



DELAWARE BYWAYS PROGRAM

DeIDOT Winter Workshop

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DELAWARE BYWAYS

Whether you are driving along Delaware's beaches, visiting Old Dover Days, or simply taking a "road less traveled," you are experiencing some of the great scenic, historic, cultural, recreational and natural wonders Delaware has to offer. Delaware Byways are recognized for their unique features and significant stories. So come, take a journey through these byways and go back to a past rich in history while enjoying some of the state's most scenic views.

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- Delaware Rest Areas
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DELAWARE BYWAYS

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Delaware Byways

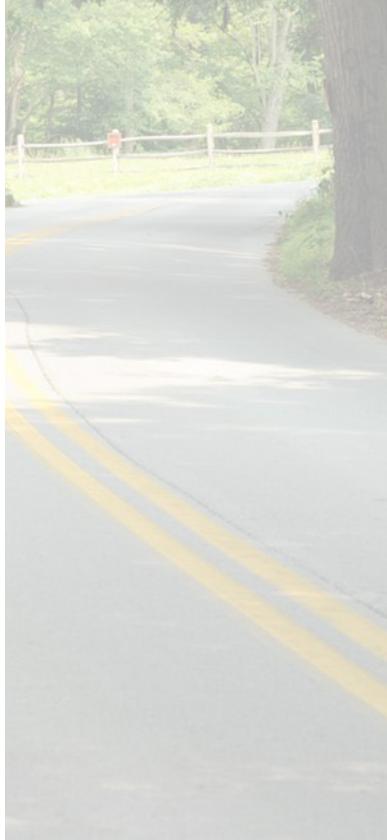
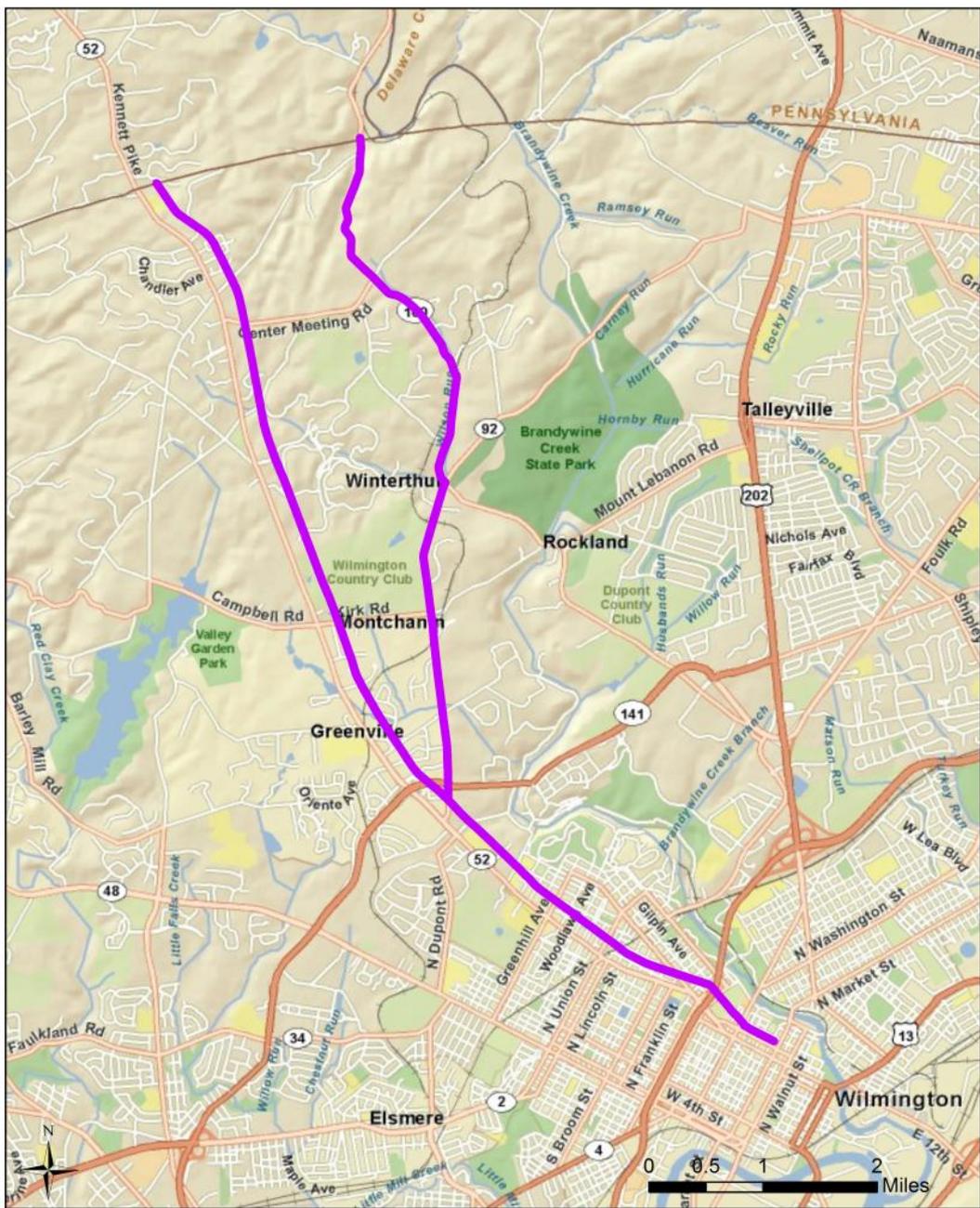


