

DELAWARE NONPOINT SOURCE PUBLIC EVENTS AND PROGRAMS SURVEY

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Purpose

As a service to all organizations working in the State of Delaware and helping to educate citizens on the problems of nonpoint source pollution, the Appoquinimink River Association was asked by the Delaware Department of Transportation to complete a review of all pertinent nonpoint source programs and events. While there are many educational programs within the state, the focus of this survey was only on nonpoint source programs and events available and applicable for participation in Delaware. This survey is intended to bring focus to all the programs and events available and illustrate specific topics of programs and events of need that are absent.

For additions or deletions on future editions, contact the Appoquinimink River Association at (302) 382-0335.

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)

The mission of the State of Delaware's Department of Transportation is to provide a safe, efficient, and environmentally sensitive transportation network that offers a variety of convenient and cost-effective choices for the movement of people and goods. For more information about the Delaware Department of Transportation call (302) 760-2080 or visit www.deldot.net.

Appoquinimink River Association (ARA)

The Appoquinimink River Association's mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the rivers and related natural resources of the Appoquinimink region. We work to make community members more aware of how their actions can help to ensure clean water in the Appoquinimink River watershed of Delaware. For more information about the Appoquinimink River Association call (302) 382-0335 or visit www.apporiver.org.

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List of Acronyms

ARA	- Appoquinimink River Association
AREC	- Aquatic Resources Education Center
DelDOT	- Delaware Department of Transportation
DNREC	- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
DNS	- Delaware Nature Society
DRN	- Delaware Riverkeeper Network
DSWA	- Delaware Solid Waste Authority
KCCD	- Kent County Conservation District
NCCD	- New Castle Conservation District
PDE	- Partnership for the Delaware Estuary
SCCD	- Sussex County Conservation District

Appoquinimink River Association (ARA)

Contact Information

**Appoquinimink
River Association**

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Middletown, DE
19709**

(302) 382-0335

**For further
information on this
agency and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.apporiver.org/

Title: *Water Education in the Classroom*

Sponsor: ARA

When: As requested

Where: Location varies as needed

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This program, offered in the Appoquinimink Watershed, teaches students what a watershed is, the differences between point and nonpoint source pollution, and how their actions on the land affect the water quality of local streams.

Contact: Sara L. Wozniak, Executive Director, at (302) 382-0335 or sara@apporiver.org

Center for the Inland Bays

Contact Information

Center for the Inland Bays

**39375 Inlet Road -
Rehoboth Beach, DE
19971**

(302) 226-8105

For further information on this agency and its programs and events, consult the following website:

www.inlandbays.org

Title: *Interactive Learning Center*

Sponsor: Center for the Inland Bays

When: As requested

Where: At requesting classrooms

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Intended for the fifth grade level, the Interactive Learning Center allows students to start building a knowledge base about water, watersheds, the Inland Bays, and their local environment. The Interactive Learning Center focuses on pollution, the estuarine food web, and the dynamics of tides.

Contact: The Education/Outreach Coordinator at (302) 226-8105 or education@inlandbays.org

Title: *James Farm Ecological Preserve Field Trips*

Sponsor: Center for the Inland Bays

When: Annually, during spring and fall seasons

Where: James Farm Ecological Preserve

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: In collaboration with the Indian River School District's Outdoor Education Center at Ingram Pond, the Center for the Inland Bays offers school program activities that are available for grades seven and eight. Seventh grade programs target "Understanding Delaware's Watersheds" and eighth grade activities focus on "Ecosystems."

Contact: The Education/Outreach Coordinator at (302) 226-8105 or education@inlandbays.org

Title: *Volunteer Opportunities*

Sponsor: Center for the Inland Bays

When: Varies, as needed

Where: As needed

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Volunteer opportunities are available for all ages on various Center for the Inland Bays projects. Some of the opportunities include the wetlands project field crew, habitat enhancement, and gardening/mulching as well as others that are offered throughout the year.

Contact: The Outreach Coordinator at (302) 226-8105 or outreach@inlandbays.org

**The Center for the Inland Bays offers more programs and events. For more information about these events/programs, please visit their website at www.inlandbays.org*

Christina Conservancy, Inc.

Contact Information

**Christina
Conservancy, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 1680
Wilmington, DE
19899**

(302) 984-3801

Title: *Christina River Stream Clean Up*

Sponsor: Christina Conservancy, Inc.

When: Annually, during the spring

Where: Christina River Watershed

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Volunteers help keep the Christina River clean by picking up litter along its stream banks.

Contact: Shirley Posey at (302) 838-1897

Delaware Department of Agriculture – Forest Service

Contact Information

Forest Service

**2320 S. DuPont Hwy.
Dover, DE 19901**

(302) 698-4500

For further information on this agency and its programs and events, consult the following website:

www.state.de.us/dept/agri/forestry/educat.shtml

Title: *Every Drop Counts Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Forest Service

When: As requested

Where: As requested

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This activity, offered for grades 4-8, explores how easy it is to take water supply for granted. Water pours out of our faucets as though it were endlessly available. But the truth is that the supply of good quality fresh water is limited. Fortunately, it's just as easy to conserve water as it is to waste it. This activity will help your class (and maybe the whole school) cut back on water waste.

