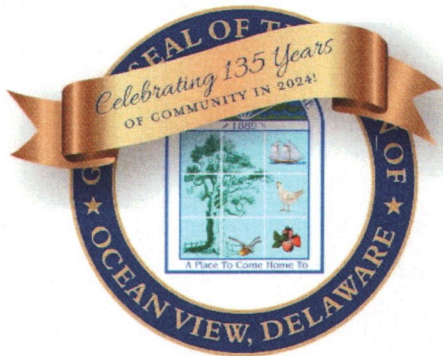


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Sent: Friday, September 26, 2025 1:17 PM
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Donna – I guess we should add this to communications. C



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Subject: Assawoman Canal Trail

Matthew/Robert,

Ocean View Beach Club is a new community in Ocean View, DE that neighbors the Assawoman Canal. We are trying to understand the current status of the Assawoman Canal Trail. The planning for the Assawoman Canal Trail was put in place before our community was planned and built out. There is community interest in helping the DNREC with the completion of the trail. We understand a lot of funding, volunteering, advocacy, and coordination goes into bringing this wonderful project to completion. As a new community we would like to help with the completion of the Assawoman Canal trail come to a completed vision. We have come up with a list of questions to present to the community for its support.

Thank you in advance.

If you have any questions of me, do not hesitate to give me a call.

Questions:

1. Can you please release the contact information for the Project Partners/Working Group referenced in the September 2011 Concept Plan?
2. What is the current phase of the Assawoman Canal Trail Project Plan? What is currently being worked on as part of the phase?
3. What are, if any, changes that may have been made to the original plan?
4. Are there any current timelines or milestones associated with the canal trail?
5. Regarding Sea Colony: On page 28 of the 2011 plan, it states that because Sea Colony is a private community, there would be no public access to the trail if it is developed. Is that still the case today? Do other communities have similar exclusions? Can newly developed communities also opt out of trail access?
6. What is the status of the trail section that runs through what was once farmland and is now the OVBC property?
7. Can volunteers assist with trail clearing?
8. Are Boy Scouts allowed to contribute through trail clearing, marking, bridge building, or installing benches as part of their Eagle Scout projects?
9. Are there any funding sources available for proposed additions to the trail? If so can we have their contact information?
10. Who can we contact for updates or information regarding available funding?
11. Does DNREC have its own 501(c)(3), or is it affiliated with one for accepting donations or in-kind business contributions? If so can we have their contact information?
12. Does DNREC collaborate with any charities or businesses that support parks and trail development? If so can we have their contact information?
13. Does DNREC have staff dedicated to identifying or securing funding for parks and trails, beyond state budget allocations? If so can we have their contact information?
14. Can we have a summary of the field investigations that were completed July 2022 for the Assawoman Canal Trail?
15. Who can we contact at the engineering team that performed field investigations on July 2022?

If there is any contact information that you cannot release, you have my permission to give them my contact information:

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