

# GREENWAYS

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## Land Preservation Update

Since 1989 D&R Greenway has permanently preserved 303 properties, approximately 20,500 acres valued at over \$400 million dollars.  
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## Revolutionary Partnership Preserves Land

*Where hundreds of troops and horses fought for American independence*

There are heroes who are commemorated for a single act of courage. And then there are the heroes who continue winning battles for the betterment of humankind. Bob Vaucher of Bridgewater Township, who is 100 years old, falls into the latter category of continuous battle winner.

As a lieutenant colonel, Vaucher flew 117 combat missions during World War II. He led the squadron of planes that flew over the USS Missouri as Gen. Douglas MacArthur was presiding over the formal ceremonies that ended World War II. Most recently, Vaucher proved his mettle working with partners led by

his neighbors and D&R Greenway Land Trust to preserve 36 acres of historic property in Bridgewater Township.

The land, where General George Washington stationed more than 5,000 soldiers during the Revolutionary War (the Middlebrook Encampment), is also on the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail. This was the route taken in 1781 by Gen. Rochambeau's French Army after it joined forces with Washington's Continental Army to fight the British Army in Yorktown, Va.

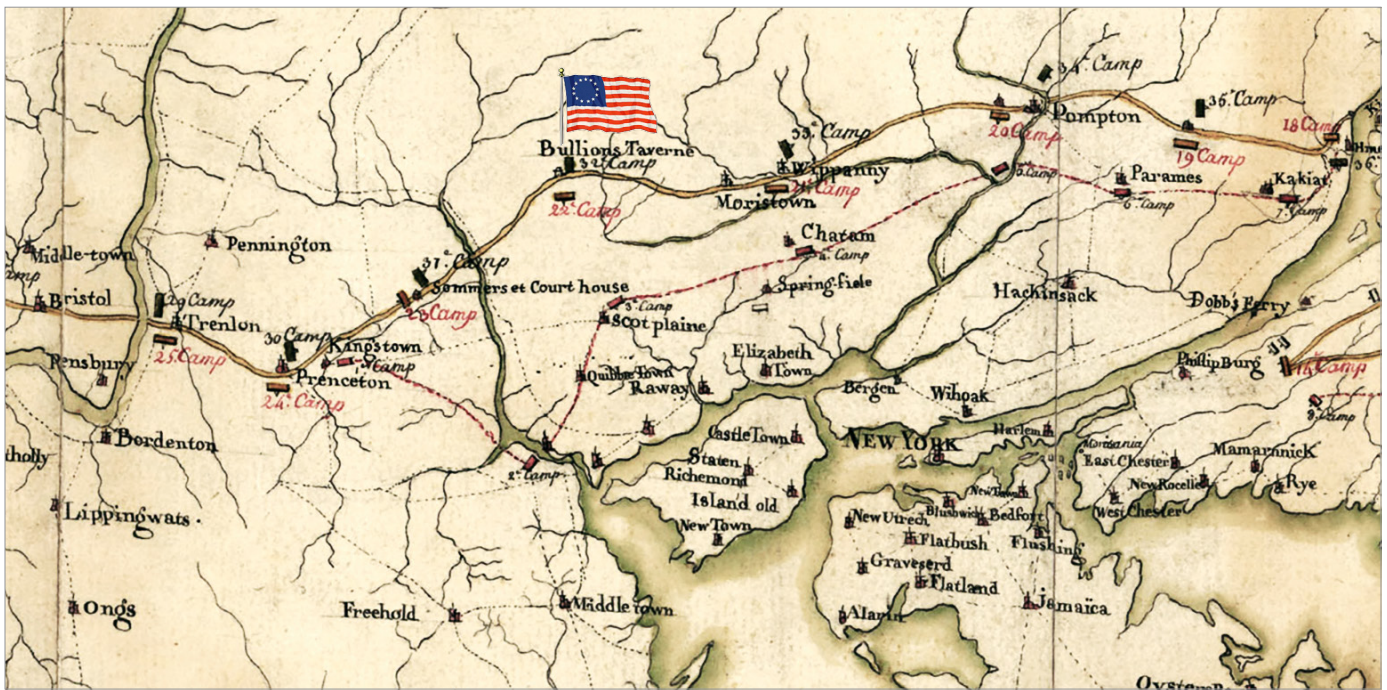
"We are grateful to all the partners who made this 'revolutionary' preservation possible," says D&R Greenway Land Trust President & CEO Linda Mead. Those partners