Contact: Ashley Ward, State PLT Coordinator at (302) 698-4551 or ashley.ward@state.de.us

Title: *Field, Forest, and Stream Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Forest Service

When: As requested

Where: As requested

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: In this inquiry-based activity, offered for grades 1-8, students will conduct a field study of three different environments as they focus on sunlight, soil moisture, temperature, wind, water flow, plant, and animals in each environment. By comparing different environments, students will begin to consider how nonliving elements influence living elements in an ecosystem.

Contact: Ashley Ward, State PLT Coordinator at (302) 698-4551 or ashley.ward@state.de.us

Title: *Pollution Search Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Forest Service

When: As requested

Where: As requested

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This activity, offered for grades PreK-6, offers a way for your students to take a closer look at pollution: what its sources are, and what people can do to reduce it.

Contact: Ashley Ward, State PLT Coordinator at (302) 698-4551 or ashley.ward@state.de.us

Delaware Department of Agriculture – Forest Service

Title: *Project Learning Tree (PLT) Workshop*

Sponsor: DNREC – Forest Service

When: Groups of 10 or more can request a date; other workshops are scheduled periodically throughout the year

Where: Forestry Education Centers, or at the requesting group's location

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: PLT is an international, award-winning environmental education curriculum designed for all educators. PLT is engineered to help educators weave the environment into their everyday lesson plans. This workshop will include useful background information on Delaware's natural resources and other resource materials available to share with students, and it will also explore a few hands-on indoor and outdoor activities. It can be adapted to many different contexts, including formal or non-formal educational settings, after-school programs, and by parents with their children.

With completion of this workshop, participants will receive an award-winning environmental education activity guide (Pre K- Grade 8) offering 96 activities covering the themes of Diversity, Interrelationships, Systems, Structure and Scale, and Patterns of Change. The activities include topics in forestry as well as the total environment: land, air, and water. It is local, national, and global in scope. The PreK- to Grade 8 activity guide underscores PLT's primary goal - to help children learn how to think, not what to think about complex environmental issues.

Contact: Ashley Ward, State PLT Coordinator at (302) 698-4551 or ashley.ward@state.de.us

Title: *Renewable or Not? Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Forest Service

When: As requested

Where: As requested

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This activity, offered for grades 4-8, teaches students which resources are renewable, which are nonrenewable, and which are recyclable or reusable. Students will learn what these terms mean and discover why sustainable use of natural resources is so important.

Contact: Ashley Ward, State PLT Coordinator at (302) 698-4551 or ashley.ward@state.de.us

Title: *Watch on Wetlands Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Forest Service

When: As requested

Where: As requested

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: In this inquiry-based activity, offered for grades 7-8, students will conduct field studies in a local wetland, and learn how land use decisions and legislation affect wetland areas.

Contact: Ashley Ward, State PLT Coordinator at (302) 698-4551 or ashley.ward@state.de.us

Delaware Department of Agriculture – Forest Service

Title: *Water Wonders Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Forest Service

When: As requested

Where: As requested

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Through a game and an experiment, offered for grades 4-8, this activity introduces students to the various steps of the water cycle and helps them make connections between the water cycle and all living things.

Contact: Ashley Ward, State PLT Coordinator at (302) 698-4551 or ashley.ward@state.de.us

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) – Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC)

Contact Information

Aquatic Resources Education Center

**4876 Hay Point Landing Road
Smyrna, DE 19977**

(302) 653-2882

For further information on this agency and its programs and events, consult the following website:

www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw/are1.htm

Title: *Adopt-a-Wetland Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – AREC

When: As requested

Where: As requested

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The Adopt-a-Wetland Program is a community based environmental stewardship program developed for the purposes of heightening the public's awareness of the functions and intrinsic value of wetlands by enlisting volunteers who will assist in monitoring and protecting these vital resources. The program seeks to educate the public on the important benefits wetlands provide such as habitat, water quality, flood control, and recreational activities. Interested community organizations, businesses, civic associations, school groups, families and individuals may adopt a wetland by contacting the AREC office and requesting an adoption package.

Contact: Marlene Mervine at (302) 653-2882, ext: 10

Title: *Working for Wetlands workshop*

Sponsor: DNREC – AREC

When: Annually, in early spring

Where: AREC, near Smyrna, DE

Cost/Fee to participate: Usually no cost, there may be a modest charge to cover costs of optional evening meal and a field trip program

Description: This all-day workshop features a mix of informational, in-the-field, and hands-on training sessions designed to empower wetland adopters and other interested individuals with the tools, skills and knowledge needed to carry out wetland stewardship and monitoring activities in wetland habitats near where they live, work, or go to school. Workshops are geared to adult/group leader wetland adopters, but are also open to individuals who are not in the program, as well as older children with an interest in getting involved in wetland stewardship.

Contact: Marlene Mervine at (302) 653-2882, ext: 109

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) – Delaware Coastal Programs

Contact Information

Delaware Coastal Programs

818 Kitts Hummock Rd.
Dover, DE 19901

302-698-4500

For further information on this agency and its programs and events, consult the following website:

www.dnrec.state.de.us/dnrec2000/Divisions/Soil/dcmp/index.htm

Title: *Nonpoint Source Advisory Committee Meeting*

Sponsor: DNREC/Nonpoint Source Program

When: Annually, usually in the winter

Where: Location varies

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This is the annual meeting of the Nonpoint Source Program advisory committee. Staffs from universities, state agencies, and non-governmental organizations attend this informational meeting to learn about project updates.

