the challenges and opportunities in front of D&R Greenway and our many partners as we work together to protect our region's remaining open space. He also serves on the Board of the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association and is a resource on New Jersey's Revolutionary-era history.

Jim Amon, director of the Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission, will retire from that post in February and join D&R Greenway Land Trust in April 2005 as our Director of Stewardship. Jim brings thirty years of experience in acquiring and managing land for trails and working with local governments. His artistic expressions in photography illustrate his love for the D&R Canal and for our region's landscapes. Jim was part of the original group of visionaries that founded D&R Greenway, and was the recipient of our 2004 Donald B. Jones Award for conservation leadership. His work at D&R Greenway will encompass trail development, monitoring and managing conservation lands, and supporting the stewardship of our region's lands through activities at the Johnson Education Center. ♡



*Recently promoted Director of Land Preservation Bill Rawlyk explains threats to the box turtle and its habitat needs during a fall Gala, An Historic Hike in the Sourlands*

## New Jersey DEP Honors D&R Greenway Land Trust with Environmental Excellence Award

D&R Greenway Land Trust received a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Award from DEP Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell on November 16, 2004. This honor is presented to organizations in recognition of outstanding environmental performance, programs and achievements. D&R Greenway Land Trust won in the category of Open Space Protection and Preservation.

According to Commissioner Campbell, "These awards recognize the leaders in New Jersey who are achieving superior environmental performance. These leaders are setting the standard for innovation and commitment, while reminding us that the best ideas in environmental protection emerge from local problem solving rather than traditional regulation."

Our groundbreaking work in the Sourland Mountains was the catalyst for the award. The Sourlands represent a wilderness close to a rapidly growing population, providing easy access to nature "in the backyard" of many local residents. D&R Greenway Land Trust has articulated a vision for the protection of this unique and irreplaceable resource and has taken effective action, accelerating the pace of direct land preservation and public education about the Sourlands to a local, regional and statewide audience. We've established a base of land preservation in the Sourlands



*Accepting the New Jersey DEP's Environmental Excellence Award on behalf of D&R Greenway Land Trust from NJ DEP Commissioner Bradley Campbell, center, are Director of Operations Laurie Emde, and Director of Government Relations & Partnerships Dennis Davidson*

through permanent protection of over 3,400 acres. Five years ago, D&R Greenway Land Trust was the only conservation group actively focusing on the Sourlands. Today, due to our steady leadership, the NJDEP Green Acres Program, The Nature Conservancy, the Sourlands Regional Planning Council, and all of the region's local communities have identified the Sourlands as a priority for preservation.

"We are thrilled to have our

work recognized by the State," commented Linda Mead. "What's even more important is that this award brings additional awareness and focus on the need for swift and decisive action to preserve as much of the area's watershed lands and biodiversity as possible. The Sourlands shelter the headwaters of eight of central New Jersey's major rivers and streams—the primary source of drinking water for our entire region. They also provide the contiguous, deep forest habitat essential for maintaining global populations of over 65 species of neotropical migrant birds."

The desire to protect this critical habitat inspired us to initiate the first international partnership between two land preservation organizations. Amigos de Calakmul is a Mexican land trust formed to protect the tropical forest surrounding the Calakmul Biosphere Reserve in the Yucatan, the winter habitat for the birds that breed in the Sourlands in the spring and summer. In 2004, D&R Greenway Land Trust and Amigos de Calakmul launched the Sister Land Trust Project with the shared objective of protecting the critical habitat of both regions.

For more information on our work in the Sourlands and our sister land trust, Amigos de Calakmul, please visit [www.drgreenway.org](http://www.drgreenway.org). 🌿

