

## 10. Plan Implementation

Two aspects of DEWAP implementation are noteworthy for their use of partnerships. The Key Partners group that provided guidance for the Plan development (Section 1.3) will be reconstituted as a “steering committee,” coordinated by DFW, to guide Plan implementation. For this purpose it will be expanded to include representatives from other state agencies, additional external organizations, and stakeholder and user groups. It is anticipated that initially this group will meet every six months to set priorities, strategize approaches for implementing actions, and review measures of success. Specific tasks may include formulating the schedule and process for Plan updates and revisions and reviewing those updates and revisions; reviewing proposed conservation actions and monitoring efforts; establishing a process for providing State Wildlife Grant funding to external parties; reviewing proposed internal and external grant projects; and others as appropriate.

One implementation strategy will be to develop more detailed, site-based conservation plans for ecologically distinct portions of the Green Infrastructure Natural Resources Focus Area. A pilot project for such plans was recently completed through a partnership between DFW and the Delaware Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. The executive summary and technical report of the *Blackbird-Millington Corridor Conservation Area Plan* is attached in Appendix G.

The Blackbird-Millington plan seeks to preserve and enhance the Corridor’s natural resources by bringing the perspectives of the scientific community together with those of local residents, planning agencies and conservation organizations. This innovative approach to conservation planning focuses on maximizing cooperation and support among a diversity of organizations, agencies, and individuals. The results of this planning effort will serve as a guide for targeting multiple resources to the Corridor – from public and private conservation partners, community members, and other interested individuals.

Also, an interactive version of DEWAP will be posted on the DNREC website and made widely available on CD following acceptance of the Plan. This will incorporate features not included in the hardcopy version (due to format limitations), scalable maps, and hyperlinks.

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