Contact: Kimberly Cole at (302) 739-9283 or kimberly.cole@state.de.us

Title: *Nonpoint Source Pollution/Watersheds Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve

When: As requested

Where: At requested classroom

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: In this program, offered for grades 4-8, students will learn to identify nonpoint sources of pollution and understand their effects on the overall health of a watershed. Pollution prevention techniques will be discussed so that students may begin to take action themselves. The watershed program takes an in-depth look at watersheds and nonpoint source pollution. Students will learn how pollution enters the watershed and what types of pollution are most harmful. Time: 1 hour.

Contact: Kate Marvel, Estuarine Educator, at (302) 739-3436 ext. 13 or kate.marvel@state.de.us to schedule program

Title: *Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)*

Sponsor: DNREC – Delaware Coastal Programs

When: Scheduled times or at the request of teachers

Where: Location varies

Cost/Fee to participate: Cost may vary by workshop

Description: Delaware's Project WET provides workshops for teachers on the Project WET curriculum and the Healthy Water Healthy People Curriculum. Delaware Coastal Programs also provides additional publications for supplementing water resource education programs.

Contact: Jennifer Holmes, Delaware Project WET Coordinator (302) 739-3436

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) – Delaware Coastal Programs

Title: *St. Jones Estuary – Past to Present Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve

When: As requested

Where: DNREC – Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: In this program, offered for grades 3-8, staff from the John Dickinson Plantation (Delaware Division of Cultural and Historical Affairs), in a cooperative effort with the St. Jones Reserve staff, will present the history of the St. Jones River and the surrounding area. Students will become aware of the human impact on the estuary as we examine early settler use of the land at the Plantation and learn about the historical and modern uses of the estuary's natural resources. Other activities may include the Muckless Marsh Walk and some water quality monitoring. Time: 4 hours.

Contact: Kate Marvel, Estuarine Educator, at (302) 739-3436 ext. 13 or kate.marvel@state.de.us to schedule program

Title: *Watershed Pollution and Water Quality Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve

When: As requested

Where: Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This program, offered for grades 6-12, is an in-depth look at watersheds and non-point source pollution. Students will be challenged to think critically about how pollution enters the watershed and what forms of pollution are most harmful. Students will hypothesize about the health of the St. Jones estuary and conduct two water quality tests to test their hypothesis. This program can be combined with "Watersheds Education Program" for a program to last one-hour. Time: 45 minutes.

Contact: Kate Marvel, Estuarine Educator, at (302) 739-3436 ext. 13 or kate.marvel@state.de.us to schedule program

Title: *Watersheds Education Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve

When: As requested

Where: Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This program, offered for grades 5-12, focuses on the water cycle and run-off pollution. Through demonstrations and a boardwalk hike students will comprehend the important role wetlands play in protecting our drinking water and how people's activities can affect the health of the watershed. Students will obtain a basic understanding of what a watershed is and how humans are an integral part of keeping the watershed healthy. Time: 30-45 minutes.

Contact: Kate Marvel, Estuarine Educator, at (302) 739-3436 ext. 13 or kate.marvel@state.de.us to schedule program

**Delaware Department of Natural Resources and
Environmental Control (DNREC) – Office of the Secretary**

**Contact
Information**

**Office of the
Secretary**

**89 Kings Hwy
Dover, DE 19901**

(302) 739-9065

**For further
information on this
agency and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Info/CoastalCleanup.htm

Title: *Coastal Cleanup*

Sponsor: DNREC – Office of the Secretary

When: Annual; date varies

Where: Volunteers meet at predetermined meeting points

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Delaware's Coastal Cleanup is an annual event in which volunteers agree to meet at a predetermined meeting point along Delaware's coast and collect litter that has accumulated. The event helps protect waterways and wildlife from the harmful effects of litter.

Contact: (302) 739-9065

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) – Pollution Prevention Program

Contact Information

Pollution Prevention Program

**89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

(302) 739-9909

For further information on this agency and its programs and events, consult the following website:

www.dnrec.state.de.us/dnrec2000/p2/index.htm

Title: *Delaware Clean Marina Program*

Sponsor: DNREC – Pollution Prevention Program

When: On-going voluntary program for all Delaware marinas. The participating marina has one year to complete self-certification after pledging to the program.

Where: Throughout the state

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The Delaware Clean Marina Program is a voluntary pollution prevention program that was developed by a group of marine industry, regulatory and other environmental advocacy representatives. It is intended to provide for safe and environmentally sound operation of marinas through pollution prevention and incorporation of “good housekeeping” procedures. The Clean Marina Program rewards marina operators for their voluntary stewardship of clean water and fresh air. By joining the Clean Marina Program, Delaware’s Marine industry is taking a leadership role in protecting the environment.

Contact: Crystal Nagyiski at (302) 739-9909 or crystal.nagyiski@state.de.us

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) – Soil and Water Conservation

Contact Information

Soil and Water Conservation

**89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

(302) 739-9921

For further information on this agency and its programs and events, consult the following website:

www.dnrec.state.de.us/dnrec2000/Divisions/Soil/Soil.htm

Title: *Beach Grass Planting*

Sponsor: DNREC – Soil and Water Conservation

When: Annually, date may vary

Where: Delaware's ocean and bay beaches

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The Beach Grass Planting allows volunteers to help vegetate the dunes of Delaware's coastline by planting 'Cape' American beach grass. Sand dunes offer a barrier from wind and waves during coastal storms and also prevent beach erosion. Beach grass planting is the most effective way to stabilize existing dunes and build new dunes along our coastline. It reduces wind velocity near the ground and traps windblown sand around the grass. As the sand deposits accumulate, the grass grows up through it maintaining a protective cover.