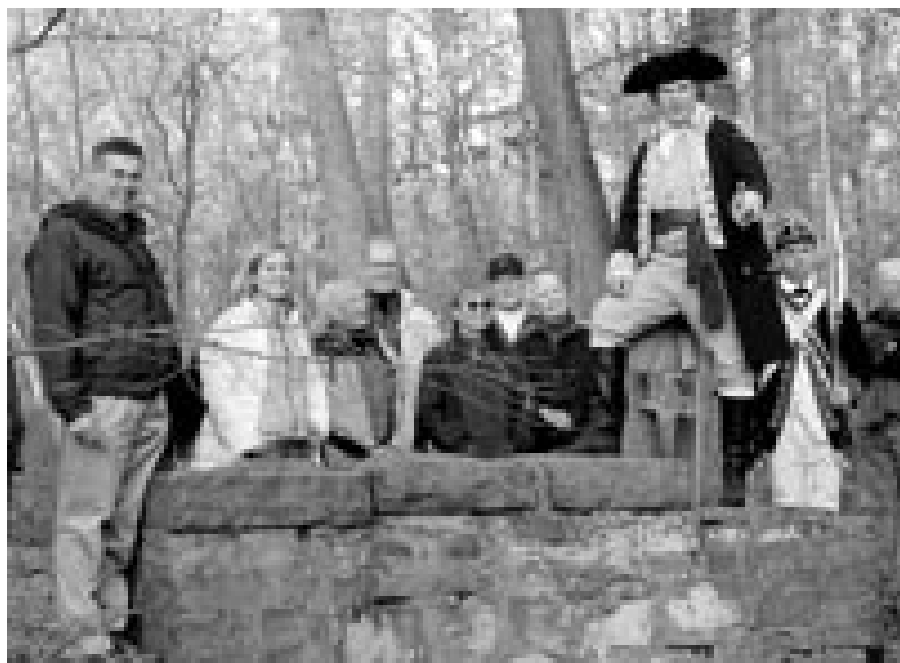


*The Burgard property in West Amwell, Hunterdon County was added to the Sourland forest preserve, providing habitat for diverse wildlife*

## Fall Good Time Galas for the Greenway

Guests at this fall's group of *Good Time Galas* enjoyed themselves at a variety of venues. Our deepest thanks to our *Good Time Gala* hosts, who make each gala a success and to our 2004 Galas Co-Chairs Ellen Hoenig-Carlson and Suzy Trowbridge for their enthusiasm, creativity and hard work.

We would like to add a big thank you to all our partners in preservation who attended the Galas and provided their additional support to D&R Greenway Land Trust. Together we can make a difference in the quality of the environment and the quality of life in central New Jersey. ♡



*Gala attendees gather along the original Road to Monmouth accompanied by Congressman Rush Holt and General George Washington*



*Trustee Sophie Glovier & her daughter, Margaux, at the Children's Art Workshop with Heather Barros*



*Asher Carlson gets a close up view of a grey catbird at the Bird Banding Gala*



*During An Historic Hike in the Sourlands, guests walk through the Pearson property while gala host Gael Gardner and D&R Greenway's Bill Rawlyk identify interesting native and invasive plant species*



*Helge Staby Deaton & Kim and Amin Rizk rise in a balloon heading northeast from Greenway Meadows in Princeton*

## Now's the Time to Sign up for a Good Time!

*The Good Time Galas for the Greenway* provide opportunities for our partners in preservation to enjoy themselves all year long while supporting D&R Greenway Land Trust's mission to preserve the open space and natural lands that protect our biodiversity, our water supply and our quality of life. Many of the *Galas* take place on lands already preserved by D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Our spring selection of *Good Time Galas* is ready for your review. To join in the fun, please call Erika at 609-924-4646. We hope to see you soon.

### An International Pinot Noir Tasting

**Saturday, April 16, 2005**  
**7:00 p.m., Princeton, NJ**  
**\$350 per person**  
**8 guests (3 tickets remaining)**

Thought to have been grown in France for over 2,000 years, Pinot Noir is the red grape of the burgundy region, responsible for the great red wines of the *côte d'or*. Pinot Noir is known as the "headache" grape of winemaking because it is so difficult to grow and work with, but when a grand harvest is pampered properly, the wine is elegant beyond compare. Several regions outside of France also produce outstanding Pinot Noirs including California and Oregon, New Zealand and Italy.

This year, Carrie and John Pallat will be uncorking bottles from their wine cellar to a small group of fortunate guests who will enjoy an extraordinary tasting of Pinot Noirs from around the world. The multi-course menu will be specially designed to complement these spectacular vintages. This occasion will be a true celebration of outstanding food, wine and hospitality in the newly renovated historic Pallat home. Complementary car service to guests living in the greater Princeton area will be provided.

