



Appendix 6

**DelDot Plan Approval,
Public Involvement and Support
(including Steering Committee
members and meetings, public
workshops, letters of support,
and news articles)**



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May 13, 2008

Mr. Michael Riska
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Dear Mr. Riska:

We are pleased to inform you that DelDOT has approved the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan submitted by the Delaware Nature Society. Attached is a memorandum, signed by Secretary Carolann Wicks regarding this.

Please accept our congratulations and we look forward to working with you towards the preservation and enhancement of the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway.

Sincerely,

Maria V. Andaya
Maria V. Andaya
Project Planner

Cc: Jen Gochettair
John Gaadt
Delaware Byways Advisory Board Members





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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carolann Wicks, Secretary
VIA: Ralph Reeb, Director of Planning *RR*
VIA: Jeff Niezgodski, Planning Supervisor *JN*
FROM: Maria Andaya, Project Planner *MA*
DATE: April 30, 2008
SUBJECT: Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan

On behalf of the Delaware Byways Program Evaluation Committee and Advisory Board, this is to recommend that the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan submitted by the Delaware Nature Society be approved under the Delaware Byways Program. The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway was designated as a Delaware Byway on April 2002. It is composed of 28 secondary roads that together offer an experience like no other in the State of Delaware because of the unique combination of hills, trees and streams, rock outcroppings and historic structures. The vision for this Byway is to preserve its intrinsic scenic quality.

The corridor management plan is well organized and comprehensive. It was subjected to the rigorous review process required by the law and the adopted Program Guide. The result is a strong endorsement of the corridor management plan by all of the reviewers, which included DelDOT staff and the multi-departmental Program Evaluation Committee and Advisory Board. A copy of the corridor management plan is attached.

Corridor Management Plan Approved

Carolann Wicks

Carolann Wicks, Secretary

5/1/08

Date

cc: Advisory Board Members



Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan Development Timeline

- April 2005** Twenty-eight roads in the Red Clay Valley area were designated as the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway.
- May 2005-Dec 2007** The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Steering Committee, led by the Delaware Nature Society, worked on its Corridor Management Plan. The CMP was pursued through a grant from the New Castle County government. The Steering Committee is composed of Byway residents and stakeholders, local legislators and DelDOT and WiMAPCO staff.
- September 2007** A public workshop was conducted to get public input on the Draft CMP.
- January 2008** The CMP was formally submitted to DelDOT.
- January 29, 2008** As required by the Program Guidelines, the Byways Evaluation Committee met to discuss the Draft CMP. In attendance were Maria Andaya of DelDOT, Robin Krawitz of SHPO, Susan Moerschel of DNREC, and Mike McGrath of DDA. The Evaluation Committee concluded that the Draft CMP is well-organized, comprehensive and even exceeds the requirements of the Program Guidelines.
- February 2008** The Draft CMP was posted on the DelDOT intranet for review by DelDOT staff. The Bridge Section requested that the bridges identified in the CMP as historic resource or vista, include the corresponding bridge number. The comment was forwarded to the Delaware Nature Society for action.
- Mar - Apr 2008** Members of the Byways Advisory Board were given a 4-week opportunity to review the CMP.

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**Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway
Steering Committee Meeting
October 3, 2006**

Attendees:

Maria Andaya, DelDOT
Bill Bailey, Mt. Cuba Center
William A. Bizjak, Area Resident
Gary Burcham, Landscape Architect and Resident
Eileen Butler, DNREC Parks & Recreation
Joe Cantalupo, DelDOT
John M. Gaadt, Gaadt Perspectives, Project Consultant
Jen Goehenaur, Delaware Nature Society
John Iwasyk, Delaware Greenways and Historic Red Clay Valley
Lisa Pertzoff, Area Resident
Burt Samuelson, WILMAPCO

Meeting Overview:

• **DelDOT Projects Along Byway Roads**

- **Brackenville Road**

Jen Goehenaur contacted Joe Hofstee at DelDOT for an update on the project. DelDOT's consultant is beginning work on the stream design this month and should be finished in another month or so. With completion of the stream design, the plans should be semi-final and ready for public workshop in November. It was unclear as to whether the Steering Committee would have an opportunity to meet with DelDOT again prior to the public workshop. Oasis will begin work on the landscape plan/tree mitigation following the stream design and should be complete in December (none of the landscaping/tree mitigation will be shown on the semi-final plans). DelDOT will be using the dyed concrete curb as previously discussed, as well as the "rustic" steel guardrail. However, the end treatment of the guardrail has been shortened on the west end of the curve to lessen the visual intrusion.

- **Old Kennett Road**

Jen Goehenaur and Jim White met with DelDOT representatives and Eileen Butler, DNREC Natural Areas Program Manager, regarding the Old Kennett Road project and impacts to the Burrows Run Nature Preserve. The project has been pushed back to the end of 2007 due to the need to coordinate with landowners and receive construction access agreements. The project will have little to no impact on the intrinsic qualities of the Scenic Byway with the possible exception of guardrail. The existing 4 sections of steel guardrail around the bridge will be removed and replaced. Jen requested notification/opportunity to review the proposed guardrail materials within the Byway context.

- **Rolling Mill Road/Woodale Covered Bridge**

Jen Goehenaur received a letter from Rick Lewandowski on behalf of Mt. Cuba Center regarding concerns about lack of DelDOT notification/involvement of the landowner and Byway sponsoring organization. Jen shared the letter with the Steering Committee and a response letter that was sent under Mike Riska's signature to DelDOT Secretary Wicks.

ACTION: Jen Goehenaur will maintain contact with DelDOT regarding these projects. In addition, Jen will follow up with Maria regarding the status of the summary sheet(s) for all projects along designated roadways.

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- **Communication with DelDOT**
 - The Steering Committee discussed the need for earlier/improved communication with DelDOT, particularly in the context of the road projects mentioned previously. The Scenic Byway program is still quite new and it will take some time to educate all relevant DelDOT staff. In addition, there is significant lag time between approval of the nomination application and completion DelDOT approval of the corridor management plan. Some steps have been initiated (such as GIS mapping and software triggers), but all parties agreed that more work is needed. Maria and Joe agreed to communicate with the project engineering staff working in New Castle County and will also investigate the process/checklist engineers use when beginning projects. Maria and Joe also discussed the possibility of including Scenic Byways as a topic during DelDOT's winter workshop training in January-February.
 - The group also agreed that similar efforts will be needed with New Castle County Department of Land Use, utilities, and possibly DNREC.

ACTION: Maria and/or Joe will provide the Steering Committee with an update on revisions to their internal processes at the December meeting. John Gaadt will continue drafting language for the MOU's.

- **Stewardship of Intrinsic Qualities**
 - The Transportation and Safety section of the document was revisited briefly, regarding research John Gaadt had conducted since the last meeting, namely possibilities for delisting Route 82 and sign inventories. John learned that delisting a roadway has never occurred in Delaware, but DelDOT is open to considering the possibility and they described the process to initiate this effort. John also learned that DelDOT does not conduct regular inventories of roadside signage, but they are open to the Steering Committee conducting the inventory and making recommendations. The Transportation and Safety section will be updated with this new information.
 - The Steering Committee also reviewed the Interpretation and Education text and made no substantive changes.
 - The possibility of simplifying text within the Stewardship of Intrinsic Qualities section was also discussed. John indicated that the text prepared to date is consistent with DelDOT standards; furthermore, a summary/spreadsheet will be created as part of the implementation section. The Steering Committee will also have an opportunity to consider the need for further text revisions when the entire section is compiled.

ACTION: John Gaadt will prepare the final section of the Stewardship of Intrinsic Qualities document (Coordination and Management) for the next meeting. In addition, John will compile all five sections of the document for the next meeting, providing the Steering Committee a final opportunity to review the text in whole.

- **Northern Delaware Heritage Coalition - Red Clay Mill and History Tour**
 - John Iwasyk provided a brief update on the work by the Northern Delaware Heritage Coalition to create scenic driving loops in Northern Delaware and accompanying brochures. The Red Clay Mill and History Tour will share some roads with the Scenic Byway. The tour begins in Newport, travels along Lancaster Pike to Yorklyn Road and then onto Barley Mill and Centerville Roads before connecting back to Lancaster Pike. Points of interest highlighted in the draft brochure include Greenbank Mill, W&W Railroad and Museum, Auburn Heights/Tom Marshall House, Delaware Nature Society Ashland Nature Center, Mt. Cuba Center, and the Historic Village of Marshallton.

ACTION: Delaware Nature Society marketing staff will review the description for Ashland Nature Center in the brochure and provide comment back to John Iwasyk.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for **December 5th** from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., in the Ashland Nature Center Conference room on the bottom floor.

**Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway
Context Sensitive Design Subcommittee Meeting
July 10, 2006**

Attendees:

William D. Bailey, Jr., Mt. Cuba Center
Elayne Ben-Bassat, Area Resident
Eileen Butler, DNREC Division of Parks & Recreation
John M. Gaadt, Gaadt Perspectives, Project Consultant
Jen Goehenaar, Delaware Nature Society
Rick Lewandowski, Mt. Cuba Center and resident
Burt Samuelson, WILMAPCO

Meeting Overview:

The committee primarily focused on the action items from the last meeting progress to date.

Design Materials - Photo Log:

Rick Lewandowski has begun collecting photos of existing materials/conditions throughout the Byway, including fences, bridge treatments, guardrails, and habitats, and provided a few example sheets to the committee for review. **ACTION: Rick will complete the example sheets with labels/brief descriptions and send in pdf format to Jen prior to the next meeting for distribution.**

DelDOT Field Trip:

The committee is still interested in a field trip with DelDOT staff, but has agreed to wait until a draft product is ready to help guide the discussion. **ACTION: Jen will investigate opportunities for a field trip with DelDOT staff when timely.**

Landscape Management Tools:

At the committee's request, Jen Goehenaar contacted Melita Barbour from Delaware Greenways and received a copy of the landscape plan prepared by Jim Klein for the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway. Upon review with the full steering committee, the group agreed that this type of plan was more detailed and beyond our intentions for the Red Clay Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan/appendix. Rather than outlining specific designs and plant materials for each section of the Byway, the committee intends to:

- reference published documents, such as *Enhancing Delaware Highways* and *Plants for a Livable Delaware*;
- describe existing roadside vegetative communities;
- create a two tiered plant list to help guide future projects. This document will be composed of: 1) a basic plant list and 2) plants for an improved landscape. The committee also discussed the possibility of having this document peer reviewed.

ACTION: Rick and Jen will begin pulling together existing vegetative surveys.

Memoranda of Understanding:

As also discussed during the full Steering Committee meetings, we are striving to draft Memoranda of Understanding with DelDOT and New Castle County to help outline policies and procedures as they relate to transportation improvements and new development along Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway roads. **ACTION: John Gaadt will begin drafting language for the MOU's.**

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New Castle County - Jen Goehenaur and John Gaadt met with George Haggerty, Dave Culver, and John Janowski from New Castle County Department of Land Use to provide an update on the development of the corridor management plan and request County feedback/involvement. As a result, John Janowski has joined the full steering committee. In addition, John Gaadt and Jen submitted recommendations for comp plan language (attached).

Demonstration Projects:

All subcommittee members were asked to continue brainstorming ideas for demonstration projects, a description of which will be submitted with the Corridor Management Plan. One suggestion to date has been for the section of Barley Mill Road as it crosses the Red Clay Creek. The Mt. Cuba Road project undertaken several years ago is viewed as a good example of positive negotiation. **ACTION: Bill Bailey** agreed to outline the process he utilized to negotiate with DeDOT on the Mt. Cuba Road project.

Resources

Eileen Butler and Burt Samuelson began reviewing the list of resources identified by the committee to determine which may be helpful for this project. Their findings/recommendations are below:

- www.contextsensitivesolutions.org - somewhat vague, but discussions of a scenic drive in Minnesota and a guardrail design in Washington state may be helpful to our process
- ASHTO publication, "Flexibility in Highway Design" - also somewhat vague, but Chapter 4 Design Controls and Chapter 5 - Horizontal and Vertical Alignment may be helpful
- DeDOT publication, "Enhancing Delaware Highways" - overall a good publication that should be referenced and/or utilized in the creation of plant lists for the Red Clay Byway
- America's Byways Resource Center publication, "Conserving Our Treasured Places: Managing Visual Quality on Scenic Byways" - somewhat vague
- <http://www.marylandroads.com/explore/md/tour/scenicByways/ess-4.pdf> and http://www.marylandroads.com/explore/md/out/scenicByways/mbr-ess_final061104.pdf - the table of contents/outline of the Maryland resources are very comprehensive and could be utilized to help guide our appendix
- DeDOT "Tree Bill" - could have implications for projects along Byway roads; bill passed in 2002, but funding component is unclear

Additional Discussion:

The committee briefly discussed how to handle walking/bike paths along designated roadways. The committee generally agreed to focus on access to existing resources (opportunities for further engaging the community). In addition, it was suggested that we be proactive and develop recommendations for areas appropriate/not appropriate for walking/bike paths.

Rick Lewandowski also inquired about the Brackenville Road project (specifically the stream design) based on some recent discussions. Jen Goehenaur followed up with Joe Hofstee and learned that A.D. Marvel (Marple??) is completing the stream design (has been working on the project for several months). They anticipate completion of the design work within another month or so and then the design will go back to Oasis for further review/recommendations.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Subcommittee is scheduled for **September 11th from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.**, in the Ashland Nature Center Conference room on the bottom floor.

**Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway
Collaboration with New Castle County**

Discussion topics for June 2, 2016 meeting of

- Charles Baker, New Castle County – project co-sponsor
- John Gault, Gault Perspectives – project consultant
- Jen Goehenaun, Delaware Nature Society – project sponsor

Project Update

- o Corridor Management Plan
 - Steering Committee
 - Context Sensitive Design Subcommittee

New Castle County Comprehensive Plan

- o Byway recognition
 - Acknowledge significant public benefit
 - Reinforce conservation purpose for scenic, natural, and historic qualities
- o Proactive identification of other roadways/corridors appropriate for Byway designation

Memorandum of Understanding

- o Policies and procedures for new development/redevelopment along designated roads
- o Communication process

Preservation and Management Strategies

- o Further objectives of conservation design as codified in "Environment First" ordinance
- o Review and update (as needed) scenic corridor standards in Article 4 of UDC
- o Possible expansion of corridor overlay standards
- o Higher protection for trees and other resources along designated roads
- o Utilizing TUR as a protection strategy
- o Resource prioritization (*Red Clay Valley Scenic River and Highway Study*, 1989)
- o Scenic corridor easements

Other Opportunities

- o Future planning activities and/or resource inventories
- o Demonstration/restoration projects
- o Outreach efforts



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MEMORANDUM

July 14, 2006

TO: D.J. Carter, Department of Land Use, New Castle County

FROM: John M. Gaadt, AICP and Jennifer Goehenaar, DNS

RE: Review Comments on NCC Comprehensive Plan sections addressing
"Mobility" and "Combined Resource Protection"

Pursuant to your request, please find attached comments concerning the above-referenced Comprehensive Development Plan sections.

Mobility Section

Implementation Strategies 6 and 7 appear unrelated to the Goal outlined for this section (and the objectives related to this goal). In addition, Strategy 7 is antiquated - revise to recognize that the state's program has been in effect since 2000 (the year the General Assembly created the "Scenic and Historic Highway Program"). We believe the County should consider a second goal addressing Scenic Byway issues. Such a goal would recognize the existence of the state's program, as well as the existence of the state's first two designated Scenic and Historic Highways - the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway and the Red Clay Valley Scenic Hyway. The Brandywine Byway has a corridor management plan that was recently completed and the Red Clay Byway is preparing its corridor management plan. Both planning efforts identify specific management techniques for each byway. At a minimum, the County should recognize these efforts and commit itself to working with the management entities for both byways to achieve the goals and objectives contained in the corridor management plans. Recognition of the unique characteristics of each byway and the need to consider future protection strategies, such as corridor overlay zoning, revised landscaping requirements, higher protection ratios for trees and other resources along scenic road corridors, greater use of TDR along scenic byways, etc., should be referenced. Furthermore, the Red Clay byway would like the County to consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding future recognition of and protection for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway.

Combined Resource Protection Section

- .. We have several comments concerning the objectives and various discussion elements included in this section.

Improving air quality -- consider, as we did in the past, the requirement that new development institute ride sharing programs or other transportation management strategies.

TDR -- We believe the state changed this requirement (sending and receiving areas must be in the same planning district). The County should double-check this statement and revise the wording so that other improvements can be made to make TDR more workable.

Infill and brownfields - recognize the state program and consider ways to improve the county's response (last two comp. plans address this)

All resource types - Strategy 3 -- We suggest rewording the following sentence, as we believe the existing wording is misleading. -- Mandatory site design and open space requirements do not always result in the best plan when taking the [specific site characteristics] "regional open space resources" into account. The pre-application meetings do a fairly good job of recognizing site resources within and adjacent to sites. While the County tries to look at each site from a regional perspective, it is sometimes difficult to take a broad perspective into consideration when reviewing individual plans.

