

D&R Greenway Land Trust Princeton, NJ

1 Please describe your organization briefly, including mission statement, activities, size, etc.

MISSION STATEMENT

D&R Greenway Land Trust was founded in 1989 to preserve and protect a permanent network of natural lands and open spaces, creating conditions in which a healthy and diverse environment can flourish. Our commitment is to provide the public with appropriate access to these lands, encouraging active lifestyles and greater appreciation of the natural world. D&R Greenway Land Trust also works to inspire a conservation ethic, promoting policies, educational programs and partnerships that result in public commitment to long-term land preservation.

RECORD OF SUCCESS

Since 1989, D&R Greenway Land Trust has preserved 10,000 acres of land. We head the list of non-profits in New Jersey to successfully complete land transactions with State Green Acres funds. Our recent drive to secure the St. Michael's Orphanage acreage in Hopewell brought in more than our \$11 million goal by March 15, to be turned over to the Diocese of Trenton when this deal closes and trail building and maintenance may begin. Governor Corzine chose D&R Greenway as the site for his signing and press conference placing the 2007 Bond Act on the November 6 ballot to fund for Green Acres, Blue Acres, Farmland, Urban Greenways and Historic Preservation in 2008.

D&R Greenway Land Trust provides technical assistance to citizen groups and municipalities in creating local [greenways](#) in six counties and 20 municipalities. A vital component of our mission is to promote awareness and provide education on the need to preserve land appropriately, best ways in which to conduct transactions, and good stewardship practices. Our new headquarters, [Johnson Education Center](#) provides expansive and inspiring space in which individuals and groups from all over the State of New Jersey convene to expand conservation in our region.

FUNDING LAND PRESERVATION

Land acquisition dollars are accessed through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ([NJDEP](#)) [Green Acres Program](#) and the State Agricultural Development Committee ([SADC](#)) - both funded by the Garden State Preservation Trust ([GSPT](#)); county and municipal open space funds, and, in some cases, donated by foundations and individuals. Our operating budget is funded entirely through private donations from individuals, local businesses, corporations and foundations. These critical operating funds are contributed through sponsorships, special events and galas, annual donations, Taplin Circle membership, and bequests.

2 Describe **in detail** the work or project an intern will do, **please be as specific as possible**.

Summer interns with D&R Greenway Land Trust in 2008 will be working with Jim Amon, *Director of Stewardship*; and Bill Rawlyk, *Director of Land Preservation and Naturalist*. D&R Greenway not only preserves land, but also maintains these properties. D&R Greenway's Trust's increasing role is to educate the public as to the urgency of land conservation and stewardship. The 2008 intern's services will be extensively utilized in the field.

Depending upon the interests and skills of the intern selected, his or her summer work with D&R Greenway would support Jim Amon in trail building and maintenance, identification of species on properties and removal of invasives; encouragement of native species; sign, kiosk and gate construction; plant surveys; management plan preparation; and baseline surveys of new properties. A pivotal issue is always the monitoring of conservation easements, in which the intern works with Mary Penney, Stewardship and Administration Associate. Bill Rawlyk's work begins with conservation planning and moves to implementation, focusing on identification of and subsequent preservation of green belts in our region. A significant amount of teaching occurs whenever anyone is with Jim and/or Bill; there could be no finer mentors for any student.

The entire D&R Greenway Staff exemplifies decades of commitment to and service in the conservation, activism and ecological issues. Mentorship of the intern will center on Jim and Bill, but will be a constant anywhere in our organization, throughout the weeks of service. Last year's intern also assisted Mary Penney in Stewardship, and this year's may also work with Aimee Williams in paralegal aspects of acquisition projects.

Last year's intern was particularly valuable to Administration Staff when Jim Amon was not in the office (Fridays and vacation time), in terms of organizing the new library (this building opened only in April 2006, and the library had been just a place of deposit of nature books until Sylvia Dee brilliantly catalogued and managed the volumes.) We also appreciated her assistance in archiving materials; coordinating media binders and files, which we use for donors, landowners and Trustees; and assisting with preparations for presentations keyed to our "It's a Bird's Life" exhibition. We look forward to these forms of partnership with the 2008 intern, on days not taken up with time in the field.

3 particular skills, background, or qualities

Not in order of importance:

- ✦ commitment to the environment
- ✦ high energy
- ✦ integrity
- ✦ can-do spirit
- ✦ communication skills
- ✦ teamwork

- ✦ initiative
- ✦ problem-solving
- ✦ ability to work independently
- ✦ flexibility
- ✦ detail-oriented
- ✦ knowledge of Microsoft Office
- ✦ Power Point

Start and end dates for the internship are flexible.

Hours are flexible, often predicated upon weather, especially heat, and other conditions. Generally, the interns start early, as in 8 a.m. and end early. Both Jim and Bill bring their lunch when 'in the field', so that there is no exact lunch hour for this.