Contact: Jennifer Wheatley at (302) 739-9921 or jennifer.wheatley@state.de.us

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) – Watershed Assessment

Contact Information

Watershed Assessment

**89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

(302) 739-9939

For further information on this agency and its programs and events, consult the following website:

www.dnrec.state.de.us/water2000/Sections/Watershed/ws/index.htm

Title: *Tributary Action Teams*

Sponsor: DNREC – Watershed Assessment

When: Ongoing

Where: Throughout the state of Delaware

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The Tributary Action Team program allows the public to be involved in the creation of water pollution control strategies for each of the watersheds throughout the state. The program allows individuals of the community to work together as they develop ways to reduce pollution.

Contact: A list of existing Tributary Action Teams and their facilitator's email address is below. For more information on the Tributary Action Teams or to learn how you can get involved, visit DNREC's Watershed Assessment Website

www.dnrec.state.de.us/water2000/Sections/Watershed/ws/index.htm or contact Lyle Jones at (302) 739-9939

St. Jones Tributary Action Team:

Cynthia McAllister at cyndymca@yahoo.com

Upper Chesapeake Tributary Action Team:

Andrea Kreiner at akreiner@verizon.net

Broadkill Tributary Action Team: Joe Farrell at jfarrell@cms.udel.edu

Murderkill Tributary Action Team: Kathy Bunting-Howarth at katherine.howarth@state.de.us

Christina Tributary Action Team: Martha Corrozi at mcorrozi@udel.edu

Inland Bays Tributary Action Team: Joe Farrell at jfarrell@cms.udel.edu and Bill McGowan at billmcg@udel.edu

Nanticoke Tributary Action Team: Bill McGowan at billmcg@udel.edu

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)

Contact Information

**Delaware
Department of
Transportation**

**P.O. Box 778
Dover, DE 19903**

(302) 760-2080

**For further
information on this
agency and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.deldot.gov

Title: *Adopt-A-Bike Path*

Sponsor: DelDOT

When: Ongoing

Where: Throughout Delaware

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Delaware's Adopt-A-Bike Path Program works with volunteers to make state owned bike paths cleaner and safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Each time a group is seen cleaning a bike path it reminds everyone that alternative forms of transportation exist. It is our hope that volunteers will remind the public of the need to keep our environment, specifically roadways, walkways and bikeways cleaner. DelDOT provides safety vests, trash bags and "Crews Working" signs. (Rubber gloves are available upon request). One sign indicating the group's involvement in the program is installed at the adopted bike path. Participants gain the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts have a direct effect on quality of life in Delaware.

Contact: Tina Shockley at (302) 760-2080

Title: *Adopt-A-Highway*

Sponsor: DelDOT

When: Ongoing

Where: Throughout Delaware

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Delaware's Adopt-A-Highway Program works with volunteers to clean up Delaware's roadsides, two miles at a time. More than just a cleanup campaign, this program works to educate citizens of all ages about the responsibilities of land stewardship and makes roads cleaner, better looking, and healthier for the community. DelDOT provides safety vests and trash bags (rubber gloves are available upon request). Signs marking sponsors' involvement in the program are installed at the beginning and end of the two-mile stretch of adopted roadway. Of course, participants get more from the program than publicity; they get the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts have a direct effect on quality of life in Delaware.

Contact: Tina Shockley at (302) 760-2080

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)

Title: *Anti-Litter Education Program*

Sponsor: DelDOT

When: Upon request

Where: Schools throughout Delaware

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Anti-litter education programs offered to elementary classrooms with the message that everyone needs to help keep our roadways and communities clean.

Contact: Tina Shockley at (302) 760-2080

Title: *“Clean Water Begins and Ends with You!” Drawing Contest*

Sponsors: DelDOT and the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary

When: Annually, notices are typically sent to schools in February with a submittal deadline of March 31st.

Where: Drawings can take place at school or home. Awards ceremony is held at the Sheraton Inn, Dover.

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Statewide drawing contest for K-12 with a theme of improving water quality.

Contact: Randy Cole at (302) 760-2194 or Dee Ross, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, at 1-800-445-4935

Title: *“Imagine a Litter-Free Delaware” Clean Up Day*

Sponsor: DelDOT

When: Annually in October

Where: Throughout Delaware

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Clean up day along Delaware roads, highways, and community areas.

Contact: Tina Shockley at (302) 760-2080

Title: *Transportation Festival*

Sponsor: DelDOT

When: Annually in September

Where: Wilmington Train Station

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Public event that showcases DelDOT equipment and operations including the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program which educates citizens about stormwater pollution.

Contact: Sandy Roumillat at (302) 760-2080

Delaware Division of Public Health – The Office of Drinking Water

Contact Information

**The Office of
Drinking Water**

**655 Bay Road
Blue Hen Corporate
Center
Dover, De 19901**

(302) 741-8630

**For further
information on this
agency and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/php/alerts.html

Title: *Water Education Classes*

Sponsor: Delaware Division of Public Health--
The Office of Drinking Water

When: Throughout the school year

Where: Elementary schools in Delaware

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This activity provides an overview of Delaware's drinking water program, different careers in science field, water cycle, explains different types of pollution and run-off, proposes ways to protect our environment (land & water), proposes ways to save water, and discusses ways humans contribute to waste water without realizing it. The presentation ends by distributing activity sheets that the class answers as a group.