- Alternative route to major highways
- Tells a unique story about Delaware
- Protects and encourages appreciation of intrinsic qualities

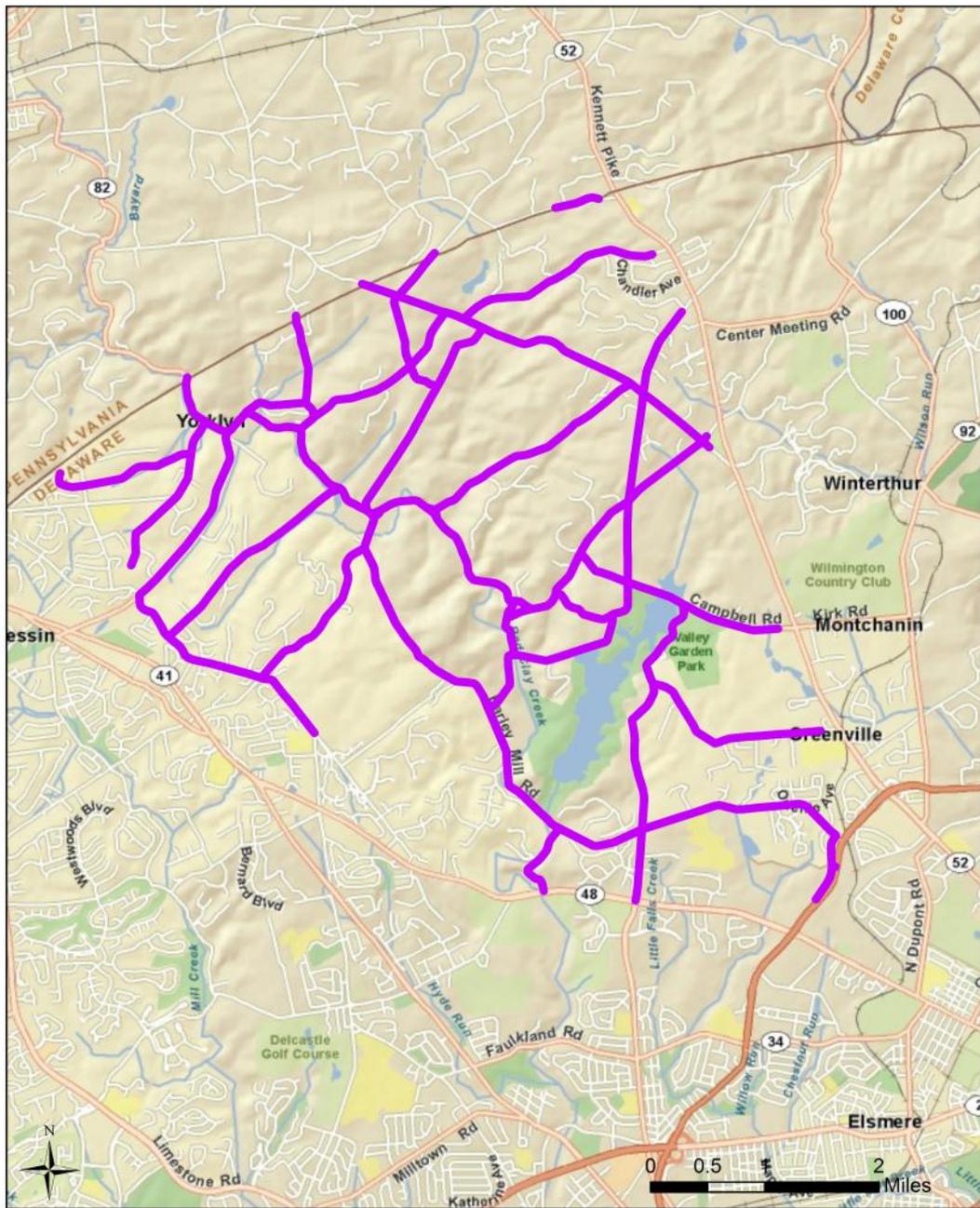


DE Byways Requirements

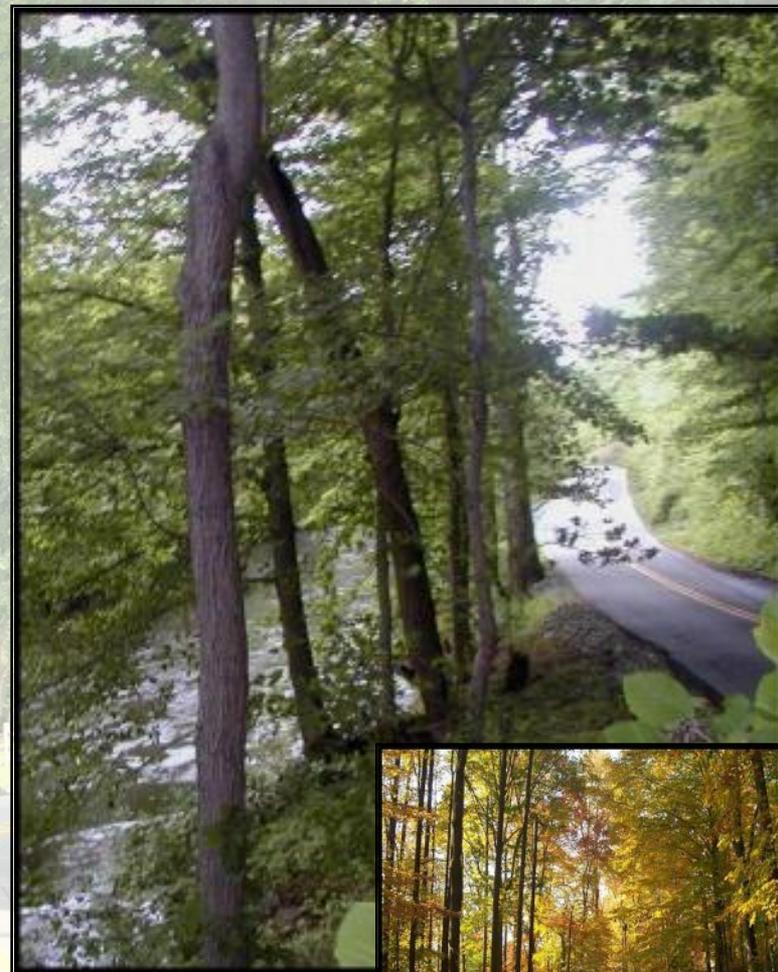
- Nomination Application
 - Byway description
 - Corridor Management Plan
 - Based on FHWA Interim Policy for National Scenic Byway Program (5/18/95)
 - A Planning Tool