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The route taken by the Franco-American army in the summer of 1781 from Newport, Rhode Island and Neubergh, New York to Yorktown, Virginia and victory. On the way from their encampment at Bullion's Tavern, French forces, under the comte de Rochambeau on 30 August 1781, marched south on Martinsville Road/Liberty Corner Road to Rte. 620, then after about ¼ mile onto Newman's Lane, then left onto Steel Gap Road and left again onto Foothill Road. (source: Robert A. Selig, Ph.D.; map: US National Park Service)





(photo: David Stempien)

## Revolutionary

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included Bridgewater Township, Somerset County, the New Jersey Green Acres Program, the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association and 70 individual contributors. Private donations from neighbors and a surprise gift in honor of Vaucher's courage ranged from \$100 to \$50,000.

"These are not our usual partners," continues Linda. "Some first learned about us as a result of this project. Others who are enthusiastic about this site's preservation include the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association."

A key partner was the State of New Jersey. "Green Acres is proud to be a partner with the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association and others in the preservation of this significant property rich in historic resources relating to the American Revolution," said Ray Bukowski, NJ DEP's Assistant Commissioner for Natural and Historic Resources. "The property not only helps to tell the story of the Revolutionary War in New Jersey, but will also be available for passive recreation opportunities, such as hiking and historic interpretation." The land will be owned by Bridgewater Township for passive recreation. D&R Greenway will support and advise Bridgewater Township and neighbors in creating trails and interpretive signage, making

the land accessible to all. Matthew Moench, Bridgewater Council President, expresses the significance to the local community, "I am thrilled that we have completed the purchase of the Wemple property. The Council has long advocated to preserve this important open space parcel in the middle of Bridgewater, and now we can ensure that one more portion of Bridgewater remains preserved for future generations to enjoy."

Mayor Daniel Hayes, Jr. of Bridgewater adds his appreciation, "I am pleased that so many partners came together to preserve these 36 acres and I am grateful to D&R Greenway for facilitating the deal and coming through with necessary funding. Preservation of open space is a priority and I look forward to continued partnership with D&R Greenway as we move forward to establish trails and signage that will acknowledge the historic events that happened on this land."

The newly preserved property may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, according to the Cultural & Heritage Commission of Somerset County, because of its association with the Continental Army's Middlebrook Encampment during the American Revolution.

"It is one of the few sections that allow the modern traveler to imagine what a road layout in the 18th century may have looked like," says Dr. Robert A. Selig, historical consultant to the National Park Service. "Today even this very short section of the National Historic Trail is

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— Dr. Robert A. Selig, historical consultant to the National Park Service



Channel and horse drinking trough on Revolutionary land. (photo: David Stempien)



twice broken up by highways... But time is running out to preserve [elements] of America's past." The 700-mile long trail commemorates and celebrates American independence and needs protection for future generations, he continues.

"There are very few natural areas left on the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail," says Laura Szwak, a board member of the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association. "When you're on the property you can feel the presence of hundreds of troops and horses—it takes you back in time, you can envision that this is where they stopped to rest." Artifacts indicate it had been the site of Steeles Tavern, an encampment for soldiers near the spring that was once the original water source for Somerset Township.

"Now that the land is preserved, the opportunity exists for an archaeological study," Szwak continues. "It is our mission to save these last spots that show the significant role New Jersey played in the Revolutionary War."

