

## Press Release

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### **Northern Delaware Greenway (NDG) Trail Stewards A Park Watch Program of Delaware State Parks**



**Training: Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 5-8:00 p.m.  
Blue Ball Barn**

**New Castle County-** More than 30 volunteers have answered the call to become a Northern Delaware Greenway Trail Steward, a collaborative effort between Delaware Greenways and the Park Watch Program of Delaware State Parks. The special focus of these volunteers will be stewardship of the Northern Delaware Greenway Trail, a ten-mile ribbon of green that extends from the Delaware to Brandywine River. Appropriate for bicycle and walking, the trail supports an active lifestyle within minutes of most New Castle County residents' door.

The Northern Delaware Greenway Stewards will receive three hours of training on Monday evening, July 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8:00 p.m. at Blue Ball Barn to prepare them for their experiences on the trail. An August 1<sup>st</sup> launch is anticipated for the group.

It is not too late to join the effort. Walking the dog, riding your bike or walking for your health can become an opportunity to assist Delaware Greenways, State and County Parks in the management of the NDG Trail. Visit [www.delawaregreenways.org](http://www.delawaregreenways.org) or call Michele Jennings at 302-655-7275 to register.

**Background:** Governor Markell's recent call to service has inspired citizens from all walks of life to reflect on ways to give of their time and service in support of the invaluable community assets that enrich our daily lives. The Northern Delaware Greenway Trail is just such an asset. After just three hours of free training trail users can become Trail Stewards and assist Delaware Greenways, State and County Parks in management of the trail.

Typical experiences might include:

- Assisting trail users with directions and advice
- Promoting use of the trail and its connectivity to the available recreation and cultural resources
- Reporting trail conditions, visitors needs, and any safety concerns
- Joining others as volunteers for Delaware Greenways and State Parks events

In addition to the connectivity that volunteerism brings, there is the added satisfaction of providing important services in a time when budget constraints make cut-backs in service a reality; all this while enjoying time outdoors in some of the most scenic spaces in Delaware, on the NDG Trail. What better way to reap the benefits of community service?