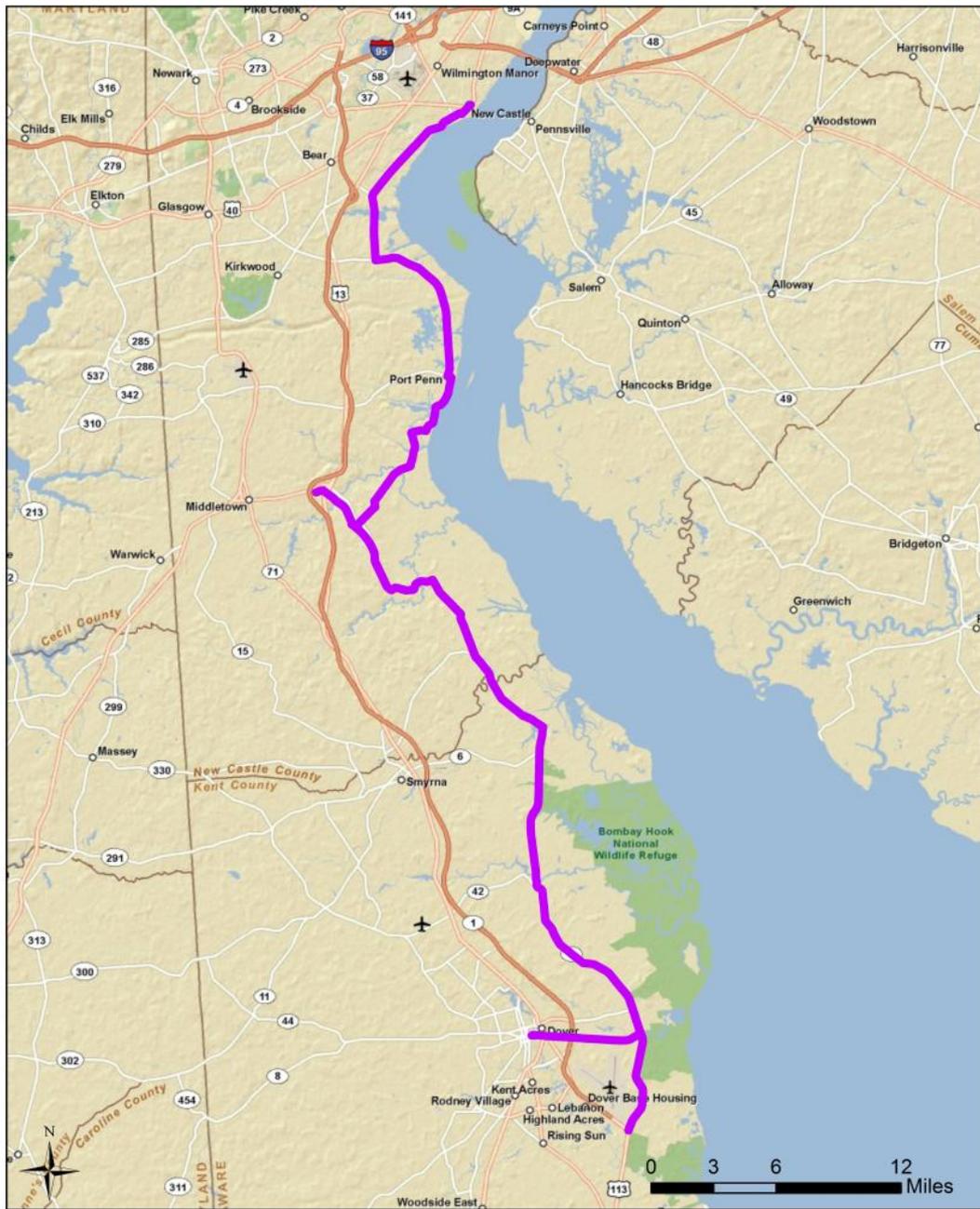


Brandywine Valley Byway



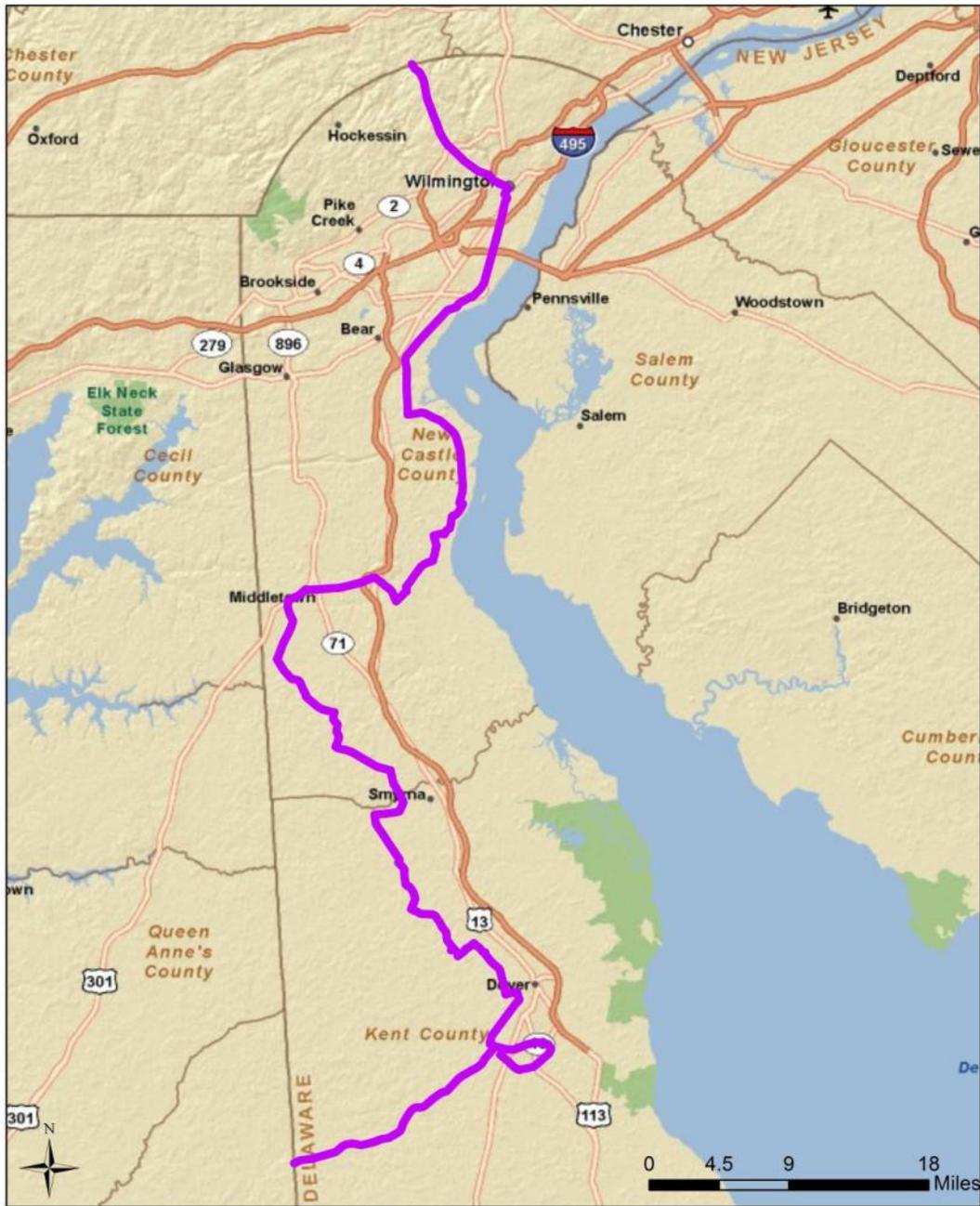
Red Clay Valley Byway





Route 9 Coastal Heritage Byway





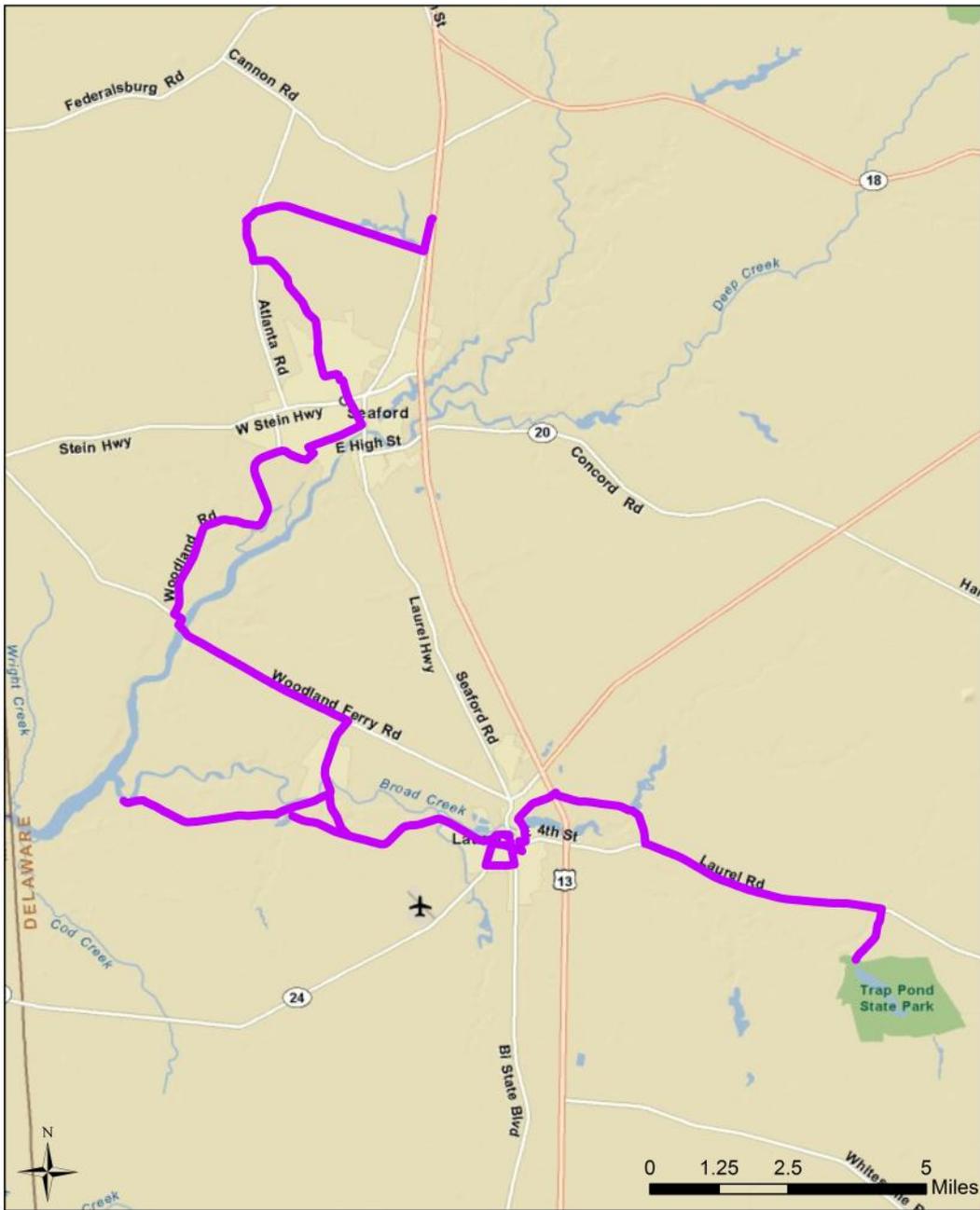
Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway





Lewes Byway





Western Sussex Byway



Scenic America

