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Celebrate Arbor Day on Kingston's Greenway!.... The Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park and South Brunswick Township invite you to the Arbor Day Open House, on Saturday, April 29 from 1 PM to 5 PM at the D&R Canal State Park Headquarters Building on the Mapleton Preserve, on the southern edge of the Kingston Greenbelt. Activities include tours, tree planting and dedication of the Flemer Arboretum, Bluegrass Music and even Smokey Bear! For more details, see www.dandrcanal.com

The public is invited, and the celebration is free of charge. The new Headquarters is at 145 Mapleton Road in Kingston, on land that was formerly part of the Princeton Nurseries. On Arbor Day, many of the Nurseries' legendary flowering trees should be in bloom. Speakers at the 2:30 Dedication will include Congressman **Rush Holt**, DEP Commissioner **Lisa Jackson** and South Brunswick Township Mayor **Frank Gambatese**. Access is via Mapleton Road; feel free to walk down from Basin Street.

The KGA has been helping with the event planning and finances, and will be leading a **walking tour** that afternoon. We also invite any members interested in helping on the day of the event to contact Charlie Dieterich (609-924-7375) or Karen Linder (609-693-0483).

Earth Day Cleanup... and to prepare for the Arbor Day event, a team of Cub Scouts from Pack 100, led by Karen Linder, did an enthusiastic job of picking up litter from the Mapleton Preserve area. Well done!

Annual Meeting Notice.... The Annual Meeting of the Kingston Greenways Association, a New Jersey Non Profit Corporation, will be held on May 11 at 7:30 PM – location to be determined. All members should plan on attending this important event. Charlie Dieterich will present a slide show on “The State of the Greenway”, and elections for trustees will be held. This year KGA will be reshuffling our list of officers, so your input is especially important. If that wasn't enough, refreshments will be served. The nominating committee is still interviewing candidates. If you wish to learn more, contact Karen Linder (609-683-0483).

Changes In The Wind (from Charlie Dieterich).... As many of you know, I had “a job change” in December, and will be attending graduate school in California in the fall. I will be at Starr King School for the Ministry, studying to become a Unitarian Universalist minister. My change of scenery means new leadership for the KGA. I am confident that as the other trustees take on new leadership roles, the organization will prosper and grow in new ways. We have organized the Association on the principle of shared responsibility, and I expect the transition will be seamless. (They might need a new digital photographer, though.)

It is gratifying to look back on the changes in our village since the days before the Kingston Initiative, when preservation in the Kingston area was not a priority, and neither township had a “Greenbelt” in their master plan. Today, creation of a complete greenbelt around our village is a realizable dream. The Greenways Association must not only push for the preservation of the DOT lands east of Kingston center, but also can provide a vision for coordinated uses of local Greenways and advocacy for implementation of the plan. I predict that in a decade Kingston will be famous as an example of good recreational planning. It will also continue to be a great place to live. – Charlie Dieterich, President, Kingston Greenways Association