



Celebrating our Connection to Nature

BIENNIAL REPORT 2016 - 2017



Tiger Swallowtail on Garden Flox in
Ashland Nature Center's Hummingbird Haven
Photography by Gary Snyder

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Delaware Nature Society envisions a healthy and sustainable environment.
Our mission is to connect people with the natural world to improve our environment through education, advocacy and conservation.

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Letter from our Board President

Friends,

Welcome to Delaware Nature Society's Biennial Report which shares the inspiring growth, change, and milestone achievements for 2016 and 2017. We are excited to share with you some of the notable successes over the past two years! Our Abbott's Mill Nature Center in Milford commemorated its 35th Anniversary in 2016 with year-long celebration of events which engaged new audiences in the natural history and beautiful preserved lands in Kent and Sussex counties. We expanded our natural and agricultural lands at Coverdale Farm Preserve through both a land purchase and donation – increasing the total acreage to 377 acres (up from 354). In the last two years, our organization expanded its work in the areas of Bird Conservation, Land Conservation and Preservation, Advocacy, and Clean Water. This growth led to new opportunities to engage our community in meaningful experiences, from participating in Citizen Science programs through our bird banding and bird data collection, to advocating to ensure the protection of Clean Water. Another significant milestone was the passage of the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act (DRBCA), part of a larger legislative package known as the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act for the Nation (WIIN). The legislation required leadership from local and regional non-profits, private industry, and elected officials to collaborate to ensure clean drinking water for the millions of Americans in four states in the Delaware River Watershed. While we celebrate these wins, we cannot take for granted that the environment is worthy both of our protection and our stewardship to safeguard the health of our water, lands, and wildlife for future generations.

Nature teaches us that growth is not possible without change. You – our donors, supporters, members, and friends – continue to inspire us with your generosity of time, treasure, and talent. You are the spark which causes Delaware Nature Society to thrive and champion the environmental causes you care about. We couldn't achieve it without you – so thank you! I hope as you read this report, you are as inspired as I am about what we have accomplished together. I am truly grateful that we have you as partner in this important work to protect what we all care so deeply about – our planet and the environment.

In Gratitude,



Jeff Pantazes, President

Delaware Futures Volunteers Clearing Invasives
at DuPont Environmental Education Center

**1,900+ acres of land
managed for biodiversity
statewide each year by
Delaware Nature Society**

Bird Conservation & Research Program

Downy Woodpecker Banded at Ashland Nature Center
Photography by Dr. Ian Stewart, DNS Ornithologist





Photography by Jim White, DNS Senior Fellow for Land and Biodiversity Management



Scientists have long considered birds, their population trends, and the proliferation and variety of species, as an indicator of environmental health. Unfortunately, many North American birds are experiencing a steady or even drastic decline. One of the most common reasons is due to the loss or degradation of their habitat. Delaware Nature Society has focused our land management strategies on protecting our precious natural resources including clean water and managing habitats where wildlife can thrive.

With generous funding from the Starrett Foundation, Delaware Nature Society hired a staff ornithologist, Dr. Ian Stewart, and embarked on a Bird Conservation and Research Program focused on the Red Clay Valley. The intention is to study the impacts of these conservation land management strategies on bird populations. The National Audubon Society designated the Red Clay Valley as an Important Bird Area (IBA), which includes Ashland Nature Center, Bucktoe Creek Preserve, Coverdale Farm Preserve, Mt. Cuba Center, Hoopes Reservoir, and state parks. The IBA is home to many rare nesting species and is an important migration corridor for raptors, as well as a significant stopover location for waterfowl and songbirds.

Conservation Efforts to Support Birds

Over the last few years, hundreds of native trees and shrubs have been planted along streams to establish forested floodplains which provide crucial habitat for a large variety of migratory and nesting birds. Large meadows have been replanted with a diversity of native grasses and wildflowers to provide breeding and wintering habitat for a wide range of birds, as well as hunting grounds for several birds of prey including American Kestrels, Long-eared Owls, and Northern Harriers.

We have established an early successional habitat which attracts a wide range of birds including Blue-winged Warbler, Prairie Warbler, and Yellow-breasted Chat. Long-eared and Saw-whet Owls have been attracted to our managed coniferous groves established for them.