- **Mission:** To preserve and enhance the visual character of America's roadways, countryside and communities.
- **National Nonprofit Organization**
 - An advocacy organization
 - Founded in 1978 by Garden Club members
 - Only national counterweight to multi-billion dollar outdoor advertising industry
 - Support of over 30 state and local affiliates
 - A driving force behind the creation of the National Scenic Byways Program in 1991

State Scenic Byways

- 46 states have scenic byways programs
- 150 designated National Scenic Byways
- 3049 projects received over \$468 million
- Goals are the same: provide the traveler with a unique experience, support livable communities and generate money into the local economy

...such as Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway



What are the benefits of byways?

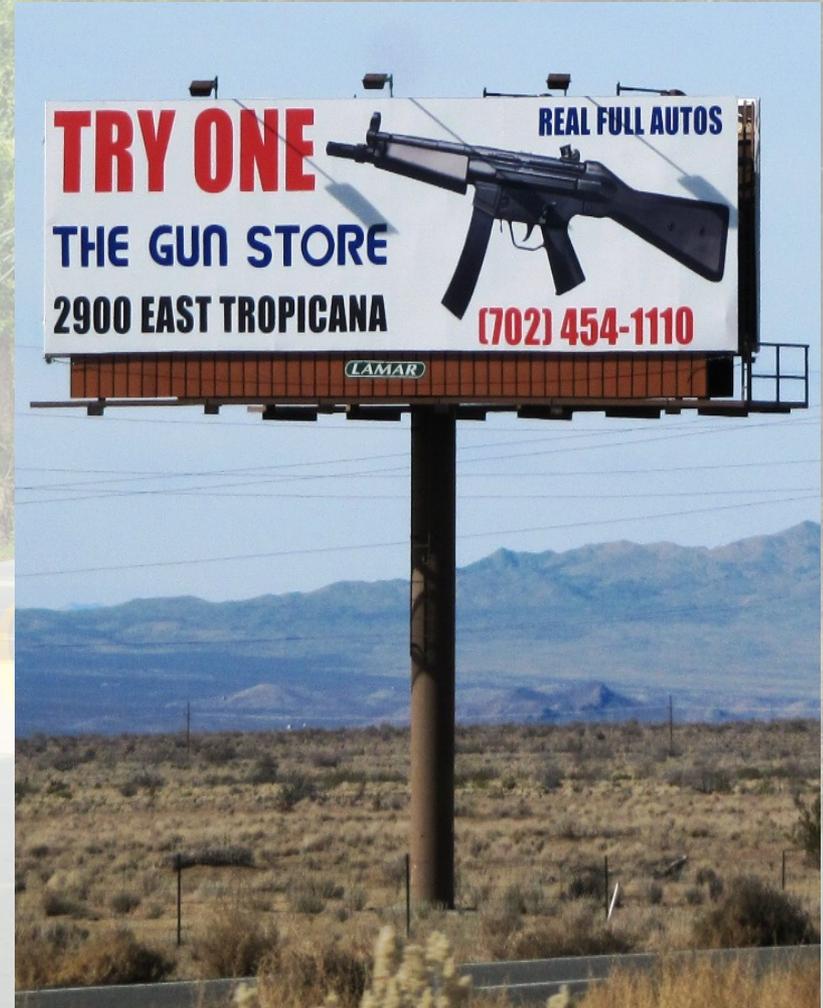
- Enhance quality of life
- Improve local economies
- Source of local pride
- A chance for citizens to showcase the beauty of their region
- Provide communities with a “road map to the future” — a way for stakeholders to determine what they like and how to preserve these qualities while encouraging economic growth