### Introduction to Orienteering

**Saturday, April 23, 2005**  
**10:00 a.m., East Amwell, NJ**  
**\$50 per adult, \$25 per child,**  
**\$150 per family**

If you love maps, exploring and the natural world, you'll love orienteering! The "sport of navigation,"

orienteering is easy to learn, fun and challenging. The object is to hike to a series of points shown on a map, using a compass and choosing routes—both on and off trail—that will help you find all the points in the shortest amount of time.

Lisi Bromley and Dougin Walker are hosting this event on the 103 acre property they preserved with D&R Greenway Land Trust in 2002. Bill Rawlyk, our Director of Land Preservation and Naturalist, Sean Grace of Blue Ridge Mountain Sports, who holds a Masters in Environmental Education and Jim Smirk, a biology teacher, will introduce guests to the basics of map and compass use. Guests will then divide into three groups for an exploratory hike utilizing their newly acquired skills. This will be a fun-filled day, emphasizing how to confidently explore new areas. A picnic lunch will be served.

Guests should dress for a moderate, 1 hour hike over rocky terrain. Long pants, comfortable walking shoes and a water bottle are recommended. This Gala is ideal for families; however, young children will need to be supervised. If the weather is very uncooperative, guests will be notified and the *Gala* rescheduled.

### Los Pajáros de Calakmul

**Saturday, May 21, 2005**  
**5:30 p.m., Hopewell, NJ**  
**\$75 per person**

What do the Yucatán forests of Mexico and the Sourland forests of New Jersey have in common? They both provide a home to over 65 species of neo-tropical migrating birds. To help protect the essential summer and winter habitat for these birds, D&R Greenway has established a sister land trust partnership with Amigos de Calakmul. This Mexican land trust protects the forests surrounding the Calakmul Biosphere Reserve in the Yucatán while D&R Greenway has protected over 3,400 acres in the Sourlands.

Jay Gompper, a Sourlands landowner who protected his 28 acres of forest with D&R Greenway in 2002, is inviting D&R Greenway Land Trust supporters to meet the pajáros (birds) of Calakmul up close and personal. While enjoying Mexican appetizers, margaritas,

## Thank you to our Galas hosts

Many thanks to our wonderful *Good Time Gala* hosts and sponsors:

Pam Mount and Kim Rizk:

*A Taste of Terhune Orchards*

Andrea Bonette, Elric Endersby, Gael & Fred Gardner, Bryce Thompson, and Lilly & Oliver Horsman: *An Historic Hike in the Sourlands*

Sandra & Bob More, Pryde Brown and Ellen Hoenig-Carlson: *Family Portraits*

Hannah Suthers and Marlene Lucchesi: *Bird Banding & Bagels*

Erin Enright & Stuart Essig and Balloon America: *The Great Greenway Balloon Festival*

Lulie & Gordon Gund, Abigail Barrows, Jim Amon, and Jim & Suzy Trowbridge: *Traveling the Towpath*

Amy Whitney & Gary Robinson, and Amy & Jay Regan: *Walking in Washington's Footsteps*

Heather Barros, Kathryn Williamson and Ellen Hoenig-Carlson: *Children's Art Workshops*

Lynn & Bob Johnston: *Sunday Brunch in a Spectacular Setting*

Lisa & Bob Stockman: *A Midwinter Musical Gala*

Elisa & Richard Rosen, and Jean Hanff Korelitz & Paull Muldoon: *The Poetry of Paul Muldoon*

Carrie & John Pallat: *An International Pinot Noir Tasting*

Lisi Bromley & Dougin Walker, Sean Grace, Jim Smirk, and Blue Ridge Mountain Sports: *Introduction to Orienteering*