Almost 200 nest boxes are maintained throughout our properties used by Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Carolina Chickadees, Eastern Screech Owls, Wood Ducks, and American Kestrels. Purple Martins, a species that nearly disappeared 30 years ago and are challenged by their dependence on shelter provided by humans, are now breeding in our nesting houses. Volunteer-collected nest box data is shared with Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch program and the Delaware American Kestrel Partnership.

During 2016 and 2017, we banded 2,079 birds belonging to 70 species with the aid of 8 enthusiastic volunteers who contributed an amazing 651 hours of effort. Amazingly, we have recaptured 22 of our migrant birds banded in one summer or winter at the same site in a later summer or winter.

Bird Education and Outreach

Ashland Nature Center and Bucktoe Creek Preserve banding stations have hosted 520 visitors during these 2 years, many of whom were our summer campers. Visitors not only experienced the thrill of seeing wild birds up close as they were being banded and measured, but also learned about the science behind banding and the data it is providing us. In August 2017, a bird-tracking tower was erected at Bucktoe Creek Preserve as part of the Motus network of tracking towers throughout North America. Each tower detects any bird within a 15km radius that has been fitted with a special transmitter and the network of towers has allowed us to track the flight paths of individual birds as they migrate north or south. Even though the Bucktoe tower was only erected last August we have already detected 16 birds (a mix of passerines and shorebirds) and even a Silver-haired Bat tagged in Ontario. These far-traveled birds remind us that habitat improvements we make locally can have far-reaching effects to bird species beyond our region.

Visit us at DelNature.org/Birds to learn more.

Pictured (clockwise from top): Purple Martin bird houses (Abbott's Mill Nature Center), Eastern Screech Owl (Ashland Nature Center), bird program with Ian Stewart (Ashland), adult Purple Martin (Flint Woods Preserve), Ian Stewart with male Scarlett Tanager (Bucktoe Creek Preserve), American Kestrel. All birds in hand were caught, banded, and measured by our staff Ornithologist Dr. Ian Stewart and then released.



Coverdale Farm

Regenerative Agriculture: From Planning to Action

Delaware Nature Society's commitment to preserving outstanding natural areas, open space, and farmland preservation has been a primary focus of the organization since its inception. From the identification of important lands worthy of protection in our 1978 publication, "Delaware's Outstanding Natural Areas and their Preservation," to proactively working with private landowners on conservation easements in Red Clay Valley, our commitment to preservation of land continues through the expansion of Coverdale Farm Preserve.

Coverdale Farm Preserve is the largest contiguous land holding Delaware Nature Society owns statewide and includes many unique landscape types – woodlands, meadows, wetlands, and farmland – an exceptionally diverse ecosystem that is available for study and personal learning. Over half the acreage is dedicated as a nature preserve, the highest conservation and preservation protections available. These lands are managed for biodiversity (Long-eared Owls, Barred Owls, Red-tailed Hawks, American Kestrels, and over 231 identified bird species nest and migrate through Coverdale) and watershed stewardship (Burrows Run, a tributary of the Red Clay Creek Watershed runs through the Preserve).

Coverdale's history in agriculture dates to a William Penn land grant in 1699 known as Letitia Manor. It was farmed by the same family for six generations until it was purchased by the Greenewalt family in 1938. For the last three decades, Delaware Nature Society has contributed to the land management of the natural areas and, in 1998, it was donated to our organization.

In 2016, we completed the fundraising to purchase and preserve a contiguous parcel to Coverdale Farm Preserve, Genevieve Estes du Pont Tract. This 4-acre parcel of land has environmental significance for many reasons, including its connection point to an open pasture and preserved wooded buffer along Burrows Run, a tributary of the Red Clay Creek, a region of mature woodlands and floodplain meadows known for its abundant birdlife, butterflies, and wildflowers. This preservation was made possible by many generous individual donors and private foundations

including Mt. Cuba Foundation, The Allerton Foundation, Crestlea Foundation, Marmot Foundation, Marshall Reynolds Foundation, Stratus Foundation, and FairPlay Foundation.