...such as the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway!



What about billboards & byways?

- Federal law prohibits new billboard construction on national scenic byways that are part of the National Highway System or are federal primary-aid roads
- Existing billboards are allowed to remain



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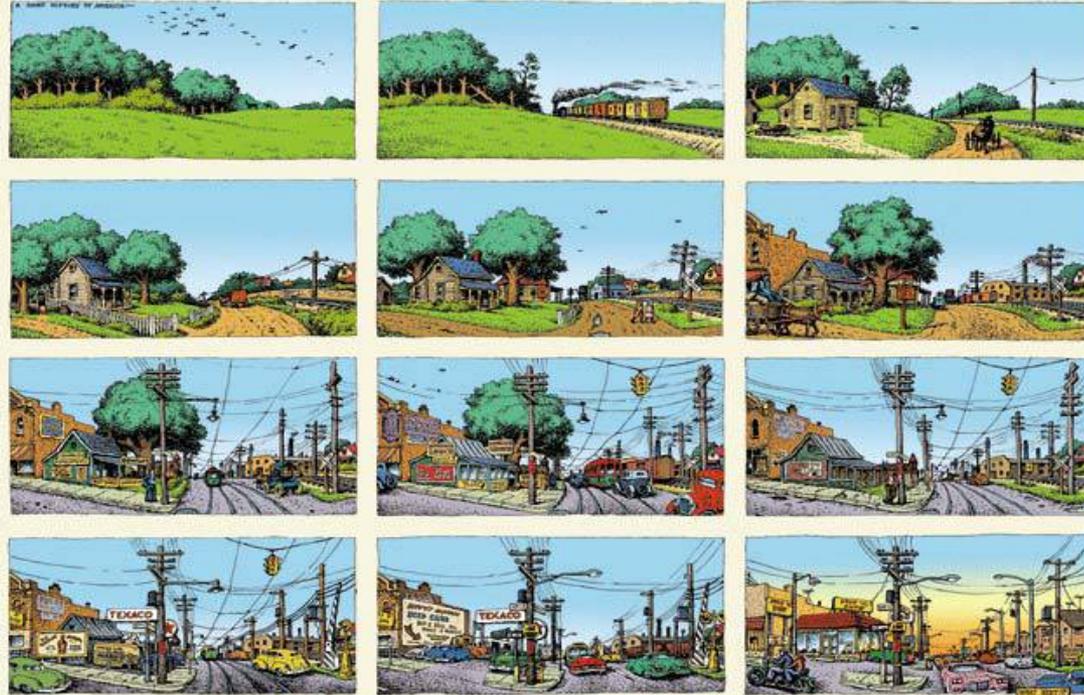
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Conserving Treasured Places



Short History of America by Robert Crumb, 2003

***“A landscape is built, accumulatively,
over a long period of time,
and it is around roads, that they are built.”***

William H. Whyte, A Lost Landscape

Why is this important to DeIDOT?