Contact: Becky Moody at (302) 741-8594

Delaware Native Plant Society

Contact Information

**Delaware Native
Plant Society**

**P.O. Box 369
Dover, DE 19903**

(302) 735-8918

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.delawarenativeplants.org/

Title: *Native Plant Sales*

Sponsor: Delaware Native Plants Society

When: Dates vary

Where: Locations vary

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost to attend

Description: Native Plant Sales are offered throughout the state of Delaware at various times of the year. Plants that are native to Delaware are able to withstand the climate of the area with little maintenance and help with the filtration of water by means of their roots. The Native Plant Sale seeks to conveniently offer native plants to the public.

Contact: William McAvoy at
(302) 735- 8918 or william.mcavoy@state.de.us

Delaware Nature Society (DNS)

Contact Information

Delaware Nature Society

**P.O. Box 700
Hockessin, DE
19707**

(302) 239-2334

For further information on this organization and its programs and events, consult the following website:

www.delawarenaturesociety.org

Title: *Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program*

Sponsor: DNS

When: Ongoing

Where: Homeowners' properties and garden clubs

Cost/Fee to participate: \$15.00 fee to certify one's property as habitat.

Description: This educational program helps individuals understand their impact on local waterways and habitat by making the connection between home and garden land use practices and water quality. The program provides official certification as a backyard wildlife habitat for properties that meet the four criteria that are necessary for wildlife (food, water, cover, places to raise young). Through the certification program, participants learn how to provide habitat for a greater diversity of wildlife species and practice resource conservation that reduce inputs contributing to nonpoint source water pollution. DNS offers resources to help participants begin the wildlife garden including free one-on-one assistance from a trained habitat steward volunteer, lectures, and workshops.

Contact: John Harrod (302) 239-2334 ext: 142

Title: *Christina Watershed Lecture Series*

Sponsor: DNS with a variety of partnerships

When: Lectures are offered four times a year (two in the spring and two in the fall) for 2007.

Where: Location varies

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: There will be two lectures on each of the four subwatersheds (Red Clay, White Clay, Brandywine, and Christina) of the Christina Basin. Each lecture focuses on a specific issue of the basin, how the issue impacts the public, and what each member of the public can do to protect the basin.

Contact: Ginger North at (302) 239-2334 ext. 100

Delaware Nature Society

Title: *Habitat Stewards*

Sponsor: DNS

When: Ongoing

Where: Location varies

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Habitat Stewards aim to create more habitats for native wildlife, cultivate an appreciation for native plants and animals, and improve water quality in our watersheds. The Delaware Nature Society provides Backyard Habitat training workshops and programs throughout the year to ensure Habitat Stewards are prepared to assist their community members. All Stewards attend a two-day introductory training session and then choose from a variety of programs throughout the year to enhance their knowledge of wildlife gardening and native plants and animals. In addition, Habitat Stewards are provided with a resource notebook focused on natural landscaping, habitat creation, and wildlife

Contact: John Harrod (302) 239-2334 ext: 142

Title: *Smartyards*

Sponsor: DNS

When: Once a year

Where: Selected watersheds within the state

Cost/Fee to participate: Free to selected participants based on property location

Description: This incentive based program encourages home owners to improve water quality by planting native, water friendly, plants and reducing the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizer applications. Through grant funding, participants receive native plants and wildlife habitat supplements. Participants also need to sign an agreement form to maintain the landscape. Through this project, the public can better understand the importance of their role in improving water quality.

Contact: John Harrod (302) 239-2334 ext: 142

Title: *Stream Watch Workshop*

Sponsor: DNS

When: 4 times per year (offered twice in the spring and twice in the fall)

Where: Offered twice at Ashland Nature Center (Hockessin, DE) and twice at Abbott's Mill Nature Center (Milford, DE)

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This is a three-hour workshop where participants learn about the importance of healthy streams. Participants also learn about things they can do to improve the health of streams, especially in their yards, and a basic survey of streams to determine their health (this includes visual, biological, and chemical surveys).

Contact: Ginger North at (302) 239-2334 ext. 100

**The Delaware Nature Society offers more seasonal programs and events than the ones listed here, for more information about these events/programs, please visit their website at www.delawarenature.org*

Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN)

Contact Information

**Delaware
Riverkeeper
Network**

**P.O. Box 326
Washington
Crossing, PA 18977**

(215) 369-1188

***Pollution Hotline*
1-800-8-Delaware**

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.delawareriverkeeper.org

Title: *Stream and Shore Monitoring*

Sponsor: DRN

When: As needed basis

Where: As needed basis

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: When there is an oil spill, chemical spill, or any other point or nonpoint source pollution event/release that requires monitoring and/or visual inspection, assessment, and reporting, Faith Zerbe trains, organizes and networks the monitoring effort. Stream monitoring mentoring is also provided by DRN's Citizen Action Coordinator Faith Zerbe who trains, enlists and oversees volunteer monitoring efforts.

Contact: Faith Zerbe, (215) 369-1188

Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA)

Contact Information

Delaware Solid Waste Authority

1-800-404-7080

For further information on this organization and its programs and events, consult the following website:

www.dswa.com

Title: *Clean Up Kids*

Sponsor: DSWA

When: Ongoing

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This program, offered through the DSWA's website, offers an interactive way for children to learn about the benefits of recycling and composting.

Contact: 1-800-404-7080

Title: *Earth Day Festival*

Sponsor: DSWA

When: Annually, in the spring

Where: Killens Pond State Park

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The Earth Day Festival features demonstrations and activities that educate the public about many environmental issues, such the importance of recycling and how to reduce their waste generation.