"You can't separate history from natural resources—it's the history of the land use that makes a difference in where we are today," says D&R Greenway's Linda Mead. "What a wonderful way to kick off our 30th year preserving land, protecting a property of significance to both community and nation," she continues. "Visitors will be excited to learn how significant the area was in the formation of our country."

"Somerset County was pleased to participate in the preservation of this unique property," said Somerset County

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Freeholder Deputy Director Patricia L. Walsh. "Through the efforts of many individuals and organizations, its open space and historic qualities will remain in perpetuity. We applaud the hard work of all of the individuals who made this preservation effort possible."

The story of protecting the land, with its starts and bumps, begins with William Lester Wemple, Assistant U.S. Attorney General during the Taft Administration, who purchased the property as farmland in 1918. When he died, in 1933, the property passed to his heirs. In 1995, his son John Wemple signed an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to donate a portion of the property, but his will was overturned subsequent to allegations that he was incompetent at the time it was drawn.

"John became very attached to that property," said Vaucher, the recipient of two Distinguished Flying Crosses who lives next door and was a close confidante of John Wemple. Vaucher learned from Wemple that he was determined the property should never

be developed. Vaucher, who is still sharp at 100, gets a twinkle in his eye every time he speaks about saving his friend's land and a piece of American history.

Though John Wemple had hoped to preserve the land with The Nature Conservancy, it ended up with his heirs who sold the land to developer Steve Lang. Lang had plans and approvals to put 15 lots on the wooded property on a hill overlooking a spring. After completing the engineering work he learned just how impassioned the neighbors, led by Vaucher, were about preservation and fulfilling Wemple's vision for the property.

Vaucher, joined by neighbors Brendan Burns and Dave Stempien, approached D&R Greenway for help in preserving the 36 acres on the Watchung Ridge.

Through a mutual connection, Burns was put in touch with Wade Martin at Morgan Stanley, who connected him to Linda Mead at D&R Greenway.

"When D&R Greenway saw that no one was working on preservation in this important ridge area of Bridgewater Township, we stepped up to play a unique role," says Mead.

D&R Greenway had worked with developer Steve Lang before, on preservation of its Sourlands Ecosystem Preserve. As a result, Lang became a D&R Greenway supporter. When Vaucher and his neighbors approached D&R Greenway for help, Lang felt confident that a good settlement could be reached.

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*Wemple estate home and barns, ca. 1885, will remain privately owned, surrounded by the preserved historic land. (photo: Brendan Burns)*

## Revolutionary

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Together the neighbors and D&R Greenway approached Bridgewater Township, who determined this was a preservation priority for them. The land was valued at 2 million, and the Crossroads of the American Revolution had \$250,000 in funding from the New Jersey Green Acres Program.

Somerset County agreed to match the funding. But an additional \$200,000 was still needed.

D&R Greenway negotiated a reduction in price, known as a bargain sale, and dipped into its Revolving Land Fund—created during the land trust's Land for Life Campaign in 2017—to create a matching grant for the neighbors.



(photo: David Stempien)

## 30 Years Young

In three decades, D&R Greenway Land Trust has evolved beyond the aspirations of its founders.

Five years ago, at the start of our 25th Anniversary we had preserved 253 properties, comprising 17,408 acres of land. Today, as we begin our 30th Anniversary, D&R Greenway Land Trust has increased those

numbers to over 300 properties preserved, encompassing 20,500 acres of land.

We thank those listed in this report who share our vision and invite you to join us as we continue on our journey to preserve land and inspire a conservation ethic now and forever!

It is a story of chain excitement. Stempien and Burns, impassioned by Vaucher's quest, in turn took to rallying the neighbors the good old-fashioned way: making phone calls and knocking on doors. While the neighbors were knocking on doors to raise more money, D&R Greenway set up a special web page for this project. "D&R Greenway's website donation page made a big difference," says Burns. "In two weeks—the deadline required by Bridgewater Township in order to support a vote by the Township Committee that would commit municipal funds to this purchase—we managed to raise the necessary dollars. When you have a good story to tell, people respond."