In 2017, we received a generous donation of another contiguous parcel of land, 21.5 acres, to Coverdale Farm Preserve. This generous gift of land from the Frederick family is known for its spring ephemeral wildflowers and woodlands and is also a part of Burrows Run, a pristine tributary of Red Clay Creek. These two land preservation efforts have expanded Coverdale Farm Preserve to 377 acres, but more importantly, will provide additional opportunities for conservation land management techniques intended to preserve water quality and improve biodiversity.



Coverdale Farm Master Plan

Delaware Nature Society has long recognized that how we grow food can have a profound impact on the environment. In 2016, we embarked on a comprehensive master planning process for Coverdale Farm Preserve. Completed in 2017, the Coverdale Master Plan concluded that sustainable farming practices were simply not enough; Coverdale Farm Preserve should lead our agricultural production to more ecologically and socially regenerative practices that have a positive impact on the community and the environment. Our work has begun with a vision to turn Coverdale's stunning landscape into a viable model

Most photography for this article by Ashley Harrell, DNS Coverdale Education Coordinator.



Preserve

for land conservation, preservation, and wildlife habitat while producing healthy food for our community. Honoring our many years of conservation land-management strategies in the natural areas of Coverdale, the implementation of regenerative agricultural practices will mimic the natural processes that contribute to healthy soil, animals, and ecosystems.

Phase One – Establishing Our Regenerative Agriculture Systems

Regenerative Agriculture methods are a highly dynamic farm system that is constant motion, with grazing livestock working very small areas of pasture (approximately 1-2 acres) until they are moved into the next area of pasture with rotations of vegetation crops that require minimum inputs but produce maximum yields. Each component of the system is selected for its contributions to soil health. In 2017, we began Phase One of our master plan implementation, which included integrating our rotational grazing of livestock, the expansion of vegetable production, new programming for beginning and urban farmers.

Developed through our preliminary work with the USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program, Coverdale incorporated 6 on-farm training workshops for beginning and urban farmers on topics including season extension, high tunnel construction and use, and Integrated Pest Management (IMP). Over 60 farmers attended. Over the next 3 years, we will extend these workshops to include pasture-grazing poultry (egg-layers and turkey), animal husbandry, and other topics related to our regenerative agriculture program.

Building on the success of our mobile chicken houses, which we fondly call “Egg-mobiles”, a pasture-raised turkey program was launched in 2017. Our rotational bird grazing now includes a variety of conventional and heritage breeds of turkeys which yielded 879 pounds of Thanksgiving turkey in 2017.

Perhaps one of the most important elements of our master plan implementation is through the integration of the leader-follower system and the introduction of the leaders – our Red Devon cows. For Coverdale, the multi-species rotational grazing system is comprised of large ruminants (cows), followed by small ruminants (sheep), followed by poultry (a variety of heritage breeds of egg

laying hens and turkeys). Farm staff has been working with each species separately to gain a good command of how each animal type performs in the field before blending them all together. Eventually, when visiting the farm, you will see large fields with cows in a small pasture followed by sheep behind them, followed by birds (hens and turkeys). Each class carries out their amazing services to the ecosystem to benefit the soil and increase biodiversity and overall health of the animal, providing nutrition density from the ground up.



Looking Ahead

Phase One of Coverdale Farm Regenerative Agriculture program will continue well into the next 3 years, as we continuously adapt our farming methods to work in concert with natural ecosystems, blending the lines between the nature preserve and our agriculture lands. Approximately 160 acres of Coverdale's lands are now part of our Regenerative Agriculture program. In 2017, a board-led Coverdale Farm Preserve committee was formed. In 2018, a Coverdale Business & Operations Plan was developed to provide a 5-year business planning strategy to optimize production while providing opportunities for earned revenue in support of the operations.

Delaware Nature Society extends our sincere gratitude to the following foundations, organizations, and individuals who have contributed to Coverdale Farm Preserve Master Plan Phase One implementation initiatives: Crystal Trust Foundation, Patagonia, Harvest Market (Bob Kleszics & Karen Ashley), Peter Kjellerup & Mandy Cabot, Eric & Martha Lynn Brinsfield, Hank & Mary Davis, and Margaretta Frederick & Michael Martin.