All resource types - Strategy 4 -- We agree with this strategy but believe the County should reference the recommendations of the County's Conservation Strategy from the last comp. plan see Section 4 -- The Path Forward, page 68, GIS

All resource types -- Strategy 5 -- We encourage the County to adopt the new SRA maps and work to develop ordinances to protect these resources (much of this is already done through the UDC). The CNA's contained in the UDC are based on the state's natural areas inventory, a subset of the larger SRA's. One approach would be to develop overlay standards for the SRA's (conceivably the existing CNA language would remain the same). This approach could provide some level of additional protection or "buffer" to the CNA's.

Water quality -- Strategy 1 -- shouldn't the forthcoming water management code be recognized?

Biodiversity/Habitat Preservation and Linkages - Strategy 1- The County's Conservation Strategy initiated this process and should be considered a starting point for this effort.

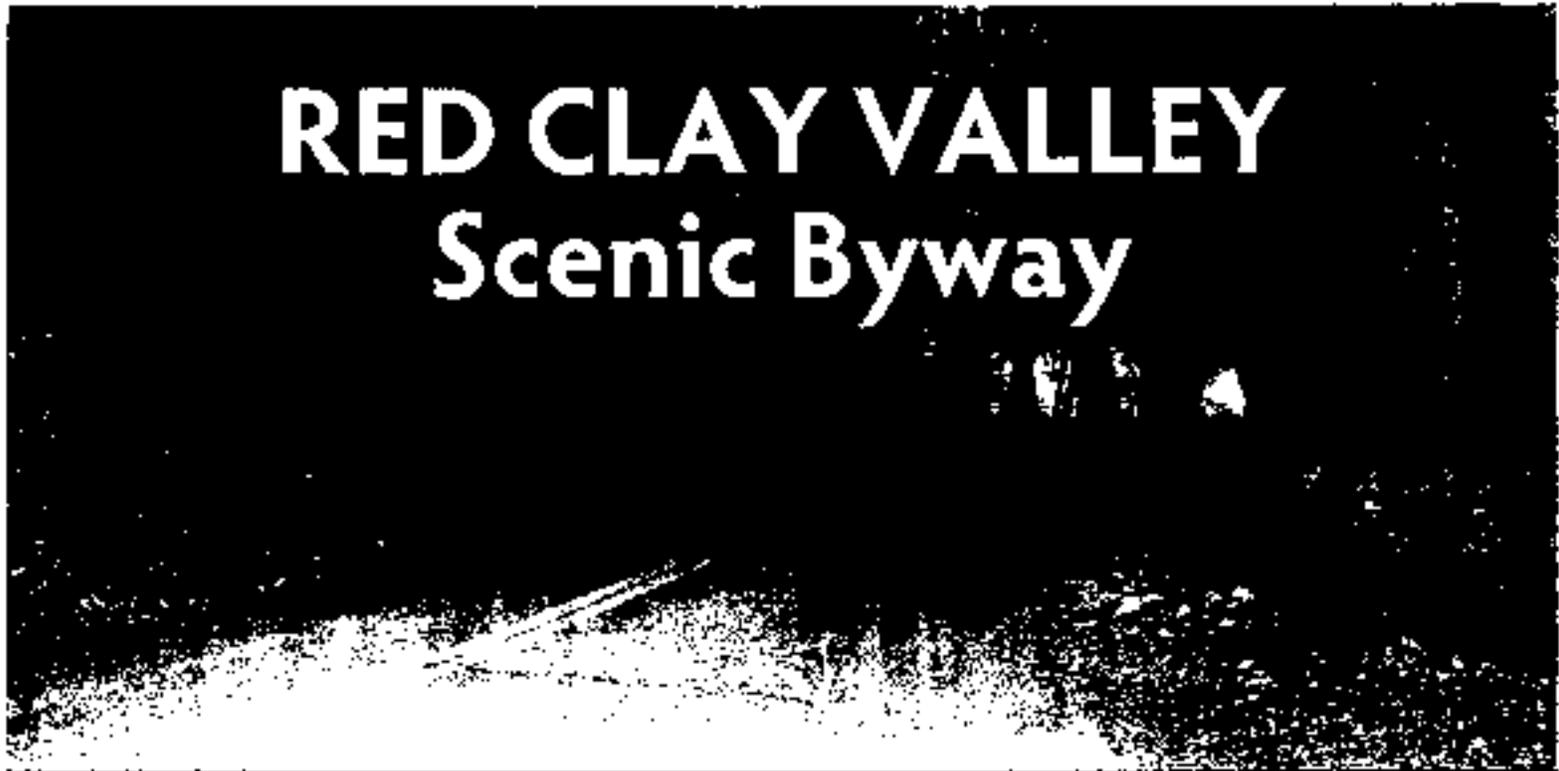
Biodiversity/Habitat Preservation and Linkages -- Strategy 2 -- We are not convinced that an across the board downzoning for SRA's is appropriate, particularly given the potential for other approaches (such as the overlay approach mentioned above). The bottom line is that SRA's need to be recognized and regulated accordingly.

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES -- We believe the County has identified several creative strategies for agricultural preservation. In addition, the County should review its two TDR studies regarding additional preservation options. Also, reference should be made to the County's

agricultural preservation program (recently revised) that purchases agricultural easements. Note that the County uses LEISA scoring as only one form of assessing easements for purchase. A broader summary of existing programs should be considered, as well as how such programs can be revised and/or modified to assist in preservation. In addition, the County may wish to make reference to the Department of Agriculture's new Forestland Protection Program; this program is only now getting going but has the potential to preserve forestland using the same approach utilized to purchase agricultural easements.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

RED CLAY VALLEY Scenic Byway



Public Workshop

Thursday, September 27th

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Ashland Nature Center auditorium

The Delaware Nature Society's nomination of twenty-eight roads in the Red Clay Valley into the Scenic and Historic Highways program created the State's second designated byway. With the goal of designation achieved, the focus of our staff and our Steering Committee has transitioned to long-term stewardship of the Byway's most valuable qualities.

A Corridor Management Plan, a written document that describes the goals, strategies, and responsibilities for conserving and enhancing the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway has been drafted and is available for public review prior to submission to DelDOT. The input of residents and visitors to the Byway is a crucial element of this process, particularly given the unique nature of this road network.

Please join us to review maps and photographs of the Byway, discuss preservation goals and strategies, and ask questions/offer comments.



RED CLAY VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY
PUBLIC WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 27, 2007
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RED CLAY VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY
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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2007
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Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway
Corridor Management Plan
Open House and Public Workshop
September 27, 2007

COMMENT FORM

Welcome to the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan Open House and Public Workshop. The purpose of this evening's event is to share the draft plan prepared by our Steering Committee and to gather feedback from you. Please feel free to ask questions and make comments/suggestions.

Please describe your connection to the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway (check all that apply):

- I live along or near the Byway.
- I work or have a business along or near the Byway.
- I use the Byway for commuting.
- I enjoy leisurely drives along the Byway.
- I recreate in the Red Clay Valley.
- Other _____

Was this evening's public workshop helpful to you in understanding the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway and the purpose of its Corridor Management Plan? **YES**

What are your comments, if any, about the Corridor Management Plan?

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK

Are you interested in volunteer opportunities to help implement the Plan?

YES

Please provide any additional comments/suggestions on the back of this form.

Name **CARLOS ALEJANDRO**

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- I recreate in the Red Clay Valley.

Other

Was this evening's public workshop helpful to you in understanding the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway and the purpose of its Corridor Management Plan?

yes!

What are your comments, if any, about the Corridor Management Plan?

Great to realize the organization & communities that are collaborating

Are you interested in volunteer opportunities to help implement the Plan?

yes. Girl Scout service projects could be included as well.

Please provide any additional comments/suggestions on the back of this form.

Name Carlyn Nelson - Country Center Girl Scout Camp

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- I recreate in the Red Clay Valley.
- Other: Active with various Red Clay Valley Preservation Groups

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Yes

What are your comments, if any, about the Corridor Management Plan?

Strongly Support The Plan

Are you interested in volunteer opportunities to help implement the Plan?

Yes

Please provide any additional comments/suggestions on the back of this form

Name

John Iwaszk

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- Other: *Board member & regular volunteer @ Auburn Heights Preserve*

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Yes - very helpful

What are your comments, if any, about the Corridor Management Plan?

de-listing & preserving historic districts a big +

Are you interested in volunteer opportunities to help implement the Plan?

serve as a rep from Auburn Heights

Please provide any additional comments/suggestions on the back of this form.

Name: *Richard N. Bernard, Jr.*
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yes

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Are you interested in volunteer opportunities to help implement the Plan?

Please provide any additional comments/suggestions on the back of this form.