Contact: 1-800-404-7080

Title: *Educational Resources for Teachers*

Sponsor: DSWA

When: Ongoing

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This program, offered through the DSWA's website, offers classroom activities for elementary to middle school aged students. Teachers can use these activities to teach students about the recycling programs that are offered in Delaware.

Contact: 1-800-404-7080

Title: *Trash Can Dan and the Clean Up Kids Poster Contest Poster Contest*

Sponsor: DSWA

When: Notices are typically sent out in August with a submittal deadline in October

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The poster contest is offered to students K-5. Themes for the contest vary each year but all incorporate an environmental topic. The winning submissions are included in a calendar that is produced by the DSWA.

Contact: 1-800-404-7080

Kent County Community Services, Parks Division

Contact Information

**Kent County
Community
Services, Division
of Parks**

**555 Bay Road
Dover, De 19901**

302-744-2490

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.co.kent.de.us/Departments/CommunitySvcs/Parks/index.htm

Title: *Annual Tree Planting*

Sponsor: Kent County Community Services, Parks Division

When: Alternate Years in April

Where: Location varies

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Tree planting in prior converted wetlands, constructed stormwater basins, upland right of way, parklands.

Contact: Carl J. Solberg, Assistant Director, Kent County Community Services, Parks Division at (302) 744-2490

Title: *Earth Day*

Sponsor: Kent County Community Services, Parks Division

When: Fourth Saturday in April

Where: Location varies

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Earth Day activities include local residents helping to plant native trees or shrubs, invasive species suppression and litter clean-up.

Contact: Carl J. Solberg, Assistant Director, Kent County Community Services, Parks Division at (302) 744-2490

Title: *Make-A-Difference Day*

Sponsor: Kent County Community Services, Parks Division

When: Fourth Saturday in October

Where: Each activity occurs in a County Park, on the St. Jones Greenway or within a DelDOT right of way and these locations change with every event.

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: : Make-A-Difference Day activities can include residents helping to plant native trees or shrubs, litter clean-up, or perform some invasive species suppression.

Contact: Carl J. Solberg, Assistant Director, Kent County Community Services, Parks Division at (302) 744-2490

Kent County Conservation District (KCCD)

Contact Information

**Kent County
Conservation
District**

**800 S. Bay Rd.
Suite 2
Dover, DE 19901**

**(302) 741-2600
ext.3**

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.kentcd.org

Title: *Cost-Share Program*

Sponsor: KCCD

When: Ongoing

Where: Kent County

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: KCCD offers cost-share assistance for approved best management practices that address water quality issues, water management, erosion and sediment control, agriculture waste, etc. Contact the KCCD for a complete listing of approved practices and rates.

Contact: Michelle Jacobs or Tim Riley (302) 741-2600, ext. 3

Title: *Delaware Envirothon*

Sponsor: Delaware Association of Conservation Districts

When: 1st Thursday in May

Where: Competition rotates counties each year (Sussex County in 2007)

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The Delaware Envirothon is an environmental competition for high-school aged students (5-member teams w/ one adult advisor). Students are tested on the following categories: aquatics ecology, forestry, soils/land use, wildlife, and a current environmental issue (2007 topic is alternative/renewable energy).

Contact: Michelle Jacobs at (302) 741-2600, ext. 3

Kent County Cooperative Extension

Contact Information

**Kent County
Cooperative
Extension**

**69 Transportation
Circle
Dover, DE 19901**

(302) 730-4000

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

**[ag.udel.edu/extension
/kent/index.htm](http://ag.udel.edu/extension/kent/index.htm)**

Title: *Soil Testing*

Sponsor: Kent County Cooperative Extension

When: Ongoing

Where: Soil testing kits can be picked up at the Kent County Cooperative Extension office

Cost/Fee to participate: \$7.50

Description: The Kent County Cooperative Extension offers soil testing kits for the residents of Kent County. Soil testing allows landowners to know the fertility of their soil and is a vital tool in determining how much fertilizer is needed on the lawn which prevents unneeded runoff pollution.

Contact: The Kent County Cooperative Extension Office at (302) 730-4000

**The Kent County Cooperative Extension offers more programs and events. For more information about these events/programs, please visit their website at ag.udel.edu/extension/kent/index.htm*

Milton Chamber of Commerce

Contact Information

**Milton Chamber of
Commerce**

**John Kurpjuweit
Executive Director**

(302) 684-1101

Title: *Horseshoe Crab and Shorebird Festival*

Sponsor: Milton Chamber of Commerce and the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

When: Memorial Day Weekend

Where: Milton Memorial Park and Downtown Historic Milton

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This annual festival is a day long celebration of nature, art, boating, birding, and education. All ages welcome, adult and family friendly. Evening events feature a Down Home Barbeque Dinner and Milton's Summer Concert Kickoff. Events will be limited in case of rain.

Contact: Ellen Passman, Chamber Board Liaison for Festival, at (302) 682-4811 or uniquevu@aol.com.

John Kurpjuweit, Executive Director, Milton Chamber of Commerce, at (302) 684-1101 or miltoncofc@snip.net

New Castle Conservation District (NCCD)

Contact Information

New Castle
Conservation
District

2430 Old County
Road
Newark, DE 19702

(302) 832 – 3100

Title: *Cost-Share Program*

Sponsor: NCCD

When: Ongoing

Where: New Castle County

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Provides financial assistance to landowners (agriculture and urban) to implement projects in the areas of water quality, erosion control, tree planting, stream bank stabilization, drainage, wildlife ponds, etc. A cover crop program and a nutrient management program are also offered. Contact the NCCD for a complete listing of approved practices and rates.

