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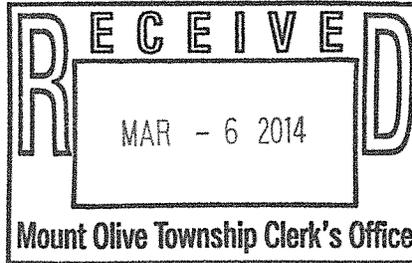


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Dear Interested Party:



On behalf of the Morris Canal Working Group, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) is pleased to invite you to the **Morris Canal Greenway Conference** to be held **March 27, 2014**, from 1 to 5 PM at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Whippany.

We are pleased to welcome Grace Hanlon, Executive Director of the New Jersey Division of Travel & Tourism, as our keynote speaker. The event will also feature panels on such topics as:

- The historic significance of the 102-mile canal corridor
- The economic development potential of a canal greenway
- Local success stories and challenges

Also presenting will be Susan Taylor, Executive Director of the Friends of the Delaware Canal, a non-profit organization whose success in restoring and improving Pennsylvania's Delaware Canal waterway and towpath can serve as an example for our region. Also invited are several New Jersey state agencies, including the Division of Parks & Forestry, Green Acres and the Office for Planning Advocacy, among others. The conference also will focus on branding and establishing an identity for the Morris Canal Greenway.

The Morris Canal stretches 102 miles across six counties: Warren, Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex and Hudson; beginning in Philipsburg and terminating in Jersey City. Formed in 2012 by the NJTPA, the Morris Canal Working Group is a forum where municipalities, counties, public agencies, non-profit groups and interested citizens discuss the future of the Morris Canal corridor. The Working Group's goal is to convert, to the greatest extent possible, the former Morris Canal into a public greenway that provides opportunities for biking and walking and connects historic, cultural and recreational sites of interest.

Visit www.MorrisCanalGreenway.org for more information about the conference, working group activities and how to get involved. Space is limited; please RSVP to Megan Kelly at the NJTPA at mkelly@njtpa.org no later than March 24th. For directions to Frelinghuysen Arboretum, please visit www.morrisparks.net/aspparks/frelarbdir.asp.

If you have any further questions, please contact Megan Kelly at the NJTPA at 973-639-8414 or via email, above.

Thank you,

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