Name Glynnie Nagle

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- Other

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Yes I think you are doing a great job. Thank You

What are your comments, if any, about the Corridor Management Plan?

I would like to see more utilities underground. Some of the utilities are already underground which is a good start.

Are you interested in volunteer opportunities to help implement the Plan?

Please provide any additional comments/suggestions on the back of this form.

Name Glenn Barshell

Address 1005 Overbrook Rd 19807

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- I recreate in the Red Clay Valley.

Other: I do land use planning for the County.

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Yes

What are your comments, if any, about the Corridor Management Plan?

Route 82 SHOULD NOT be delisted. It's hard enough finding one's way around the area without losing such basic route guidance. If anything, it should be extended eastward a bit, along Kirk Road from Route 52 to Route 100. That would fill the unnumbered road gap between Routes 82/52 and Routes 92/100. I've travelled that way - and risked getting lost at Kirk Road, which is unnumbered. By the way, Route 82 also meanders in Pennsylvania - and likely carries largely local traffic there too.

Please provide any additional comments/suggestions on the back of this form

Name: Owen Robatino
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August 25, 2007

The Honorable Carotann Wicks
Delaware Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 778
Dover, Delaware 19904

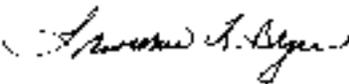
Dear Secretary Wicks:

I am writing to express my support of the Corridor Management Plan for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway. As a concerned citizen and owner of an historic home in this unique part of Delaware, I strongly encourage the Delaware Department of Transportation to approve this plan to manage, preserve and enhance the network of beautiful country roads designated as the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway.

Further, I strongly endorse the provisions of the Corridor Management Plan which provide for the Delaware Nature Society to be the lead organization responsible for the various initiatives. Because of its strong track record in both open space preservation and education, and because its headquarters are at the Ashland Nature Center in the heart of the Red Clay Valley, the Delaware Nature Society is the ideal long-term steward of the Byway.

Thank you for your consideration of this Corridor Management Plan. I believe you will find it to be a serious, well thought out, long-term approach that promises to help protect an irreplaceable part of Delaware's scenic heritage.

Sincerely,


Lawrence F. Bryce



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August 27, 2007

The Honorable Carolann D. Wicks
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Dear Secretary Wicks:

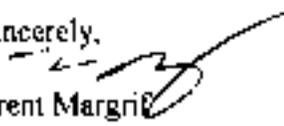
On behalf of Preservation Delaware, Inc., I am writing to express support for the Corridor Management Plan for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway as part of the Delaware State Scenic and Historic Highway program. I urge the Delaware Department of Transportation to approve this plan, to assist in the protection and recognition of the Byway's most valuable qualities, scenic and historic.

Preservation Delaware, Inc. is dedicated to the preservation of Delaware's architectural heritage and historic settings. Scenic and historic highway designation is lauded in the preservation community as a tool to encourage increased heritage tourism to historic sites. Preservation is generally most effective on the local level, and advancement of the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan is an important step forward towards its continued protection.

The vision of this effort to ensure the preservation and conservation of the irreplaceable resources that together form the Red Clay Valley and its Scenic Byway is an important one. The architectural heritage and historic settings in this area are unique; these efforts balance a holistic, long-term view in identification and protection of resources with a watershed-based planning effort.

Preservation Delaware, Inc. fully endorses the Corridor Management Plan submitted by the Delaware Nature Society and the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Steering Committee. Thank you for receiving and reviewing our endorsement of this effort.

Sincerely,


Trent Margrie
Executive Director



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August 30, 2007

The Honorable Carolann Wicks
Delaware Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 778
Dover, DE 19904

Dear Secretary Wicks:

We support the Corridor Management Plan for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway and urge the Delaware Department of Transportation to approve this long-term vision for the protection of the Byway's most valuable qualities.

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In recognition of the unique nature of this Byway, the Corridor Management Plan balances a holistic, long-term view of the watershed area with the identification of specific strategies for each road segment. Further, the Plan is in keeping with the spirit of the nomination application, emphasizing conservation and preservation. Priority is given to private land stewardship and conservation easements, sensitive land use planning, and context sensitive solutions.

Headquartered at the Ashland Nature Center, the Delaware Nature Society has placed high priority on the permanent preservation of the Red Clay Valley for more than thirty years and is well positioned to oversee the long-term management of this Byway. We fully endorse the corridor Management Plan submitted by the Delaware Nature Society and the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Steering Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of this endorsement.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger L. Jones, Jr." in a cursive style.

Roger L. Jones, Jr.
State Director

Cc: Mike Riska, DNS

September 4, 2007

The Honorable Carolann Wicks
Delaware Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 778
Dover, DE 19904

Dear Secretary Wicks,

The Department of Land Use supports the Corridor Management Plan for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway and urges the Delaware Department of Transportation to approve this long-term vision for the protection of the Byway's most valuable qualities.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of this endorsement.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Baker
General Manager

Copy: Christopher A. Coons, County Executive



State of Delaware
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation
89 Kings Highway
Dover, Delaware 19901

September 19, 2007

The Honorable Carolann Wicks
Delaware Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 778
Dover, DE 19904

Subject: Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan

Dear Secretary Wicks:

The Division of Parks and Recreation is pleased to support the Corridor Management Plan proposed for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway.

The unique approach to corridor preservation espoused in this document encourages passive recreation opportunities within the Red Clay Watershed. As you know, there are a number of State and County parks located within the boundaries of the Scenic Byway that offer both citizens of and visitors to Delaware a chance to experience the glorious scenic, natural, and historic qualities of the area.

In recent years, we have made a significant investment in the Red Clay Valley through the creation and permanent protection of the 310-acre Auburn Heights Preserve. As you know, the Department of Transportation, was integral in the protection of the two parcels that make up this management unit.

The Corridor Plan strengthens our partnership with the sponsoring organizations in providing recreational opportunities within the watershed. We have worked directly with the Delaware Nature Society (DNS) in an effort to permanently preserve lands within the Valley and we believe DNS is well positioned to oversee the long-term management of this Byway.

The Division fully endorses the Corridor Management Plan submitted by the DNS and the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Steering Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of this endorsement.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Salkin
Director
Division of Parks and Recreation

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October 1, 2007

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The Honorable Carolann Wicks
Delaware Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 778
Dover, DE 19903

Dear Secretary Wicks:

I am writing to confirm that the Corridor Management Plan for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway advances the goals and strategies of the WILMAPCO *Regional Transportation Plan* (RTP).

This project directly supports the RTP objectives to preserve our natural, historic, and cultural resources and to plan and invest to promote the attractiveness of the region. The designation of unique roads in New Castle County such as those identified in the Red Clay Valley, protects our most scenic and historically significant roads, promotes them in such a way as to benefit tourism, and stimulates local economies. The roads that make up the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway are both beautiful and historically significant; implementing the Corridor Management Plan will effectively link the many special places in and highlight the scenic beauty of the valley in a context sensitive way.

Approving this Plan will allow Delaware Nature Society, in partnership with WILMAPCO, DelDOT and New Castle County, to proceed working with the stakeholders to oversee the long-term management of this Byway to enhance and preserve its special features.

Sincerely,



Heather Dunigan
Principal Planner

WILMAPCO

Partner with local groups in planning

October 1, 2007

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Dear Secretary Wicks:

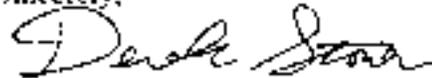
The Delmarva Ornithological Society(DOS) supports the Corridor Management Plan for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway and urges the Delaware Department of Transportation to approve the long-term vision for the protection of the Byway's most valuable qualities.

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The Delmarva Ornithological Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enjoyment, appreciation and conservation of the region's birdlife. Many of our members live within the Red Clay watershed, and our monthly meetings are held at the Ashland Nature Center alongside the Red Clay Creek. The whole Red Clay Valley is an excellent location for birdwatching and hundreds of people enjoy the many preserved lands, open spaces, and beautiful roadways throughout this corner of Delaware.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of this endorsement.

Sincerely,



Derek Stoner
President, Delmarva Ornithological Society

DELAWARE OPEN SPACE COUNCIL
% Delaware Department of Natural Resources
And Environmental Control
89 Kings Highway
Dover, Delaware 19901

September 21, 2007

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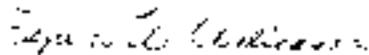
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The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway is unique in the United States in that it includes twenty-eight secondary roads in the Red Clay Creek watershed. As opposed to the single road corridor concept, this watershed-based planning effort puts this region at the forefront of innovative byway management efforts.

The Corridor Management Plan provides a comprehensive view of the area along with specific strategies for each road segment. Preservation and conservation are emphasized. As the Council that recommends state land acquisitions, our actions are supportive of this concept.

