

THE Greater LEWES FOUNDATION



ANNIVERSARY

25th

25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO GREATER LEWES

2024-25
ANNUAL REPORT

The Essential Role Played by the GLF

Your community foundation experienced healthy growth during 2024, and continuing into 2025.

Our asset growth is a reflection of the three major projects the Foundation has undertaken, plus philanthropic activity among our 70+ Donor Advised funds, each of which contributes to our community in important ways.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

YOU CAN HELP SAVE OUR FOREST!

Fourth Street Preserve

Saving Lewes's last remaining forest is vitally important, for many reasons.

The Preserve is our only local habitat for a wide variety of animal, aviary, amphibian and plant species.

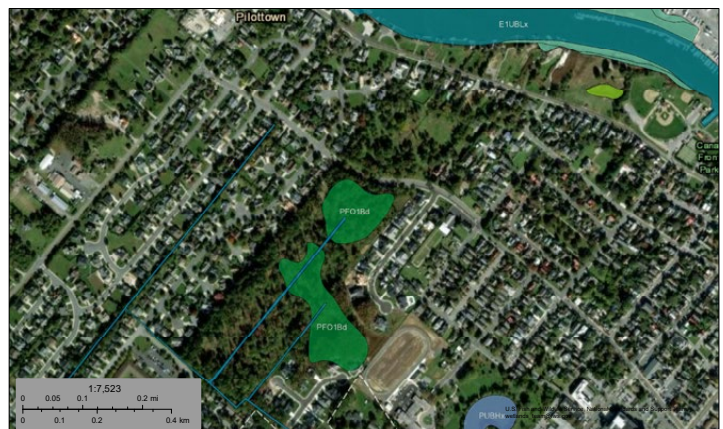
Its 300+ trees generate oxygen and provide cooling shade.

As Lewes's first deeded land (1670) the Preserve is of historic importance. It will be an "natural classroom" for local students and provide restful recreation for all.

And of paramount importance, the Preserve serves as a giant, 30-acre buffer against flooding for our entire community from increasingly violent storms.



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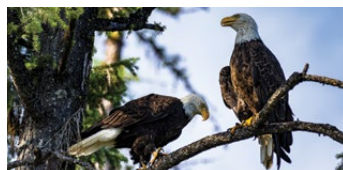


March 20, 2024

Wetlands

Estuarine and Marine Deepwater	Freshwater Emergent Wetland	Lake
Estuarine and Marine Wetland	Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	Other
	Freshwater Pond	Riverine

This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.



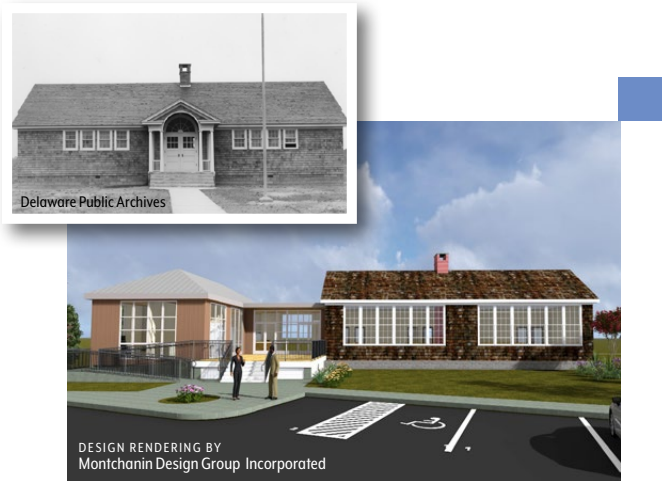
CURRENT GLF PROJECTS

Our role in responding to the needs and interests of the Lewes community has grown significantly over the past 12 months.

2024-25

Nassau School

GLF is also working with the state to fully restore and add to the historic Nassau School, constructed by Pierre duPont in 1922 to ensure education for Lewes's African American children. The new facility will provide offices for Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice.



deVries Monument

Hailed as the "birthplace of Delaware," this monument recognizes the first colony whose existence made possible our status as a separate state. GLF is honored to be chosen by the state to assist in its re-design, in time for both its 250th anniversary of independence and, in 2031, the 400th celebration of the colony's founding in 1631.



FUND HIGHLIGHTS

We encourage members of the Lewes community to establish charitable funds and to assume positions of leadership with key regional issues, organizations, and opportunities.



Celebrate Wellness Fund

Celebrate Wellness is committed to improving the lives of the local hospitality worker community through education, financial support, and connecting individuals to wellness experts and other resources.