Visit us at DelNature.org/Coverdale to learn more.



Photography by Jim White, DNS Senior Fellow for Land and Biodiversity Management

75 tons of produce grown at Coverdale Farm Preserve

Honor Roll list of Donors

We extend sincere thanks to our many friends and donors whose combined commitment and loyalty make possible Delaware Nature Society's ongoing work to connect people to nature and improve the environment through our three-tiered mission: education, advocacy and conservation. The following contributions reflect donations received by Delaware Nature Society in Fiscal Year 2016 (January 1 through December 31, 2016) and Fiscal Year 2017 (January 1 through December 31, 2017).

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of these listings. If there is any omission or a misspelling, please excuse our error and contact Joanne McGeoch, Acting Deputy Executive Director and Director of Development at 302.239.2334 to update our records.

Endowment Gifts

Endowment gifts are planned gifts that provide perpetual annual support for Delaware Nature Society's education programs, conservation stewardship, and advocacy initiatives. The following are endowment gifts were received between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017.

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The Monarch Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have made long-term provisions for Delaware Nature Society through an estate planning arrangement. All known members of the Monarch Legacy Society are listed. If you have intentions to gift Delaware Nature Society in your estate plans or would like more information, please contact Joanne McGeoch, Acting Deputy Director at JMcGeoch@DelNature.org.

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Special Campaigns and Fundraising Initiatives

AMNC 35th Anniversary

Our Abbott's Mill Nature Center in Sussex County, DE celebrated its 35th Anniversary in 2016. The following donors made gifts in honor of AMNC's 35th Anniversary.

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Bird Conservation & Research

DNS' Bird Conservation and Research Program is a three-year bird banding study of Red Clay Valley conducted by staff ornithologist Dr. Ian Stewart which includes bird hikes, bird counts, and the banding of nesting and migratory birds.

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Clean Water Campaign

Since March 2015, Delaware Nature Society, along with our partners Partnership for the Delaware Estuary and Center for the Inland Bays, has been running a statewide clean water campaign to ensure sustainable governmental funding and citizen outreach and education.

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Connecting People to Nature Campaign was a \$330,000 capacity building campaign to raise unrestricted funds in support of implementation of our 2014 - 2017 Strategic Plan. The following individuals provided leadership gifts in support of the campaign.

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Fort Building Summer Camp at Ashland Nature Center
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2,000+
summer
campers
explored and
discovered the
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Coverdale Farm Preserve Master Plan

In 2016, Delaware Nature Society embarked on a plan to expand our regenerative farming practices through the development of the Coverdale Farm Master Plan.

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Farm to Fork is Delaware Nature Society's premier fundraising event. These donors were either event or table sponsors at Farm to Fork.

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Land Acquisition & Conservation Campaign

Our Land Acquisition & Conservation Campaign was a \$600,000 fundraising campaign to preserve the Genevieve Estes du Pont Tract adjacent to our Coverdale Farm Preserve.

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RENEW (Reaching and Engaging with Nature to Empower Wilmington) is a youth engagement program focused on connecting Wilmington city youth to nature to improve their quality of life and the environment.

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WATER

Taking Care of Our Source

Delaware Nature Society has been a longstanding advocate for fishable, swimmable, and drinkable waterways. We work to improve the connection between the natural world and the public, educating people about conservation and their watershed and teaching them how simple decisions in their everyday life affect water.

Despite the passage of the Clean Water Act over 40 years ago, there are residents today that still do not have access to clean, safe drinking water, and whose waterways are deemed unsafe for recreational use.

The Delaware River watershed spans 330 miles and four states and provides crucial habitat to hundreds of plant and wildlife species including over 200 fish species. From its source in the Catskill Mountains of New York, the Delaware River flows downstream past rural, suburban, and urban areas throughout the mid-Atlantic region, including Trenton, NJ, Philadelphia, PA, and Wilmington, DE. *More than 15 million people rely on Delaware River waterways for clean drinking water.*

Over 90% of our local waterways are not recommended for swimming, drinking, or fish consumption. While this is a challenge, it also presents opportunities to improve our water quality by collaborating with others to find solutions.