The Open Space Council endorses the Corridor Management Plan submitted by the Delaware Nature Society and the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Steering Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of this endorsement.

Sincerely,



Lynn W. Williams, Chair
For the Delaware Open Space Council



STATE OF DELAWARE
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CAROLANN WICKS, P.E.
SECRETARY

September 18, 2007

Ms. Lynn W. Williams
On Behalf of the Delaware Open Space Council
c/o Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
59 Kings Highway
Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you for writing on behalf of the Delaware Open Space Council, endorsing the approval of the Corridor Management Plan for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway. I appreciate the Council's interest in this matter.

It was an honor to designate this network of 26 roads as a state byway in 2005. These roads are certainly worthy of designation having unique and irreplaceable intrinsic qualities, and are a fine example of the program's requirements for scenic, historic, recreational and cultural beauty, as well as representing the natural beauty of the state. We greatly appreciate elected officials like you supporting these nominations. Designations, such as this, will allow us to foster the intrinsic value of the land, promote economic prosperity, and control new development as well as contribute to corridor management, preservation, and ultimately, Governor Minner's Livable Delaware.

We look forward to receiving and reviewing the Corridor Management Plan. We are confident that the plan, as the application for designation, will be detailed and complete. Red Clay Valley is fortunate to have a group of talented, hard-working, and dedicated individuals responsible for putting together the plan.

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) shares your vision to properly manage, preserve, and enhance these special roads for future generations to enjoy and we greatly appreciate your support and involvement with Delaware's Historic and Scenic Byways Program.

Sincerely,

Carolann Wicks
Secretary

CW:ds

- cc: Darrel Cole, Director, Public Relations
- Michelle Williams, Manager, Public Relations
- Maria Andaya, Project Planner, Planning
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November 2, 2007

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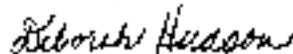
I am writing to offer my full support of the Corridor Management Plan submitted by the Delaware Nature Society and the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Steering Committee. The Corridor Management Plan emphasizes conservation and preservation strategies and reflects a shared vision for the long-term stewardship of the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway.

It is my hope that the Delaware Department of Transportation will approve this Plan in order to help protect the Byway's most valuable qualities.

The Corridor Management Plan balances a long-term outlook for the Red Clay Creek watershed area with the identification of specific strategies for each road segment of the Byway. This watershed-based planning effort is unlike any other scenic byway designation in the nation and puts this region at the forefront of innovative byway and watershed management efforts.

Thank you for carefully considering the Corridor Management Plan and I urge DelDOT to approve the proposal.

Sincerely,



Deborah D. Hudson
State Representative
12th District

LIANE M. SORENSON
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November 7, 2007

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Dover, DE 19903

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of this endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liane".

Liane M. Sorenson
State Senator
Sixth District

LMS/dlc

CHARLES L. COPELAND
Member Emeritus
STATE SENATOR
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November 26, 2007

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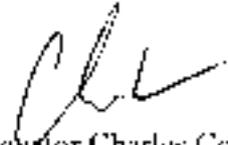
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of this endorsement.

Warmest Regards,



Senator Charles Copeland
Senate Minority Leader
State Senate District 4

cc: Jennifer Gocheaur

CHRISTOPHER A. COONS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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February 28, 2008

The Honorable Carolann Wicks
Delaware Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 778
Dover, DE 19903

Dear Secretary Wicks:

Carolann

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of this endorsement.

Sincerely,

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County Executive

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The Honorable Carolann Wicks
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October 25, 2007

Dear Secretary Wicks:

The Kennett Township Land Trust would like to acknowledge its support of the Corridor Management Plan for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway and urge the Delaware Department of Transportation to approve this long-term vision for the protection of the Byway's most valuable resources and qualities.

This watershed-based planning effort is unique and wonderfully progressive in that the Red Clay Scenic Byway does not just involve a single road corridor, but includes twenty-eight secondary roads in Northern New Castle County, that form a network with interconnected linkages within the Red Clay Creek and the watershed area.

Most endearing to our land trust is the priority that is being given to private land stewardship and conservation easements, sensitive land use planning, and context sensitive solutions. Also, since the Red Clay Creek is also a vital resource to our area of Pennsylvania as well, we commend the Delaware Nature Society's focus on the permanent preservation of the Red Clay Valley for more than thirty years and have absolute confidence that they are well positioned to oversee the long-term management of this Byway.

The Kennett Township Land Trust fully endorses the Corridor Management Plan submitted by the Delaware Nature Society and the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Steering Committee and hopes to utilize it as a model one day for our own efforts north along the Red Clay Creek, Route 82 and its offshoots in Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gwen M. Lacy".

Gwen M. Lacy, Esq.
Executive Director
Kennett Township Land Trust

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Workshop to give overview of Red Clay Scenic Byway

Plan protects network of picturesque roads

By ROBIN BROWN
The News-Journal

A public workshop is set for Thursday on a plan aimed to protect more than two dozen picturesque roads that run parallel historic mansions, farms, streams and forests northwest of Wilmington.

The network of roads, dubbed the Red Clay Scenic Byway, was nominated by the Delaware Nature Society for protection under a state program.

The informal, open-house style workshop will run 4-7 p.m. in the auditorium of Ashland Nature Center, with the public invited to drop in at any time.

View displays and offer comments, said spokeswoman Jennifer Cochenaur, the Delaware Nature Society's associate director for natural resources conservation.

Cochenaur described the plan as "a good step of how we preserve the best of what's existing ... and maybe even make things a little better."

For example, she said, the plan would have future work on

the roads be consistent with the historical and cultural contexts of the area — parking small, old, Eastwood ones could not be replaced with massive, modern ones.

Most nominations for state scenic and historic highways are for single, main roads or the corridors surrounding them.

The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway made up of secondary roads — is the first in the north by the Pennsylvania state line, on the east by the Kennett Pike (Del. 52), on the south by Berley Mill Road and on the south and west by Lancaster Pike (Del. 48/Del. 41).

The Delaware Nature Society's 2004 nomination of the roads was accepted into the Scenic and Historic Highways as the state's second designated byway in 2005.

Before the Red Clay Scenic Byway nomination was accepted, Elizabeth Wagner, a Staff Mill Road resident for more than 30 years, told The News-Journal she hoped the road program will help preserve the region's old-fashioned beauty.



View of the Red Clay Scenic Byway area.

Albion Heights in Yorklyn offers passers-by one of the many scenic views in the Red Clay Scenic Byway area.

"That's the reason that I think all of us who have lived here any length of time are here," said the Dupont Co. resident, then 74. "It's because of that feeling of being out in the woods is 'more conservation and preservation.' The screening panel has drafted a management plan, she said.

The workshop gives the program makes accepted roads eligible for planning funds and some protections, such as a ban on billboards.

FYI
To learn more about the state's Scenic and Historic Highways, visit www.delaware.gov/information/pubs/formation/delaware-scenic_highways/index.shtml
To view the draft plan for the Red Clay Scenic Byway, visit the Delaware Nature Society site at www.delawarenature-society.org/red-clay.htm.

The Department of Transportation, which has 90 days for review.
Panel members will be there to answer questions about the plan and explain the maps, photographs and plans on display.

"Anyone who is interested is invited to come," Cochenaur said, adding that residents in the byway area is not required.
The nature society nominated the 28 roads as a grid, but a network shaped by the land and contours along Red Clay Creek.

Letters with comments about the draft plan may be brought to the meeting or sent to Jennifer Cochenaur, Box 700, Hockessin, DE 19807. Contact info: 302-421-7425 or jcochenaur@delawarenature.org.

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The Delaware State Office of Highway Safety has launched a statewide campaign to help improve pedestrian safety.

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Did you also know that most pedestrian deaths involve alcohol on the part of the pedestrian?

But motorists also have a responsibility to share the road safely and to be on the lookout for pedestrians.

Do you know the following pedestrian laws and tips?

- o It is illegal to walk under the influence of alcohol and or drugs.
- o It is illegal to hitchhike.
- o Motorists must yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- o Pedestrians must cross at intersections when possible and if they're crossing outside of an intersection, they must yield the right-of-way to motorists.
- o If you can't walk on a sidewalk, you must walk facing traffic and walk as far off the edge as possible.
- o When walking at night you must carry a flashlight or other reflective item.



TODDLER SWING SET IN THE WORKS FOR BABY GROVE PARK

The Centreville Civic Association is currently working with the City of Wilmington, the owner of our community park, to install a new swing set in the playground area. The CCA Board recently approved the proposed toddler swing set, which will compliment the existing swing set designed for older children and adults.

City approval of the addition to the park is expected in the next month. Installation should take place by the end of the year.

