

The 1999 Hamilton/Trenton Marsh Management Plan is posted here for informational purposes. It is not a regulatory document. It is currently in the process of being updated and changed. A new draft plan, now being called a “Coordinated Stewardship Plan” for the Hamilton – Trenton – Bordentown Marsh - 2009” will be posted this coming fall.

The 1999 plan was developed by a broad group representing landowners, public agencies and interested parties, with public comment. Its purpose was to set goals for coordinated strategies to address: Protection and Preservation of Marsh resources, Stewardship, Education, Recreation, and Cooperative Management.

Since this plan was developed in 1999, several changes have taken place:

- The marsh is now referred to as the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh.
- Friends for the Marsh was founded as a volunteer group of interested residents, educators and individuals who plan and provide educational programs about the marsh, and assist with monitoring and clean-up activities.
- Botanists have identified over 100 additional species of plants in the marsh, now totaling 897 distinct species.
- Mercer County has prepared an Interpretive Plan for the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark, which makes up a large portion of the marsh.
- State and county funding was awarded to create a Nature Center to educate children and adults, focusing on residents and local schoolchildren, about the natural and historic treasures of the marsh. Plans are under way to open the nature center in late 2010 or early 2011.
- The D&R Canal State Park is making improvements to Lock #1; a three mile towpath trail is now available for biking and pedestrians.
- Residents report that the Spring Lake and Watson Woods areas of Roebling Park, owned by Mercer County, have become safer, cleaner and more family-friendly.

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