Contact: Marianne Hardesty at (302) 832-3100 ext: 3

Title: *Delaware Envirothon*

Sponsor: Delaware Association of Conservation Districts

When: 1st Thursday in May

Where: Competition rotates counties each year (Sussex County in 2007)

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The Delaware Envirothon is an environmental competition for high-school aged students (5-member teams w/ one adult advisor). Students are tested on the following categories: aquatics ecology, forestry, soils/land use, wildlife, and a current environmental issue (2007 topic is alternative/renewable energy).

Contact: Rick Mickowski at (302) 832-3100, ext. 3

Title: *Equipment Rental Program*

Sponsor: NCCD

When: Year round, except winter months

Where: New Castle County

Cost/Fee to participate: \$7 to \$9/acre rental fee

Description: Provides 3 types of seeders and drills to use in establishing no till crops, pasture, warm season grasses etc. (a John Deere no till drill, a truax drill, and a Brillion seeder). These practices help to reduce soil erosion into waterways.

Contact: Marianne Hardesty at (302) 832-3100 ext: 3

New Castle Conservation District (NCCD)

Title: *Watersheds, Pollution, and You*

Sponsor: NCCD

When: As requested

Where: Local schools, Scout troops or at other events

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The nonpoint source pollution watershed model is used to illustrate nonpoint sources/point sources of pollution and beneficial conservation practices to reduce pollution.

Contact: Rick Mickowski at (302) 832-3100 ext: 113

New Castle County Cooperative Extension

Contact Information

**New Castle County
Cooperative
Extension**

**461 Wyoming Road
Newark, DE 19716**

(302) 831-2667

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

ag.udel.edu/extension/ncc/index.html

Title: *Delaware Horticulture Industry Expo*

Sponsor: Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association and Delaware Cooperative Extension

When: January (2 days during third week of January) (2007 date – Jan. 17 and 18)

Where: Modern Maturity Center, Dover, DE

Cost/Fee to participate: Approx. \$50/day – cost may change yearly

Description: 2-day industry workshop that often includes pest control and nutrient management topics related to maintaining a safe water system.

Contact: Valann Budischak, executive director, DNLA at (610) 274-2166 or visit:

<http://ag.udel.edu/extension/horticulture/lawn.htm>

Title: *Rain Garden Short Course*

Sponsor: Delaware Cooperative Extension

When: Spring (specific date and time varies each year)

Where: New Castle County Extension Office

Cost/Fee to participate: \$10

Description: This workshop educates homeowners and professionals on the importance of rain gardens for water quality.

Contact: Carrie Murphy, Extension Educator, (302) 831-2506

Title: *Soil Testing*

Sponsor: New Castle County Cooperative Extension

When: Ongoing

Where: Soil testing kits can be picked up at the New Castle County Cooperative Extension office

Cost/Fee to participate: \$7.50

Description: The New Castle County Cooperative Extension offers soil testing kits for the residents of New Castle County. Soil testing allows landowners to know the fertility of their soil and is a vital tool in determining how much fertilizer is needed on the lawn which prevents unneeded runoff pollution.

Contact: New Castle County Cooperative Extension at (302) 831-2667

**The New Castle County Cooperative Extension offers more programs and events. For more information about these events/programs, please visit their website at ag.udel.edu/extension/ncc/index.html*

Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (PDE)

Contact Information

Partnership for the Delaware Estuary

**One Riverwalk
Plaza
110 South Poplar
Street, Suite 202
Wilmington, De
19801**

**1-800-445-4935
or
(302) 655-4990**

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

**[www.delawareestuary
.org](http://www.delawareestuary.org)**

Title: *“Clean Water Begins and Ends with You!” Drawing Contest*

Sponsors: PDE and DelDOT

When: Annually, notices are typically sent to schools in February with a submittal deadline of March 31st.

Where: Drawings can take place at school or home. Awards ceremony is held at the Sheraton Inn, Dover.

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Statewide drawing contest for K-12 with a theme of improving water quality.

Contact: Dee Ross, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, at 1-800-445-4935 or Randy Cole at (302) 760-2194

Title: *Earth Day and Storm Drain Marking*

Sponsor: PDE /City of Wilmington

When: Annually, around Earth Day in April

Where: Downtown Wilmington & surrounding communities for storm drain marking

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: Lunch-time Market Street pedestrians find free-giveaway items, educational materials, free water ice or other goodies, music and a prize wheel provided by WSTW. Storm drain marking takes place throughout the spring by volunteers.

Contact: Lisa Wool at (302) 655-4990, ext: 105

Sussex County Conservation District (SCCD)

Contact Information

**Sussex County
Conservation
District**

**23818 Shortly Rd.
Georgetown, DE
19947**

(302) 856-3990

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.sussexconservation.org/

Title: *Conservation Cost-Share Program*

Sponsor: SCCD

When: Ongoing

Where: Sussex County

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: SCCD offers cost-share assistance for approved best management practices that address water quality issues, water management, erosion and sediment control, agriculture waste, etc. Contact the SCCD for a complete listing of approved practices and rates.