The swing set is a minor component of a longer term plan that is being developed by the CCA Board and the City of Wilmington to make a number of playground and park improvements. Funding is being provided by CCA and the City of Wilmington.



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Roads through the Centreville area include Owls Nest, Pyles Ford, Old Kennett Pike, Way Road, Ashland-Clinton School Road, Snuff Mill Road, Burnt Mill Road, Nine Gates Road, Creek Road, and Center Mill Road.



According to the Delaware Nature Society website, travelers who take the time to absorb the history and natural beauty of Delaware's Red Clay Valley are impressed by what it offers. The remnants of a nineteenth century grist, snuff, and paper milling industry can be seen at Yorklyn, historically known as Auburn or Auburn Mills. Steam train enthusiasts ride on the Historic Red Clay, Inc. (Wilmington and Western) railway from Greenbank to Hockessin. The mature forest and steep slopes of the Red Clay Ravine Natural Area are partially visible from Route 82 and accessible to Delaware Nature Society program participants. Roads originally traveled by horse and buggy, following the topography of the land, inextricably link these scenic vistas.

A Corridor Management Plan which describes the goals, strategies, and responsibilities for conserving and enhancing the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway has been drafted and is available for public review on **Thursday, September 27th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Ashland Nature Center auditorium.** (Barley Mill and Brackenville Roads Hockessin, DE 19707) The input of residents and visitors to the Byway is a crucial element of the process before the plan is submitted to DelDot. Please consider attending the public workshop to review maps and photographs of the byway, discuss preservation goals and strategies, and ask questions or offer comments.





Legacy Society Created

At the April 2007 Delaware Nature Society annual meeting, Peter Flint, President, announced the creation of a planned giving legacy society for the Delaware Nature Society and thanked the many people who have already made gifts to the Nature Society in their estate plans.

Naming Announcement

In the next year, we will ask those generous individuals to agree to be named as founding members of the society. Additionally, we will ask planned gift donors to identify themselves (if they haven't already) and join the legacy society as founding members. At our annual meeting in 2008, we will announce the formal name of the legacy society, and the founding members will be honored.

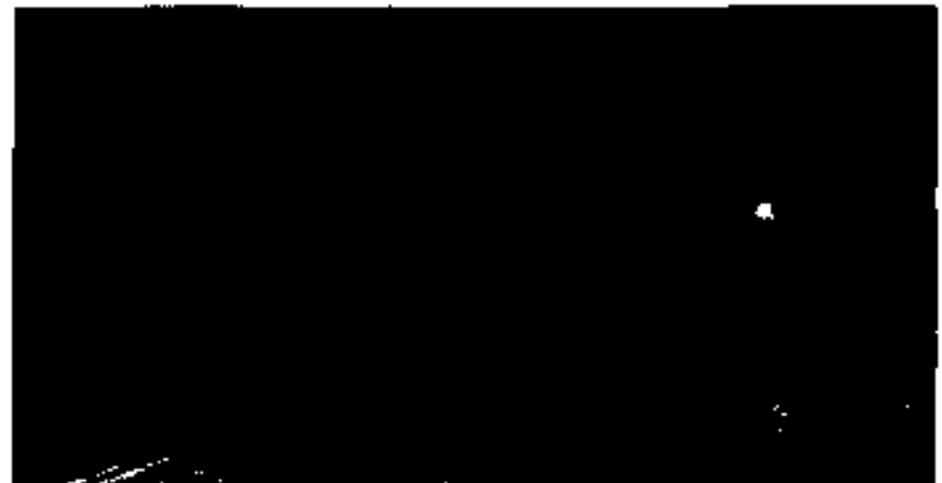
Identify Yourself

We look forward to this formal announcement and to thanking those members publicly. For additional information on planned giving, or to identify yourself as a member of the legacy society, please contact Linda Chambers, Associate Director, Development and Marketing at 302-239-2334, Ext. 103.

Management Plan for Scenic Byway

The Delaware Nature Society's nomination of twenty-eight roads in the Red Clay Valley into the Scenic and Historic Highways program created the state's second designated byway. With the goal of designation achieved, the focus of our staff and our Steering Committee has transitioned to long-term stewardship of the Byway's most valuable qualities, emphasizing conservation and preservation. The input of residents and visitors to the Byway is a crucial element of this process, particularly given the unique nature of this road network.

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Share Your Voice

Please join us for an open public workshop on September 27, 2007, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Delaware Nature Society's Ashland Nature Center to discuss the future of the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway. Help us create the Byway's Corridor Management Plan.



The Delaware Nature Society, a nonprofit membership organization, fosters understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the natural world through education; preserves ecologically significant areas; and advocates the stewardship and conservation of natural resources.

We maintain two nature centers - Abdon's Mill Nature Center (Milford) and Ashland Nature Center (Hockessin) - and manage four nature preserves for biodiversity, research, and educational programs: Burrows Run Preserve, Middle Farm, Hight Woods Preserve, Marvel Farmstead Preserve, and Cedar Hog Preserve. The Nature Society is an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation, offering input on national issues that concern citizens in our region.

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Land Management Corner

For a national plant in Canada, *Thalictrum* has many variations, all with diverse personal uses. One of the best is called "the good to the bad" - *Thalictrum flavum*, the "angelic" of Canada and the U.S. Farmers once used this plant for its roots. However, it is seldom used in garden today because of its toxicity. If you have a "big" garden, you will find it in your garden and are probably looking for it. It is a good plant to have in your garden, especially if you are looking for it. It is a good plant to have in your garden, especially if you are looking for it.



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Corridor Planning Begins For the Red Clay Scenic Byway

The Delaware National Scenic and Historic Byway, the Red Clay Scenic Byway, was approved in April 2005, making it the second scenic route in Delaware.

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History of Preservation

Since moving its headquarters to Ashland in 1976, the Delaware Nature Society has placed high priority on the permanent preservation of the Red Clay Valley. The valley includes spectacular natural areas first described by the Nature Society in the mid-1970s: Red Clay Ravine, Red Clay Creek, Burrows Run, Coverdale Woods, and Red Clay Reservation, (the Ashland Nature Center is situated on a portion of the latter). These natural areas sustain an abundance of plants and animals and contain some of the richest old growth forest in the Red Clay Creek watershed.

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With the goal of State designation achieved, emphasis is now placed on the long-term stewardship of the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway's most valuable qualities and ensuring that future generations will have an opportunity to experience this unique resource.

A Corridor Management Plan, a written document that describes the goals, strategies, and responsibilities for conserving and enhancing the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway has been drafted and is available for public review prior to submission to DelDOT.

Prepared in collaboration with a Steering Committee composed of local organizations, government agencies, businesses, and Byway residents, the Corridor Management Plan emphasizes conservation and preservation strategies and reflects a shared vision for the long-term stewardship of the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway.

The Delaware Nature Society will be hosting a **public workshop** at the Ashland Nature Center on September 27th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. to present the draft Corridor Management Plan and offer interested individuals an opportunity to review maps and photographs, discuss the goals and strategies, and ask questions/offer comments. Please join us!

Download an excerpt from the Corridor Management Plan - **Stewardship of Intrinsic Qualities: Resource Preservation and Management Strategies**. Copies of the entire plan are available upon request.

Partners:

A wide variety of planning partners have provided valuable guidance and technical support for the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway project, among them:

- New Castle County
- Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)
- Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO)
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)
- Delaware State Office of Historic and Cultural Affairs
- Red Clay Valley Association
- Brandywine Conservancy
- Historic Red Clay, Inc.
- Red Clay Reservation
- Wilmington and Western Railroad
- Mt. Cuba Center
- Preservation Delaware
- Delaware Greenways, Inc.
- Center for the Creative Arts
- The Yorba Planning Group
- The Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts Council
- Delaware Center for Horticulture

In addition, several individuals, some of whom are Byway residents, have devoted their skills and expertise to this effort.

Download a map of the **Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway**

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES - Scenic and Historic Highways**Quick Facts**

Length: approximately 27 miles

Date designated a State Scenic & Historic Highway: April 5, 2006

Time required to drive the byway: about 1 hour

Time required to enjoy the points of interest: 1-2 days

Byway Contact:

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The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway includes 30 secondary roads that form a network closely linked to the Red Clay Creek. Found in the piedmont province, it is characterized by rolling hills, ridges, and valleys that sculpt the surrounding landscape.

*Text taken from the 2004 Nomination Application

Points of Interest**Ashland Nature Center**

Explore four self-guiding nature trails through 81 acres of rolling terrain through meadows, woodlands and marshes. It also features the Butterfly House which provides close-up observation of butterflies in stages from eggs to adults. The Butterfly House is open mid-June to late September. Weekdays 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Saturdays: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; closed Sundays.