Cape Community Fund

When emergencies occur, local individuals and families in need can apply for help from CCF, which carries on a centuries old Lewes tradition of people helping people.



Lewes Go Fourth

Our annual July 4th fireworks are supported 100% by local contributions, raised and managed through this GLF fund.



Friends of the Lewes Canalfront Park

For more than 15 years, this Lewes group has been sponsoring seasonal events and supporting maintenance of the city's waterfront park.



Lewes Beekeeper Club Fund

One of our newer funds is helping ensure healthy colonies of honey bees in Lewes while providing enjoyable public education.

GLF DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

LOOK WHAT WE ARE ACHIEVING TOGETHER



- Bay Beach Association

Paul & Beth Bechly Charitable Giving Fund

T.W. Becker Fund

Brown / White Fund

Canalfront Park Maintenance Fund

Cape Community Fund

Cape Gazette Fund

Celebrate Wellness Fund

Coolie Cares

Cape Henlopen Educational Foundation

Delaware State Police Community Engagement Fund

deVries Monument Fund

Dewey Beer Company

Doo Dah Parade

First State Pickleball Club Fund

The Fitzgerald – Keith Charitable Fund

Fort Miles Museum

Friends of the Lewes Canalfront Park Fund

Gallo Gives Foundation

Go Fourth Lewes! Fund

Christian & Julie Hudson Family Foundation

Irish Eyes Foundation

Jim Kiernan Scholarship Fund

La Plaza Delaware Fund

Dr. Laura M. Leach Memorial Scholarship Fund

Lewes Beekeeper Club Fund

Lewes Community Gardeners Fund
- Lewes Police Foundation

Lewes Public Arts Fund

Lewes Public Library Fund

Lewes / Rehoboth Rotary Fund

Sue Watts Marshall Fund

Miller Foundation Fund

Mary Ann Morris Scholarship Fund

Nassau School Fund

Ocean 98 Foundation

Open Space Alliance Fund

Jamie Parsons Foundation for Culinary Arts

Lillie Patterson Fund

PCKM Charitable Fund

Pennsylvania Merchant 1733 Fund

Prospect AME Church

Punkin Chunkin Fund

Rehoboth Foodie – Touch of Italy Foundation

Dr. David E. and Linda S. Robinson Scholarship Fund

Darlene K. Rust Scholarship Fund

Maureen Schab Fund

R. Marshall Schell Fund

Shaffer Family Foundation

Hon. George H.P Smith Scholarship Fund

The Steward Fund

Sunrise Rotary Club

D. Russell Tatman Memorial Fund

Lorraine and Steve Walker Fund



You can support the work being done by the GLF and its funds simply by clicking the **DONATE** tab on the home page of our Greater Lewes Foundation web site...

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IN MEMORIAM HON. TED W. BECKER

The GLF was honored to have Ted as a long-time member of its board of directors. A former Lewes Mayor and Councilman, and so much more, Ted was of enormous help to the Foundation in all its work to benefit our community.

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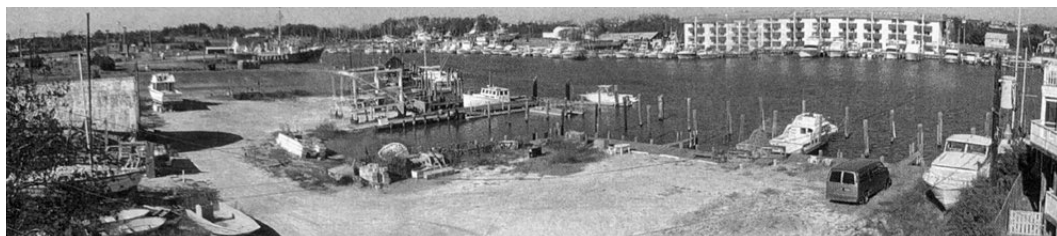
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GLF'S FIRST PROJECT - The Lewes Canalfront Park DED. 2008

Saving Lewes' downtown waterfront became the impetus for creating its community foundation.



FINANCIALS

Copies of our annual 990 filings, available from our website, greaterlewesfoundation.org, demonstrate GLF's remarkable cost-efficiency. Our annual budget for 2024 was less than 10% of overall revenues – just one third of the national average for non-profit organizations.

This has been achieved over 25 years through shared capital operating costs and experienced part-time staff, who are supported with the expertise of our outstanding board of directors.

EACH PROJECT SUPPORTS THE GLF MISSION:

To maintain & enhance the quality of life
in the Greater Lewes Region.

You can support our mission in many ways.

Through annual donations to our operations . . . by volunteering and assisting any of our charitable funds . . . or by creating a fund of your own.

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