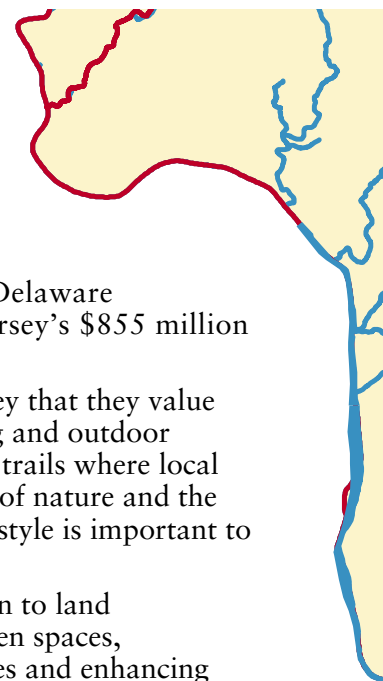
Jay Gompper: *Los Pajáros de Calakmul*

wine and Mexican beer, guests will learn about the habits and characteristics of the birds from Bill Rawlyk, D&R Greenway Naturalist. About an hour before sunset, guests will venture into the woods for a bit of bird watching. Afterwards, everyone will enjoy a Mexican fiesta. Proceeds from this gala will benefit both Amigos de Calakmul and D&R Greenway Land Trust. ♡



# D&R GREENWAY LAND TRUST

## 2004 Preservation Landscape



**D**&R Greenway Land Trust added a record 28 properties spanning 6 counties and 13 municipalities to the preservation landscape in 2004.

Supporters frequently ask how we decide on priority lands for preservation. The answer is illustrated in the diversity of our 2004 preservation landscape.

Each property must fit into a regional preservation vision. The lands we protect link natural resources with the preservation of New Jersey's rich Revolutionary history. Most important is the land's conservation value – watershed lands, stream corridors, fields and woodlands that support biodiversity get top priority. Expanding existing preserves builds large blocks of intact habitat important for the survival of wildlife and the migratory birds that breed in the Sourlands and the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh.

Community values help determine how we apply our resources. Residents of New Jersey, the Garden State, value farm landscapes and fresh produce close at hand. Preservation of working farms in Upper Freehold, Cranbury,

Hopewell, East Amwell and Delaware townships helps keep New Jersey's \$855 million agricultural industry viable.

Supporters told us in a survey that they value hiking, birdwatching, canoeing and outdoor activities. Providing parks and trails where local residents can enjoy the beauty of nature and the health benefits of an active lifestyle is important to D&R Greenway Land Trust.

By applying a strategic vision to land preservation we are linking open spaces, protecting our natural resources and enhancing the quality of our communities for all who live and work here. And, land preservation just makes good economic sense. For every single family home built, the cost of providing local services typically exceeds the direct tax revenue from the new development. Thus, every donated dollar that helps D&R Greenway Land Trust preserve land reflects real value back to our donors.

D&R Greenway Land Trust is working as hard as we can, as fast as we can, to protect as much of our region's remaining open space and natural lands as we can. We thank you for your support that helped us achieve a record 2004. 🍁

<i>Property</i>	<i>Municipality</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Property</i>	<i>Municipality</i>
1. Mitchell	Delaware	Hunterdon	90	Stream Corridor	16. Tri-Corner Preserve*	Montgomery
2. Bibeau*	Hillsborough	Somerset	30	Forest	17. Updike*	Princeton
3. Taverner II	Hillsborough	Somerset	19	Forest	18. Simonson*	Cranbury
4. Roosters Coop	West Amwell	Hunterdon	8.6	Scenic Corridor	19. Kiesler	Cranbury
5. Supreme 10	West Amwell	Hunterdon	54.2	Forest	20. White	Cranbury
6. Burgard*	West Amwell	Hunterdon	15	Forest	21. Drezner*	Trenton
7. Ramberg*	West Amwell	Hunterdon	81.2	Forest	22. McDermott	East Windsor
8. Mayo*	East Amwell	Hunterdon	26.7	Forest	23. Powner	Washington
9. Greek II	East Amwell	Hunterdon	61.3	Forest	24. Reed*	Upper Freehold
10. Horsman*	East Amwell	Hunterdon	46.3	Forest	25. Reed Home Farm*	Upper Freehold
11. Russo*	East Amwell	Hunterdon	2.2	Forest	26. Thorn	Bordentown City
12. Roth*	East Amwell	Hunterdon	28.6	Forest	27. Reed Farm South*	Upper Freehold
13. Fenstermaker*	East Amwell	Hunterdon	31.1	Forest	28. Reed Daly Farm*	Upper Freehold
14. Olukotun	Hopewell	Mercer	21.8	Agricultural Land		
15. Biedler	Hopewell	Mercer	13.7	Stream Corridor	Totals	13 Municipalities

\*Facilitation to public agency





# Thank You to All Our 2004 Partners in Preservation

The board of trustees and staff of D&R Greenway Land Trust would like to thank each and every one of our partners in preservation. Your donations support our mission to preserve the open space and natural lands that protect our biodiversity, our water supply and our quality of life. For every \$100 donated to our general operating fund we are able to preserve an average of one acre of

land—in a region where land prices range between \$5,000 and \$100,000 an acre.