In December, 2016, the U.S. Congress passed the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act (DRBCA) as part of a larger legislative package known as the Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (WIIN). This federal support achieved by other major watersheds, such as the Chesapeake Bay, will help to implement restoration and protection activities in addition to supporting projects to protect our water quality, recreation opportunities, and critical wildlife habitat.

As one of the leading environmental organizations in the state, Delaware Nature Society represents Delaware for 2 regional

powerhouse advocacy coalitions: Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed unites organizations throughout the region effectively advocating for protecting and restoring the Delaware River Basin. Choose Clean Water Coalition has been harnessing the collective power of more than 230 groups to advocate for clean rivers and streams in all communities in the Chesapeake Bay region since 2010.

Delaware Nature Society also works closely with Delaware Center for the Inland Bays, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, and the University of Delaware Water Resource Center on the Clean Water: Delaware's Clear Choice campaign, a statewide education and outreach effort focused on securing additional clean water funding. This campaign is championed by our Clean Water Alliance, a coalition of diverse stakeholder groups, and our Water Warriors, citizen advocates that care about water quality.

In June 2017, Delaware Nature Society joined the Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River funded by the William Penn Foundation. The 23 education centers in the Alliance – including our DuPont Environmental Education Center – are engaging thousands of people in exploring and enjoying their local waters to become stewards of the Delaware River watershed.

What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a specific body of water.

Everyone lives within a watershed. What we do on land directly impacts the quality of our waters.

Water is essential for all life – we can't underestimate its value, and we all need to do our part to protect it. You can take small steps to help ensure the protection of water. Join our efforts in the Clean Water Campaign. Protect habitats for wildlife by planting native plants in your garden (helps you use less water and no fertilizer). Together we can protect the source. Please visit DelNature.org/HealthyWaters to help make a difference.

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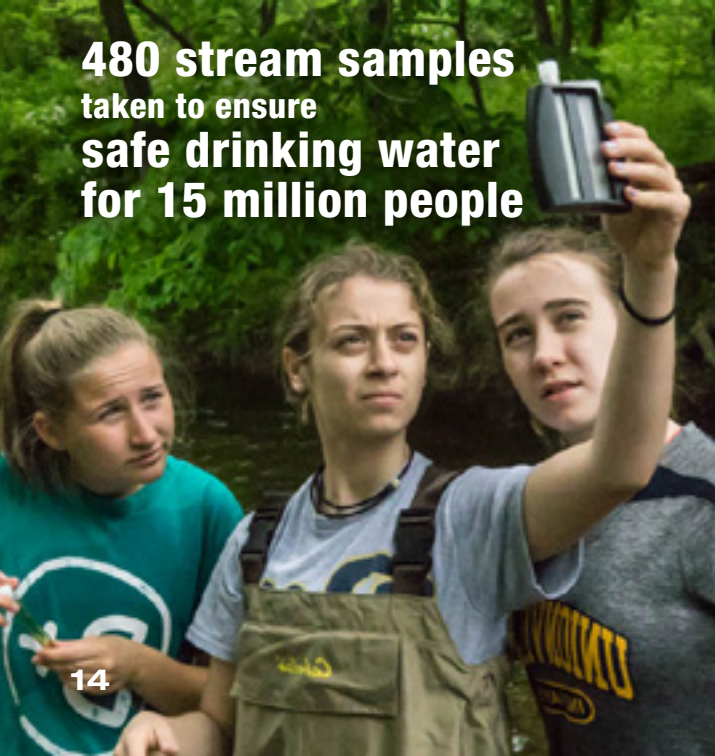
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Financial Highlights

Support & Revenue

	2017	2016
Dues & Donations	3,230,405	664,176
Grants & Contracts	2,602,774	741,406
Program Fees	558,636	763,145
Special Events	137,159	133,503
Other Income	46,947	48,078
Investment Income	2,936,801	1,471,721
Total Support & Revenue	9,512,722	3,822,029

