

# DNREC Landowner Assistance Programs

## Division of Watershed Stewardship

Program Name	Description	Contact Information
Ecological Restoration and Protection Team	The goal of the Ecological Restoration and Protection Team is to restore and protect streams, drainage ditches, wetlands, and riparian corridors in a coordinated effort to ensure that the maximum level of environmental results are being derived to enhance water quality, provide stream-bank protection and reduce erosion, and establish wildlife habitat.	Stephen Williams 89 Kings Highway Dover, DE 19901 Stephen.Williams@state.de.us 302-729-9921
<a href="#">Wetland and Channel Restoration</a>	The Drainage Program is responsible for over 45 wetland and stream restoration projects, resulting in approximately 180 acres of total restoration and habitat creation. Restoration activities are being put into practice in a variety of locations including: local schools, backyards of private landowners, marginal agricultural fields, and along Tax Ditches.	Thomas Barthelmeh 89 Kings Highway Dover, DE 19901 Thomas.Barthelmeh@state.de.us Phone: 302-739-9921

## Division of Fish and Wildlife

Program Name	Description	Contact Information
<a href="#">Delaware Private Lands Assistance Program</a>	The Division of Fish and Wildlife biologists devoted to informing landowners about available programs, providing technical assistance in developing habitat projects and securing financial assistance as incentives for participation.	<b>Jason Davis:</b> (302) 735-3600 jason.davis@state.de.us <b>Bill Jones:</b> (302) 284-4795 william.jones@state.de.us
<a href="#">Delaware Landowner Incentive Program</a>	DELIP offers private landowners, particularly agricultural producers, technical and financial incentives to protect, enhance and/or restore habitat to benefit species-at-risk. Although DELIP money targets species-at-risk, habitat work for the target species always translates to benefits for a wide suite of species including many game species.	<b>Jason Davis:</b> (302) 735-3600 jason.davis@state.de.us <b>Bill Jones:</b> (302) 284-4795 william.jones@state.de.us
<a href="#">Phragmites Control Cost-Share Program</a>	The Phragmites Control Cost-Share Program administered by DNREC's Division of Fish and Wildlife consists of aerial spraying of Phragmites australis (an invasive species commonly found throughout Delaware's wetlands) for three consecutive years with a glyphosate-based aquatic herbicide. The Division of Fish and Wildlife provides matching funds to qualifying landowners. Landowner must have between five and 200 undeveloped acres of Phragmites to be eligible for the program.	<b>Bill Jones:</b> (302) 284-4795 william.jones@state.de.us

## Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances

Program Name	Description	Contact Information
<a href="#">Site Investigation and Restoration Section</a>	The Site Investigation and Restoration Branch oversees cleanup of sites that were contaminated as a result of past use, from dry cleaners to chemical companies. They receive assistance from the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration program (NRDAR).	Tim Ratsep SIRS Administrator 391 Lukens Drive New Castle, DE 19720 timothy.ratsep@state.de.us 302-395-2600

## Division of Parks and Recreation

Program Name	Description	Contact Information
Land Preservation Office	The process for acquiring open space lands and conservation easements was codified in 1990 with the passage of the Delaware Land Protection Act. The Land Preservation Office in DNREC's Division of Parks and Recreation implements this law by identifying areas of high ecological value and protecting these areas through land acquisition and by management through conservation easements. Since the law was passed in 1990 over 34,000 acres of the Delaware landscape has been preserved through acquisition and over 3000 acres have been preserved through conservation easements.	Division of Parks and Recreation's Land Preservation Specialist: (302)739-9235.

## Delaware Open Space Council

<a href="#">Conserving Delaware's Open Space</a>	Delaware's open spaces are areas of forests, waterways, parks, greenways, wetlands, and natural lands. These open spaces support all of the living things that inhabit them, as well as our quality of life, economy and future. Charged with protecting and conserving Delaware's natural resources, DNREC has taken the lead in preserving a network of areas that support and protect our precious natural resources while allowing for Delaware's continued economic growth and development.	
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