Our fiscal acumen has been recognized with a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for the second year in a row. This leading independent evaluator of over 2,300 charities has identified D&R Greenway as one of the top three environmental organizations nationwide. Trent

Stamp, Executive Director of Charity Navigator, commented in our notification letter that “A 4-star rating from Charity Navigator means your supporters can be assured that D&R Greenway is worthy of their trust and commitment.”

We thank you for your generosity in 2004 and hope we can continue to count on your support in 2005. ♣

## Donations Received January 1 – December 31, 2004

### LEGACY GIFTS (\$100,000 OR MORE)

Frank & Cathy Greek  
Members of the Johnson  
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In 2004 D&R Greenway Land Trust protected 1,260 acres of land, an area larger than most of the boroughs in our region. To help you imagine the size of this preserved land, and how many houses a borough of that size could support, consider that:

- Princeton Borough is about equal in size to the acres protected by D&R Greenway in 2004. It supports a population of 14,203 people in 3,495 housing units.
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## Central New Jersey Trails Association to Benefit from Federal Grant

**D**&R Greenway Land Trust was awarded a \$22,000 Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant through the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. We applied for this funding to support the work of the New Jersey Trails Association (NJTA), an all volunteer group that operates under the auspices of D&R Greenway Land Trust. The NJTA is dedicated to providing easily accessed information about places to walk and hike in New Jersey. NJTA assembles trail descriptions, histories, maps and other facts about public trails and posts them on the Web at [www.njtrails.org](http://www.njtrails.org).

The \$22,000 grant will be used to map 10 additional trails for posting on the Web site. It will also fund the development of a brochure about the health benefits of walking with information about public trails on preserved lands. This new brochure will be distributed through health care providers, fitness centers and other health-oriented venues.

We hope you will use the New Jersey Trails Association website to find new and beautiful walking opportunities in your community. Please visit [www.njtrails.org](http://www.njtrails.org) or the new D&R Greenway website, [www.drgreenway.org](http://www.drgreenway.org) and select "Trails." ♣

## Save the Date

**T**he 2005 Greenway Gala will be held on June 5 at the Chauncey Conference Center at Educational Testing Service (ETS), Princeton.

The *Gala* will include a juried show and sale of art inspired by nature, with proceeds to benefit D&R Greenway's land preservation efforts. **To submit work for consideration, call 609-924-4646, to request an entry form.**

*Gala* attendees will also have the first opportunity to buy tickets for the 2005-06 collection of **Good Time Galas for the Greenway**—a series of unique and fun events designed to raise awareness, and funds, for land preservation.

We would like to thank Vice-Chair Eleanor Horne and ETS for their generosity in sponsoring this event. *See you at the Greenway Gala!* ♣



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## Thank You to the Members of the Taplin Circle

Judy and Bill Scheide hosted a very special reception to honor the memory of Frank Taplin and thank the inaugural members of the 2004 Taplin Circle. Jasna Polana provided the elegant backdrop for this wonderful event, made even more special thanks to the musical interlude provided by concert pianist Bill Scheide in tribute to Frank's devotion to the care and protection of the natural world. Scott McVay, another of Frank Taplin's close friends, spoke about how Frank's commitment to the environment is being carried on through the generosity of the members of the Taplin Circle and their support of D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Introduced in 2004 to commemorate D&R Greenway Land Trust's 15th anniversary year, the Taplin Circle honors the life of Frank Taplin and his unwavering support of open space and the environment. In its first year, members of the Taplin Circle raised over \$266,000 for D&R Greenway Land Trust's general operations.

D&R Greenway Land Trust appreciates the support of all the members



*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*

of the 2004 Taplin Circle. We are especially grateful to Peg Taplin and to Frank himself, for providing the leadership and action that helped preserve a significant amount of open space in our community. Frank's vision for a healthy and vital environment will live on, fueled by the generosity of others who care deeply about our preservation landscape. ■

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