"Supporters were so taken with the human interest aspect of this story, and the property's historic significance, that the gifts started pouring in," says Mead.

"I am thankful to D&R Greenway and the neighbors for their determination in raising dollars to support the preservation of this property, and to Bridgewater Township

for paying me a fair price for my land so that it can be a part of history," reflected Steve Lang speaking about how preservation was made possible.

During the veteran's recent birthday celebration, Vaucher spoke of his responsibility to do the right thing, recounts Burns, and was lauded by Bridgewater Mayor Daniel Hayes Jr. and the Bridgewater Civic Association for his accomplishments. "As a World War II veteran, he felt a strong connection to Washington's men. He couldn't bear the thought of plowing through a field of Revolutionary War artifacts to put up houses."

"How often do you get the chance to make a 100-year-old veteran's dream come true?" asks Mead. "This is an important story to tell, a heartwarming story about how land preservation really happens. It's a true story of heroes." Neighbor Dave Stempien says it best, "What we accomplished is exceptional."



## PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BRIDGEWATER PROPERTY

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# The Taplin Circle

*Celebrating our 30th Anniversary of Accomplishments Together*

Frank Taplin was a well-known and respected philanthropist who was an early advocate for land preservation. His vision and leadership resulted in the permanent protection, led by D&R Greenway, of two signature Princeton landscapes: the Institute Woods and Coventry Farm.

In 2004, D&R Greenway honored Frank Taplin's memory by creating the Taplin Circle, which recognizes individuals who share Frank's and his wife Peg's commitment to preserving and caring for land by contributing \$1,000 or more to our annual fund.

All members of the Taplin Circle are invited to an exclusive gathering where they hear about accomplishments that their support made possible and learn about upcoming projects before they are publicly announced. Their consistent, significant support has enabled our vision to grow benefitting all of us—forever.

Taplin Circle members who have made a multi-year pledge are listed here at their most recent payment level. Multi-year pledges in effect in 2018 are noted on page 16.

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*Lynn and Tom Ebeling having fun at the Masquerade Ball (photo: Carl Geisler)*





# 2018 Volunteers

*Celebrating our 30th Anniversary of Accomplishments Together*

**D**&R Greenway Land Trust thanks each of our volunteers for their unique partnership in our mission. This year, volunteers contributed nearly 1,600 hours of service. Over 30 years, their collaborative contributions have been significant, inspiring and invaluable to the growth and success of D&R Greenway.

**AMERICAN CHESTNUT RESTORATION PROJECT.** The Hopewell Environmental Commission and the American Chestnut Foundation are partnering with volunteers from D&R Greenway, Watershed Institute and Sourlands Conservancy to plant American Chestnut seedlings at St. Michael's Farm Preserve and other nearby parks and preserves.

**CAPITAL CITY FARM:** Volunteers at Trenton's first urban farm plant crops and flowers, maintain and improve the landscape, and distribute produce and flowers to schools, senior centers, and hospitals.

**EXPERT BIRDERS:** D&R Greenway is fortunate to have expert birders who regularly identify and count bird species on D&R Greenway preserves. This data is submitted to eBird.org at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, a rich data source for basic information on bird abundance and distribution.

**CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS:** Corporations and organizations offer "volunteer workdays" to employees in lieu of time in the workplace. These employees volunteer their time to remove

invasive plants, clear trails, mulch soil, assist with the Native Plant Nursery and gardens at Capital City Farm.

**NATIVE PLANT NURSERY:** Volunteers plant, learn about and care for native plants. They assist with spring and fall plant sales and Friday sales throughout the summer.

**NEW JERSEY TRAILS:** From October to May, led by former Board Chair Alan Hershey, volunteers from age 16 to 80+ move boulders, clear brush and build charming pedestrian bridges to create special places for people to connect with the land. See [www.njtrails.org](http://www.njtrails.org).