Contact: Debbie Absher at (302) 856-3990

Title: *Delaware Envirothon*

Sponsor: Delaware Association of Conservation Districts

When: 1st Thursday in May

Where: Competition rotates counties each year (Sussex County in 2007)

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: The Delaware Envirothon is an environmental competition for high-school aged students (5-member teams w/ one adult advisor). Students are tested on the following categories: aquatics ecology, forestry, soils/land use, wildlife, and a current environmental issue (2007 topic is alternative/renewable energy).

Contact: Deanna Bradley at (302) 856-3990 ext. 3

Sussex County Cooperative Extension

Contact Information

**Sussex County
Cooperative
Extension**

**16483 County Seat
Highway
Georgetown, DE
19947**

(302) 856-2585

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

ag.udel.edu/extension/sussex/sussexindex.php

Title: *Soil Testing*

Sponsor: Sussex County Cooperative Extension

When: Ongoing

Where: Soil testing kits can be picked up at the Sussex County Cooperative Extension office

Cost/Fee to participate: \$7.50

Description: The Sussex County Cooperative Extension offers soil testing kits for the residents of Sussex County. Soil testing allows landowners to know the fertility of their soil and is a vital tool in determining how much fertilizer is needed on the lawn which prevents unneeded runoff pollution.

Contact: Sussex County Cooperative Extension office at (302) 856-2585

**The Sussex County Cooperative Extension offers more programs and events. For more information about these events/programs, please visit their website at ag.udel.edu/extension/Sussex/sussexindex.php*

University of Delaware – Sea Grant Program

Contact Information

University of
Delaware-Sea Grant
Program

700 Pilottown Road
Lewes, De 19958

(302) 645-4250

For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:

[www.ocean.udel.edu/
seagrant](http://www.ocean.udel.edu/seagrant)

Title: *Broadkill River Monitoring*

Sponsor: University of Delaware Sea Grant Program

When: Ongoing

Where: Throughout the Broadkill River watershed.
Citizen Monitoring Lab at the UD College of Marine and
Earth Studies

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This is a volunteer water quality
monitoring program. Volunteers are trained to conduct
basic water quality tests and then test at river or tributary
sampling site throughout the year. This program also
provides on going training and quality assurance
workshops.

Contact: Joe Farrell, Program Manager

(302) 645-4250 or Ed Whereat, Program Coordinator

(302) 645-4252

Title: *Coast Day*

Sponsor: University of Delaware College of Marine and
Earth Studies and the Delaware Sea Grant College
Program

When: Annually, first Sunday of October

Where: UD Hugh Sharp campus, Lewes

Cost/Fee to participate: \$2 for parking

Description: Annual open house of the College of
Marine and Earth Studies – includes research
demonstrations and exhibits, outside exhibitors
including many DNREC programs.

Contact: Rita Baty at (302) 645-4346

Title: *Delaware Nonpoint Education for Municipal
Officials*

Sponsor: University of Delaware Sea Grant Program

When: Ongoing

Where: Throughout Delaware

Cost/Fee to participate: Low or no cost depending on
program.

Description: This program includes workshops,
seminars, and planning support for local land use
decisions makers on natural resource based planning

Contact: Joe Farrell at (302) 645-4250

[www.nemonet.uconn.edu/programs/about
members/de
/delaware.htm](http://www.nemonet.uconn.edu/programs/about_members/delaware.htm)

University of Delaware – Sea Grant Program

Title: *Inland Bays Citizen Monitoring Program*

Sponsor: University of Delaware Sea Grant Program

When: Ongoing

Where: Throughout the Inland Bays watershed. Citizen Monitoring Lab at the UD College of Marine and Earth Studies

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost

Description: This is a volunteer water quality monitoring program. Volunteers are trained to conduct basic water quality tests and then test at bay or tributary sampling site throughout the year. This program also provides ongoing training and quality assurance workshops.

Contact: Joe Farrell, Program Manager (302) 645-4250 or Ed Whereat, Program Coordinator (302) 645-4252

White Clay Creek Watershed Management Committee

Contact Information

**White Clay Creek
Watershed
Management
Committee**

**802 Dallam Road
Newark, DE 19711**

302-731-1756

**For further
information on this
organization and its
programs and
events, consult the
following website:**

www.whiteclay.org

Title: *Habitat Restoration Workshops for Homeowner Associations in the White Clay Watershed*

Sponsor: White Clay Wild & Scenic Program

When: To be determined

Where: Independence School Community Room (enter at the Rotunda)

Cost/Fee to participate: No cost. Admission restricted to Homeowner Associations in the White Clay watershed; others on a space available basis.

Description: Opportunity for representatives of Homeowner Associations in the White Clay Watershed to learn how they can save money and benefit the environment by managing their open space for habitat restoration. The financial, scenic, recreational, and ecological advantages of this type of land management will be presented along with the benefits for drinking water protection. Participants will receive a toolbox of resources to help engage their community, plan and manage a restoration project, avoid pitfalls, and receive financial and technical assistance. There will also be an opportunity to network with agencies that provide assistance and other homeowner association representatives. See www.whiteclay.org this fall for more details or possible schedule changes.

Contact: Linda Stapleford at 302-731-1756, or riveradministrator@whiteclay.org

Title: *Periodic Presentations & Programs*

Sponsor: White Clay Wild & Scenic Program

Cost/Fee to participate: Generally no cost

Description: Various water related presentations frequently occur at our quarterly meetings (generally Sept., Jan., April, and June) or special event lectures. See www.whiteclay.org for current details.

Contact: www.whiteclay.org

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