

# August 2022 DELAWARE GREENWAYS NEWSLETTER

# **Georgetown-Lewes Trail Survey**



During the month of September,
Delaware Greenways will conduct a
multi-use trail user survey of the
Georgetown – Lewes Trail. Electronic
and volunteer conducted intercept
surveys will be used to gather data.
The goals of the survey are to
understand when, who, how and why
people use the trail. Information
collected will identify motivators and
barriers to safe trail use.

Results and recommendations from the survey will be available later in the Fall.

Volunteers are needed to help with intercept surveys. Watch your email for upcoming dates and timeslots. For more information email <u>info@delawaregreenways.org</u>.

Learn more about the trail.

#### In Memoriam

We are saddened to learn of the passing of John Iwasyk last month, one of Delaware Greenways' longest serving Board members. For 22 years, John volunteered his time with DGI to bring about real and effective change for Delaware communities. His commitment throughout his life to creating positive change in our state extended to other organizations, earning him the Governor's Lifetime Volunteer Award. We will be forever grateful for John's experience, wisdom and

common sense that he so freely shared. All of us at Delaware Greenways extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Kathleen, and his beautiful family. John will be greatly missed, but the impact he made will live on.



### **Trail Advisory Committee**

Trail Advisory Committee members needed. We're looking for committed volunteers to serve. The committee will provide support to the Staff and Board of Delaware Greenways on multi-modal projects throughout the State of Delaware. The first meeting will take place in September 2022 and meet monthly thereafter. Meetings will be held virtually to accommodate members participation.

For more information, contact Adam Crosby at acrosby@delawaregreenways.org

## Foulk Road Reconstruction and Reconfiguration

DelDOT has started to explore options for changes to Foulk Road in Wilmington that would address drainage and curb issues, while at the same time, improve travel for bicyclists and pedestrians along the roadway. On July 12th, a public workshop was held to gauge feedback on the proposed roadway reconfiguration concept. There was a tremendous turnout!

If you missed this 1st workshop, the project display boards and comment form can be accessed on our website. For those of you that live, work, attend school or recreate along this road, we encourage you to provide your feedback to DelDOT.

Meeting materials and comment form



Delaware Greenways' mission includes advocating for safe pathways to connect people and communities to destinations. We support this project and have provided DELDOT with our recommendations. Visit our website to learn more.



Congratulations to Future Trails of Northern Delaware Coalition Partner, Kennett Greenway. Kennett Township Supervisors voted unanimously to apply for grant funding for the Chandler Mill Greenway. This project would complete a critical segment of the Kennett Greenway, a 14-mile trail loop that will connect five municipalities across both Delaware and Pennsylvania.

It will connect over 10 parks and preserves, and over 1,500 acres of conserved open space, including Auburn Valley State Park in Delaware.

Delaware Greenways was happy provide a letter of support for the Kennett Trail Alliance/Kennett Township's application for the \$1.5M in competitive grant funding for this project. Learn more

#### Great turnout for the 2nd annual Delaware Freedom Ride





Starting point at the New Castle Court House Museum

Final destination for riders at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park

On Saturday, June 18th, over 100 bicyclists left the New Castle Court House in <u>Historic New Castle</u> on the Delaware Freedom Ride, following the <u>Juneteenth Celebration Route</u> to the Wilmington Riverfront. The ride, a collaboration between DGI and <u>Urban Bike Project</u>, was created in 2021 to honor the journey of Delaware's Freedom Seekers along the <u>Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad</u>. As the riders followed the route, planned stops were made to tell the stories of local individuals who sought their freedom, and helped others to achieve it. We're really glad so many people came out and joined us on this moving ride. We hope to see everyone on the ride next year! Visit our <u>website</u> to view photos of the ride.

## **Support Delaware Greenways**

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Delaware Greenways (DGI) relies on contributions from individuals and companies, to move trail and byway work forward.

Boots on the ground projects, such as the trail survey above are integral to making trails safe for all ages and abilities. Funding is often unavailable, and many important pursuits must be delayed, and even abandoned.

You can help, please donate today.



Donate through the QR Code above, or on DGI's website.



#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Bellefonte Brewing Company
Thursday, September 22nd
Stay tuned for further details

#### **Delaware Greenways' Vision and Mission**

Delaware Greenways works to bring its vision to life – a State where trails, pathways and scenic road corridors connect everyone to where they want to go, empowering them to live healthier lives as they discover and enjoy the outdoors.

We collaboratively develop and promote networks of trails, pathways and scenic road corridors that welcome all people and communities.

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