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND GRAPHIC DESIGN:** A talented group of photographers and designers dedicate their time and expertise to contribute to D&R Greenway's public outreach, website and interactive trail Apps.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Volunteers multiply the work of our staff, enjoying community spirit as they ensure this important work gets done. They remove invasive species, restore habitats with native plants, and maintain trails. Local organizations and corporate employees volunteer their time through "employee workdays."

**WILLING HANDS:** Volunteers inspire a conservation ethic by assisting with education and art events at the Johnson Education Center, mailings, and community days that spread the word about D&R Greenway.

To learn about volunteer opportunities with D&R Greenway Land Trust, please email us at [volunteer@drgreenway.org](mailto:volunteer@drgreenway.org) or visit our website [www.drgreenway.org](http://www.drgreenway.org).

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# Strategic Vision: Community Conservation

An anniversary year is a good time to think about who we are, how we got here, and who we will become. It's a time to review past accomplishments and growth from a grassroots, volunteer-led, optimistic new organization to a professional land trust recognized as a model and sought out as an advisor.

Today, two words spring to mind when I think about D&R Greenway: "Land" and "Community."

The first definition of community in the dictionary reads: "people with common interests living in a particular area" (sic: geography).

Here, in the center of New Jersey, D&R Greenway Land Trust is a community of people with a common belief: that land is worth caring for and doing something about.

One of my favorite quotes about community is this:

*"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."*

When we were formed 30 years ago, we knew one thing: with land quickly disappearing to development, it mattered that we proactively sought preservation.

We began as a community of four founders and a host organization, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Assn., now called The Watershed Institute. When we became our own nonprofit organization in 1989, D&R Greenway's founding Board of Trustees included Alan Hershey who will receive our 30th Anniversary Donald B. Jones Conservation Award in



*Donation of an 1800's ledger from Peacock's General Store by Jan Lilly to the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum. (l) Elaine and John Buck, (r) Beverly Mills, recipients of D&R Greenway's 30th Anniversary Land Stewardship Award. Pictured second from right is Caroline Katmann of the Sourland Conservancy. (photo: Laurie Cleveland, Sourland Conservancy)*

May. Fifteen years after our founding, and fifteen years ago, Alan brought together enthusiastic trail builders and built a strong community that encourages people to enjoy the outdoors through the website [www.njtrails.org](http://www.njtrails.org). Alan remains an important contributor to our community today, dedicating his time and expertise to carefully create enticing public trails on the land.

Thirteen years ago, D&R Greenway opened the Johnson Education Center in April 2006. Preservation of Greenway Meadows and restoration of the RW Johnson barn into our home would not have been possible without the inspiration and action of Margee Harper, who rallied the Princeton community's support.

Over the ensuing years, another type of community—of artists and poets, scientists and conservationists—has broadened the meaning of our work. Through the people that join us at lectures and art openings, Galas and Masquerade Balls, we have become a community that cares about conservation and each other. Together, we are caring about and doing something to protect land.

Looking to the future, our Board of Trustees has adopted a new Strategic Vision. At its core, is "Community Conservation."

We recognize that within the vast region where we do our work are local communities that have different needs and values. Our common ground is the benefit that comes from the land. Some local communities may care most about growing food, others about recreational spaces, yet others about a gathering place or a peaceful place of solitude. The diversity of place and its people will create the future *how* of conservation—the ways that we use and cherish the land.

Communities have come together around land that we've saved. Our St. Michaels Farm Preserve in Hopewell is a community treasure for its big sky views of farmland. It's a place where dog walkers enjoy its farm trails daily, and where former residents of the St. Michaels Orphanage can reunite and make new memories. In the Sourlands,



*2004 Groundbreaking for renovation of the Robert Wood Johnson barn into the Johnson Education Center. Second from left is Margee Harper, recipient of D&R Greenway's 30th Anniversary Inspiration Award*



bird-watchers wait for spring migration. At Princeton's Farm View Fields, spring brings school kids and their families onto the playing fields. At the Abbott Marshlands, kayakers get out on the water and ride with the tide. In Trenton, our work at Capital City Farm has transformed the lives of people who have rediscovered themselves as they grow healthy food for their community.