Mt. Cuba Center

A 630-acre estate set in the rolling hills of Northern Delaware that is dedicated to the conservation of the Appalachian Piedmont plants. Guided tours and garden visitation are available. The center is open for spring tours from mid-April through May and for autumn tours from mid-September through October.

Resource Conservation: New Programs Increase Awareness

The Delaware Nature Society's Natural Resources Conservation (NRC) Department includes three well-developed program areas:

- Watershed Stewardship
- Land Preservation
- Advocacy

Those programs complement each other to increase protection and restoration of our land and water resources, and the biodiversity within our state. The following items are highlights from our work in 2005.

Delaware's Own Macroinvertebrate

To help raise public awareness about the importance of water quality, the Delaware Nature Society championed State legislation to designate the common stonefly as the State Macroinvertebrate. Delaware State Representative Deborah Hudson was the primary sponsor of the bill, which was signed into law by Governor Ruth Ann Minner on June 14, 2005.

Vital Conservation Issues Explored

Over 110 landowners and professionals attended the Land Conservation Forum presented by the Delaware Nature Society at Bellevue Hall on May 24, 2005. Patrick

F. Noonan, founder and Chairman Emeritus of The Conservation Fund presented an inspiring keynote address, tracking the evolution of the conservation movement, current trends and the leadership roles that states are taking to address the growing public demand for land conservation. Forum participants were also given a primer on land conservation and estate planning with a real life case study involving an owner of a 250-acre farm.



Jennifer Goehner
Associate Director,
Natural Resource
Conservation

The Forum was co-sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, The Brandywine Conservancy, The Conservation Fund, The Nature Conservancy in Delaware, The Frederick Academy of Real Estate, The Delaware State Bar Association, and the Delaware Nature Society.

Scenic and Historic Red Clay Valley

At the Delaware Nature Society's 40th Annual Meeting on April 13, 2005 Nathan Hayward, Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation, announced official approval of the Nature Society's nomination application designating 29 roads in the Red Clay Valley into the State Scenic and Historic Highways Program. These designated roads will be known as the "Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway."



Mark Spurr

This designation will help to maintain the character of the Valley by adding another layer of consideration for all proposed projects that may affect the area's resources.

Permanent Funding Achieved

In 2005 DNS and its fellow Preservation Coalition members gained permanent funding for the state's Farmland Preservation Program! There will be a revenue stream of \$10 million a year from the state's Real Estate Transfer Tax as part of the budget agreement for Fiscal Year 2006, announced in Governor Minner's office on June 15, 2005. This will give a much-needed boost to an already successful program and be a boon to the future of Delaware's agricultural industry. It comes at a time when the state's prime farmland is disappearing at a rate of more than 10,000 acres a year, mainly to residential developments.



Red Clay Roads Designated as Scenic Byways

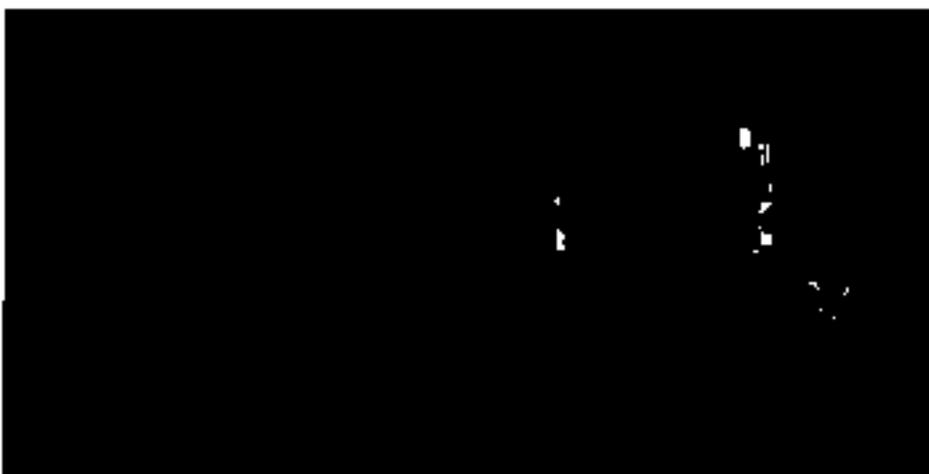


Photo by G. Ozer

At the Delaware Nature Society's 40th Annual Meeting on April 13, 2005, Secretary of Transportation Nathan Hayward announced official approval of the Nature Society's application, admitting 27 roads into the State Scenic and Historic Highways Program. These roads will be known as the "Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway."

The nomination application was strongly endorsed by the state agency Evaluation Committee and the Scenic and Historic Advisory Board. Members of the Evaluation Committee indicated, "The quality of the remaining natural and scenic resources in this area are extremely significant. Not only the type of landscape, but also the large amount of it that exists in its undisturbed state, makes it special and unique to Northern New Castle County and Delaware." According to the statement, "The resources identified in this application and both the current and future preservation efforts of those resources, epitomizes what the Scenic Byway Program is all about."

Now that the nomination application has been approved, the Nature Society is establishing a Steering Committee to assist in developing the Corridor Plan, a document describing the goals, strategies, and responsibilities for conserving and enhancing the scenic and historic highways' most valuable qualities. The

plan will be worked upon collaboratively by the Nature Society, New Castle County, Red Clay Valley Association, Center for the Creative Arts, The Yorklyn Planning Group, The Chesapeake Bay Girls Scouts Council, Mt. Cuba Center, and area residents. It will include both a long-term vision for the Scenic and Historic Highway over time, and also a short-term Action Plan covering the first two years. For additional information or to participate on the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Steering Committee, please contact Jennifer Goebenaur, Associate Director for Natural Resources Conservation, 302-239-2334, ext. 102, jen@delawarenaturesociety.org.

Farmland Preservation Program Gains Permanent Funding

Delaware's Farmland Preservation Program has received a permanent funding stream thanks to the Preservation Coalition, some 500 organizations, individuals and local governments.

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The Coalition was formed in 1995 to ensure the success of Governor Carper's plan to use \$95 million from an abandoned properties settlement for farmland preservation. Coordinated by the Nature Society, the Coalition's singular mission later became lobbying the General Assembly and the Administration to obtain steady, adequate funding for the work of the state's Open Space Council and the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation.

In 2001 a \$9 million a year, 17-year revenue stream from the Real Estate Transfer Tax was enacted. Added later was \$1 million for greenways expansion. The Coalition's principal focus then became obtaining a revenue stream for farmland preservation. Governor Minter has shared the Coalition's goal and deserves tremendous credit for urging the General Assembly's Leadership Team to enact the farmland preservation revenue stream this year. The bill codifying the revenue stream (Senate Bill 229 sponsored by Senator Nancy Cook and Representative Pam Thornburg, with numerous co-sponsors) passed both Houses on June 30. With this latest success the Coalition's mission is accomplished!

Coalition Co-chairs: Lorraine M. Fleming (Delaware Nature Society); Robert Gately (Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation); and William Wask (C.A.W. Community Action Program Council)

Action Request: Please e-mail, telephone or personally deliver your thanks to the Governor and your legislator for this action which helps protect our farmlands.

Suburban growth putting pressure on state's northern byways

Keeping Delaware's scenic roads less traveled



Area of Red Clay Valley Nominated

More than 20 scenic, picturesque roads northwest of Wilmington - dotted with hundreds of mansions, farms and historic houses largely unseen by motorists - could be protected for future generations under a state preservation program.

The Delaware Nature Society, a nonprofit group, has nominated the "Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway" for the state's Scenic and Historic Highways Program.

Under the program, the roads would be eligible for planning money, help from experts and some protections, including a ban on billboards.

The nature society, which said the roads already are feeling the pressure of added traffic from the region's housing growth and development, has asked the Delaware Department of Transportation to designate 27 roads from

Hockessin to Centerville.

Delaware Nature Society spokeswoman Helen Butler calls them Delaware's "roads less traveled."