Expenses

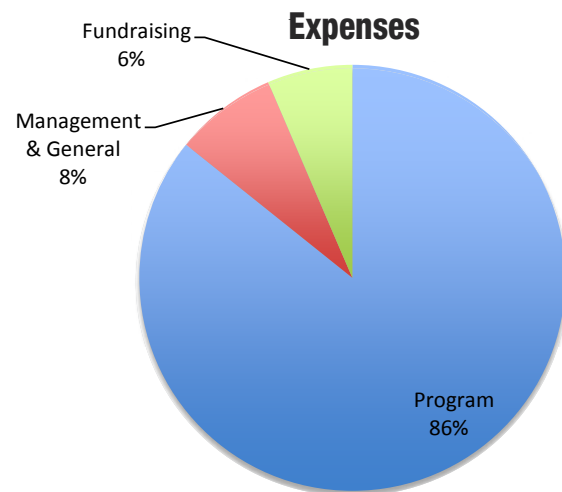
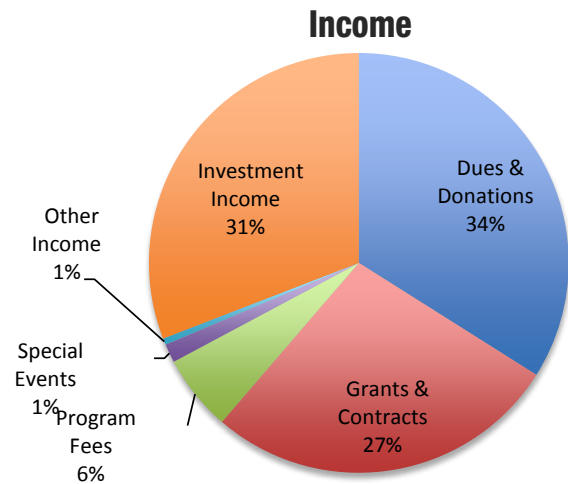
Program	3,703,083	3,475,754
Management & General	335,985	546,976
Fundraising	279,507	254,245
Total Expenses	4,318,575	4,276,975

Change in Net Assets	5,194,147	(454,946)
Net Assets, beginning of year	42,155,721	42,610,667
Net Assets, end of year	47,349,868	42,155,721

Assets, Liabilities & Net Asset Summary

Cash & cash equivalents	1,140,337	402,114
Marketable securities	20,444,002	18,472,207
Accounts & grants receivable	1,806,708	953,902
Prepaid expenses	51,161	27,159
Property & equipment, net	24,003,268	22,375,606
Total Assets	47,445,476	42,230,988
Total Liabilities	95,608	75,267
Total Net Assets	47,349,868	42,155,721

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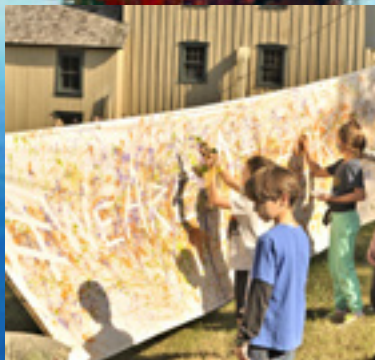
Abbott's Mill Nature Center's 35th Anniversary

35 years of Natural History and a Commitment to Conservation

In 2016, Delaware Nature Society commemorated the 35th Anniversary of our Abbott's Mill Nature Center – Delaware's only preserved, working gristmill. This represents a unique partnership between Delaware Nature Society, Delaware's Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, and Delaware's Division of Fish and Wildlife. Abbott's Mill Nature Center has grown from its humble 27-acre beginnings to include 483 acres of conserved lands throughout Sussex County, including Blair's Pond Nature Preserve, Isaacs and Isaacs-Greene Preserves, and Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve.

Throughout the year of 2016, Abbott's Mill Nature Center held several events honoring its 35th Anniversary. Abbott's Mill hosted Patagonia's The New Localism Documentary Film Festival, its inaugural Run the Mill 5K (which has become an annual tradition for Abbott's), Meal at the Mill (a farm-to-table inspired menu paired with Dogfish Head beer), and perennial favorite, Autumn at Abbott's Festival. Thank you to Abbott's Mill Nature Center's 35th Anniversary sponsors for your support. The year-long celebration was a true success.

Visit DelNature.org/AbbottsMill to learn more about Abbott's Mill Nature Center.



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