Two communities we will celebrate at our 30th anniversary Gala are exemplary for their caring about and action for land that is relevant to their communities of people. In Bridgewater, neighbors Brendan Burns, Dave Stempien and 100-year-old Bob Vaucher advocated diligently for six years to save nationally significant land, raising substantial dollars to ensure its history would remain intact for future generations. In the Sourlands, Beverly Mills and Elaine and John Buck are raising awareness about the community of African-Americans that have roots on this wooded mountain. Along with the Sourland Conservancy, they plan to open a museum to share the importance of this place, the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum.

A truth to remember as we reach into local communities is this:

*“We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community. Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.”*

Thank you to our 30 year strong community of supporters who have helped us on this journey. You have made a difference in the broadest sense of community.

We welcome all of you who are reading this to become a part of our D&R Greenway community. By caring about the land together, we will care for each other in ways that will enrich each and every life.



President & CEO

## D&R Greenway Milestones: 30 Years and 300 Preserved Properties

**1987** — Launched D&R Greenway in an office at Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association with \$10,000 from Friends of Princeton Open Space.

**1989** — Founded: D&R Greenway gained status as an independent nonprofit land trust.

**1992** — First preserved land: 180 acres in the Sourlands at the headwaters of Stony Brook purchased with the first Green Acres nonprofit grant in New Jersey.

**1997** — Led preservation of the 600-acre Institute for Advanced Study lands, where Albert Einstein once walked.

**2001** — Raised \$25 million to permanently protect Greenway Meadows, Farm View Fields, Coventry Farm and Carson Road Woods.

**2006** — Opened the Johnson Education Center as our home, a focal point for land preservation, stewardship and community.

**2010** — Partnered with 900 private contributors and public partners to raise \$11 million to preserve the St. Michaels Farm Preserve.

**2012** — Among the first 10% of land trusts in the U.S. to achieve accredited status.

**2014** — Established the Tulpehaking Nature Center in partnership with Mercer County and Friends for the Abbott Marshlands.

**2015** — Independent study shows lands preserved by D&R Greenway generate \$60 million in ecosystem services for local communities every single year.

**2016** — First growing season for Capital City Farm in Trenton, spearheaded by D&R Greenway.

**2017** — Exceeded goal of \$8.4 million for our Land for Life campaign that includes a Revolving Land Fund to protect threatened lands.

**2018** — Surpassed 300 properties preserved and launched our “Healing Trails” story-telling app that connects being outdoors to personal health and happiness.

**2019** — Strategic commitment to Community Conservation and Land Stewardship as expanded levels of our everyday preservation work.

*Thanks to the many partners, supporters, landowners, volunteers, staff and trustees who have been a part of these meaningful achievements.*

## Partners in Preservation

*Celebrating our 30th Anniversary of Accomplishments Together*

D&R Greenway Land Trust thanks our Partners in Preservation for their investment in our work. Land preservation is so much more than permanently protecting land from future development. These lands benefit all of us with clean water to drink, fresh air to breathe and fresh, local foods to eat. In addition, green spaces in nature have a positive effect on health including reducing stress, lowering risks from asthma, and lessening health disparities.

Perhaps the most significant benefit of preserving the natural and agricultural landscapes surrounding and

within our cities, towns and villages is that it strengthens these communities by providing, quite literally, “common ground”—a shared continuity of experience with the land that extends across generations.

We would particularly like to welcome first-time donors to our organization. We are also grateful to the families and individuals who have provided steady support for D&R Greenway’s work through the years—see page 6 for acknowledgment of our Steadfast Stewards.

