

The Green Way

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You are invited to join us at these coming events:

A WALK THROUGH HISTORY/FALL FOLIAGE WALK

Saturday, October 15, 2016, 10 AM



This year we will join Bob Barth of D&R Canal Watch on a 3.8-mile history-oriented trek on the D&R Canal towpath from Alexander Road to Kingston. D&R Canal Watch is a group that helps to protect and educate the public about the historic Delaware & Raritan Canal in central New Jersey.

The meeting place will be the Locktender's House in Kingston, where participants will carpool to Alexander Road. The walk will take place rain or shine, and is expected to last two to three hours.

***To learn more, call or email Bob:
201-401-3121 or
bbarth@att.net.***

FRIENDS OF PRINCETON NURSERY LANDS THANKSGIVING WALK

Thursday, November 24, 2016, 10 AM

Join FPNL President Karen Linder for a Thanksgiving Day morning exploration of the Mapleton Preserve, and enjoy the abundance and subtle beauty of late fall. This program will begin at the Main Office for the D&R Canal State Park, 145 Mapleton Road, Kingston. The event is open to all, but pre-registration IS requested. Please call 609-683-0483 to reserve a spot.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Sunday, December 18, 2016

The Kingston segment of this year's Audubon Christmas Bird Count begins at 7:30 AM and goes until noon. After a break for lunch at Main Street Cafe, we will continue with the count in the afternoon. You can join us for morning, afternoon, or both. Experienced birders and novices are equally welcome to participate.

If you are interested, give Karen Linder a call (609-683-0483) or an email (karen.e.linder@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

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INVASIVES PLAN UNDERWAY FOR MAPLETON PRESERVE

In partnership with Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands, KGA will help fund clearing of some of the open fields in the Preserve, which are being rapidly overrun by a number of invasive species, notably autumn olive, multiflora rose, Callery pear, and black locust. The mowing plan will prepare the way for future use of the fields for agricultural and horticultural use. Selected scattered specimen trees, hedgerows, white pines, and bayberry plants will be left standing.

As the Mapleton Preserve is the largest of the special segments of the Kingston greenbelt, the trustees have deemed this a worthwhile step in preventing further proliferation of undesirable plant and trees, and a move forward in re-establishing to some extent the cultural landscape of the former Princeton Nursery Lands.

OPEN SPACE FUNDING ALLOCATION PASSED, AT LAST

On June 30, 2016, the Governor signed S2456, which provides the authorization necessary to begin funding Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation projects consistent with the 2014 constitutional amendment. "This has been a long road and filled with challenges, but the leadership of our open space champions in the Legislature and the hard work of many passionate advocates has finally paid off," said Kelly Mooij, coordinator of the Keep it Green coalition, of which KGA is a long-time member.

"We are thrilled this implementation bill is now the law and money will finally begin going to vital preservation programs as voters intended," said Ed Potosnak, chair of Keep it Green. "The money voters dedicated to open space, farmland, and historic preservation will be spent on these programs and is not able to be raided to fill holes in the budget."

PARTICIPATION

We welcome participation from our members and friends, but are especially in need of new trustees at this time. If you are interested in serving, or know someone who might be, please get in touch with me at tari@kingstongreenways.org.

Tari Pantaleo, President