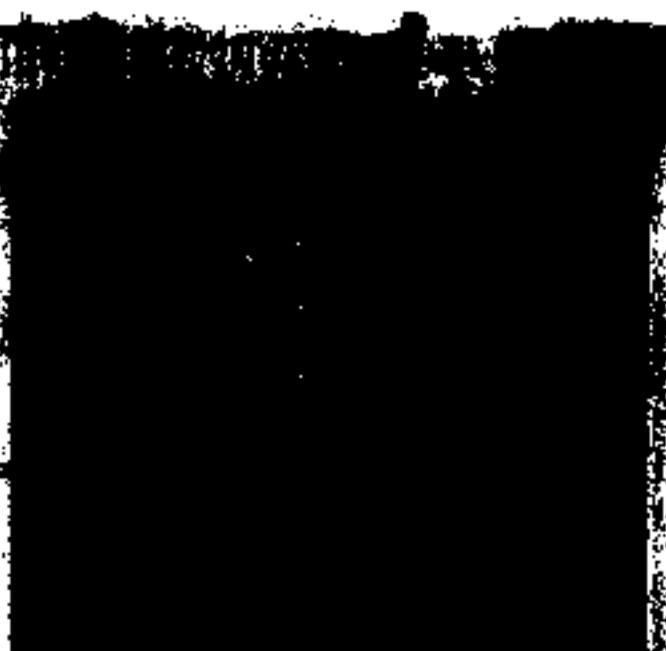
Roads may be nominated for scenic, natural, recreational, historic, cultural or archaeological qualities.

Elizabeth Wagner, who has lived on Snuff Mill Road more than 30 years, said she hopes the road program will help preserve the region's old-fashioned beauty.

"That's the reason that I think all of us who have lived here any length of time are here," said the 74-year-old DuPont Co. retiree. "It's because of that feeling of being out in the country."

Wagner also said she hopes state designation will help slow motorists by reminding them to relax and enjoy the view.

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Creek Road (Del. 82), which runs along the Red Clay Valley, is one of 27 roads nominated by the Delaware Nature Society for the state's Scenic and Historic Highways Program.

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Roads nominated for the state Scenic and Historic Highways Program



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| 1: Ashland-Carlton School Road | 8: Creek Road (Del. 82) | 18: Pyles Ford Road |
| 2: Auburn Mill Road | 10: Hillside Mill Road | 19: Old Wilmington Road |
| 3: Barley Mill Road to Centerville Road | 11: Hillside Road from Centerville Road to Kennett Pike | 20: Robing Mill Road |
| 4: Brackerville Road from Old Wilmington Road to Barley Mill Road | 12: Lower Snuff Mill Row | 21: Sharpless Road |
| 5: Berge Road | 13: Mount Cuba Road | 22: Snuff Mill Road |
| 6: Summ Mill Road | 14: New London Road | 23: Upper Snuff Mill Row |
| 7: Center Mill Road | 15: Nine Gates Road (Cloud Rd.) | 24: Upper Snuff Mill Row |
| 8: Clayville Road from Barley Mill Road to Del. 82 | 16: Old Kennett Road | 25: Walnut Green Road/Oberbelle Road (Del. 82) |
| | 17: Ours Neel Road | 26: Way Road |
| | | 27: Yorklyn Road |



Scenic: Locals prefer the narrow roads

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The nature society is one of about 30 advisory groups and agencies that review applications for the preservation program and make recommendations to DelDOT. Butler, the society's environmental advocate, said the organization will not be involved in this review because it made the nomination.

The roads - many of them narrow, curvy and without shoulders - traverse the hills of Delaware's chesnut country. The former horse-cart roads pass through farms, forests and the countryside of historic Yorklyn. They pass through the Ashland Covered Bridge, one of three covered bridges in the state. They run by siphons, wrap Mount Cuba and offer postcard-like views of Hoopes Reservoir.

Delawareans drive the roads in search of blazing fall foliage.

Several of the routes evoke the state's early manufacturing era, when water-powered mills of many kinds dotted the Red Clay Valley region.

"The roots of the Red Clay Valley community date from the early European settlement in the beginning of the 18th century," Butler said. "Not urban, nor suburban, the Red Clay Valley provides a unique rural setting."



Narrow roads in the Red Clay Valley region of Delaware are on the scenic list.

dress pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

If the program boosts bicycle safety awareness and adds bicy-

try roads "unquestionably scenic" and noted its many historic sites, such as Wilmington & Western Railroad, Winterthur museum and Mount Cuba.

Another study three years earlier by the nonprofit Brandywine Conservancy called the Red Clay Valley "a place of uncommon beauty and very special significance."

Documentation of the valley's splendor is a plus for the application, as are residents' longtime efforts to preserve the region's character, Butler said.

Over the years, owners of many of the area's historic estates and farmhouses - some only two rooms - have fought to keep the roads from being straightened or widened, out of concern that so-called improvements actually would worsen traffic and aggravate hazards caused by speeding motorists, she said.

"For many communities, getting the scenic and historic highway designation is the start of the preservation process," she said. "But we really saw it as being on the cake for an area that has been in preservation efforts since the 1970s."

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Wednesday, September 15

Wilmington - Some cancer patients will be eligible for free treatment for up to a year under a new state initiative. Funding for the \$4 million Delaware Cancer Treatment Program is included in the current state budget. It targets patients who don't have insurance and aren't eligible for Medicaid.

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Tuesday, September 14

Little Creek - An estimated 100 friends and relatives gathered at the fire hall for a memorial service for Joseph Cox, 18. The senior at Caesar Rodney High School was gunned down Sept. 1 outside his home in Magnolia. Joseph Bentley, 17, was arrested near Pittsburgh after an 80-mile chase. He's charged with first-degree murder.

Monday, September 13

Wilmington - Bill Lee, the runner-up in the Republican gubernatorial primary four years ago, won this year's primary on Saturday. He faces Gov. Minner, a Democrat, on Nov. 2.

Friday, September 10

Wilmington - More than two dozen picturesque roads northwest of Wilmington could soon be protected by the state. The Delaware Nature Society, a non-profit group, nominated the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway for the state's Scenic and Historic Highways Program. Under the program, 27 roads would be eligible for planning money, help from experts and protections, including a ban on billboards.

Thursday, September 9

Dover - The Division of Motor Vehicles says the owners of 687 older vehicles were wrongly told that their vehicles failed an emissions test. Many spent hundreds of dollars on unnecessary repairs. Officials blame the error on a software problem. The software vendor will reimburse vehicle owners.

Workshop to give overview of Red Clay Scenic Byway

Plan protects network of picturesque roads

By ROBIN BROWN
The News Journal

A public workshop is set for Thursday on a plan aimed to protect more than two dozen picturesque roads that tumble amid historic mansions, farms, streams and forests northwest of Wilmington.

The network of roads, dubbed the Red Clay Scenic Byway, was nominated by the Delaware Nature Society for protection under a state program.

The informal, open-house-style workshop will run 6-7 p.m. in the auditorium of Ashland Nature Center, with the public invited to drop in at any time, view displays and offer comments, said spokeswoman Jennifer Gochenaour, the Delaware Nature Society's associate director for natural resources conservation.

Gochenaour described the plan as "a road map of how we preserve the best of what's existing ... and maybe even make things a little better."

For example, she said, the plan would have future work on

the roads be consistent with the historical and cultural contexts of the area — meaning small, old-fashioned ones could not be replaced with massive, modern ones.

Most nominations for state scenic and historic highways are for single, main roads or the corridors surrounding them.

The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway — made up of secondary roads — is bounded on the north by the Pennsylvania state line, on the east by the Kennett Pike (Del. 88) on the south by Barley Mill Road and on the south and west by Lancaster Pike (Del. 41).

The Delaware Nature Society's 2004 nomination of the roads was accepted into the Scenic and Historic Highways as the state's second designated byway in 2005.

Before the Red Clay Scenic Byway nomination was accepted, Elizabeth Wagner, a Stuff Mill Road resident for more than 30 years, told The News Journal she hoped the road program will help preserve the region's old-fashioned beauty.



Auburn Heights in York; offers poster-by view of the many scenic views in the Red Clay Scenic Byway area.

"That's the reason that I think all of us who have lived here any length of time are here," said the DuPont Co. vice president, then 74. "It's because of that feeling of being out in the country."

Designation under the program makes accepted roads eligible for planning funds and some protections, such as a ban on billboards.

Although some area residents feared the designation might lead to overbuilding of roads and promotion of tourism, Gochenaour said the goal is "more conservation and preservation." The steering panel has drafted a management plan, she said.

The workshop gives the public a chance to have input into the plan before its submission

FYI

To learn more about the state's Scenic and Historic Highways, visit www.deltat.gov/infomation/pubs_forms/manuals/scenic_byway/index.shtml

To view the draft plan for the Red Clay Scenic Byway, visit the Delaware Nature Society site at www.delawarenaturesociety.org/red_clay.htm

to the Department of Transportation, which has 30 days for review.

Panel members will be there to answer questions about the plan and explain the maps, photographs and plans on display.

"Anyone who is interested is invited to come," Gochenaour said, adding that residency in the byway area is not required.

The nature society nominated the 28 roads not as a grid, but a network shaped by the land and contours along Red Clay Creek.

Letters with comments about the draft plan may be brought to the meeting or sent to Jennifer Gochenaour, Box 700, Hockessin, DE 19907.

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