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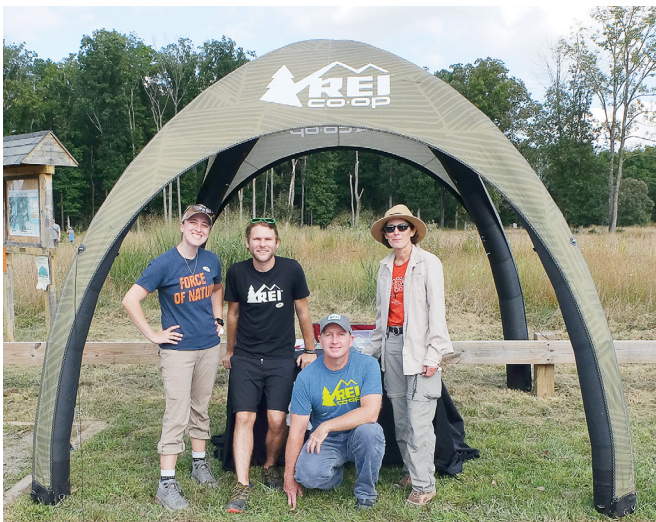
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Events are free to attend unless otherwise indicated. \*RSVP required  
For gallery hours and to RSVP: [rsvp@drgreenway.org](mailto:rsvp@drgreenway.org) or call (609) 924-4646

## Art Exhibits

**Healing Trails &  
Decoys of the Delaware**  
*through April 5, 2019*

**Spring Training:  
People, Places, Play**

*Exhibit opens on Earth Day  
April 22 – June 14, 2019*

**Opening Reception:**  
*Friday, April 26, 5:30–7:30 p.m. \*RSVP*



*Jackie Robinson, by James Fiorentino*

Land is the playing field for many of our favorite pastimes. Renown artist and D&R Greenway trustee James Fiorentino's career highlights includes creating personal portraits of baseball legends Yogi Berra, Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, Mickey Mantle and Casey Stengel. See these and other sports celebrities along with explorations of the lands where we play.

## Olivia Rainbow Gallery

**Animal Expo**

Art by Stuart Country Day School students

*Through April 12*

**Nature Art**

Art by Eden Institute students  
*(for Autism Month)*

*April 15 – May 31*

## Trails to Tables Celebrating Greenway Communities

*Monthly, April – November*

- Join us for a trail walk and open house on little-known Greenway lands
- Get to know the diversity of communities throughout the region
- Gather for lunch at a restaurant that supports our mission
- Honor a featured volunteer or community member

For details and to register (\*RSVP): [www.drgreenway.org](http://www.drgreenway.org)

## Twilight Fishing 101 at the Stony Brook

Co-Sponsor, Orvis–Princeton

Instructor: Bruce Turner, manager,  
Princeton Fly Fishing

*Thursday, May 16*

*Registration: 5:30 p.m.*

*Fly-Fishing overview and light meal:*

*5:45 p.m. Demonstration: 6:30 p.m.*

*Fee: \$35 pp (includes light meal)*

Back by popular demand—For ages 10 and older. Meet at the Johnson Education Center and walk to the Stony Brook. Rods, flies and instruction provided courtesy of Orvis-Princeton. *Bring your own waders.* \*RSVP

Note: A current fishing license and stamp are required to actively catch fish in the Stony Brook but are not required for this demonstration. A fishing license can be purchased and printed out at [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com).



SAVE THE DATE

## 2019 Masquerade Ball

*Saturday, October 26, 6:00–11:00 p.m.*



*(l-r) Mary Michaels, Krystyna Kapner and Phil Getty predict it will be your good fortune to save the date to celebrate!*

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# 30th Anniversary Greenway Gala

Saturday, May 11, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*A Garden Party at the Johnson Education Center*

## Presentation of the 2019 Donald B. Jones Conservation Award

*Alan Hershey – long-standing volunteer and trail-blazer*

## Special Awards in Recognition of D&R Greenway's 30th Anniversary

### LAND PRESERVATION AWARD

*Brendan Burns, David Stempien and Bob Vaucher – for preserving a piece of history*

### LAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD

*Beverly Mills, Elaine and John Buck – for raising awareness about diverse communities on the land*

### INSPIRATION AWARD

*Margee Harper – for being a Greenway guardian angel*

Tickets: \$130 pp

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