- You live and drive on many of these roads
- Your family history may be connected to the byway resources
- You may cycle these roads on the weekend
- Your work efforts will occur on byways
- **Misconceptions:**
 - It is not about making your work more difficult or costly
 - Managing byway corridors is a requirement

Corridor Management Plans

- **Transportation and Safety**
 - Includes consideration of appropriate design guidelines and Context Sensitive Design (CSS)
 - Needs to accommodate commercial traffic
 - Needs to accommodate multi-modal users



Centerville, Delaware

Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway



THE DESIGN SOLUTION

01-200
NO
OUTLET



Welcome to
CENTREVILLE
DELAWARE
National Historic District
Est. circa 1750



Defining Context Workshop >

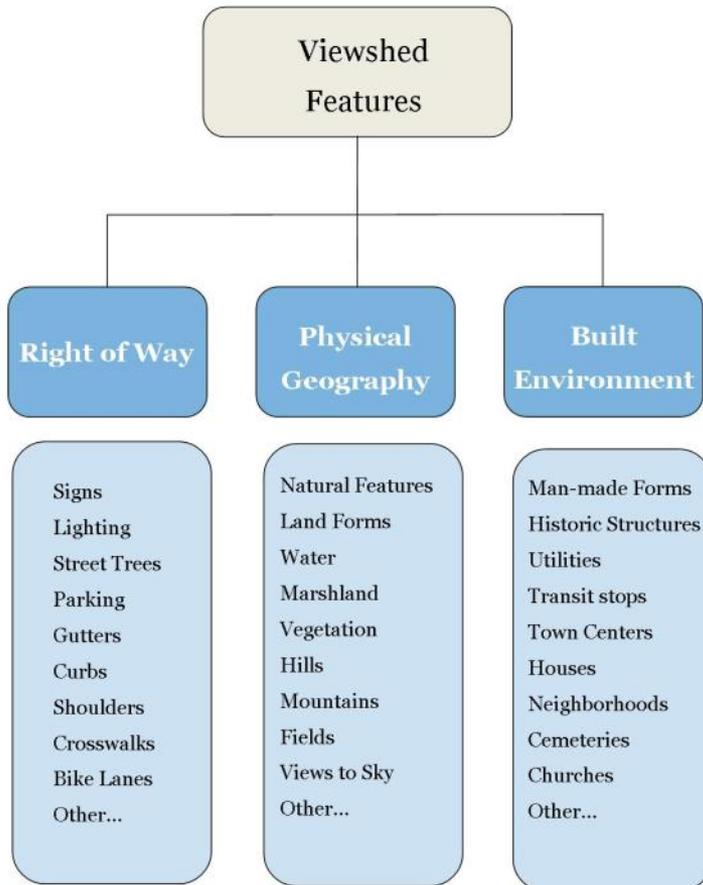


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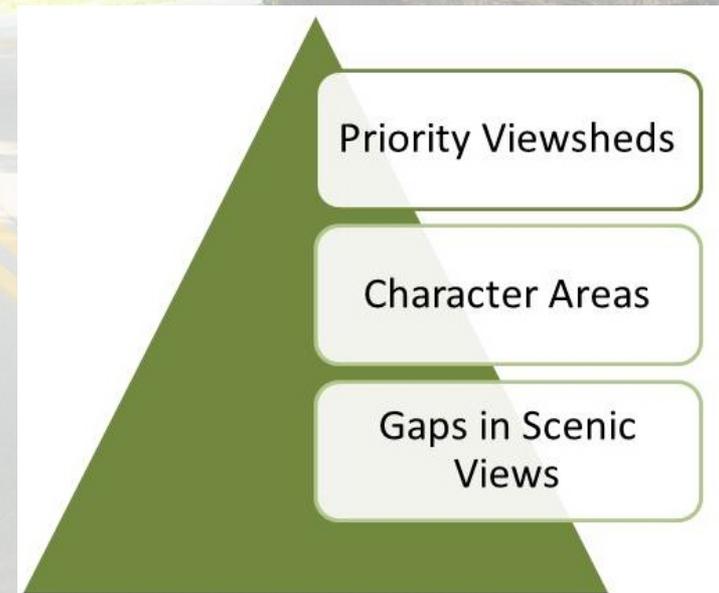
A ContextSensitiveSolutions.org report

www.contextsensitivesolutions.org

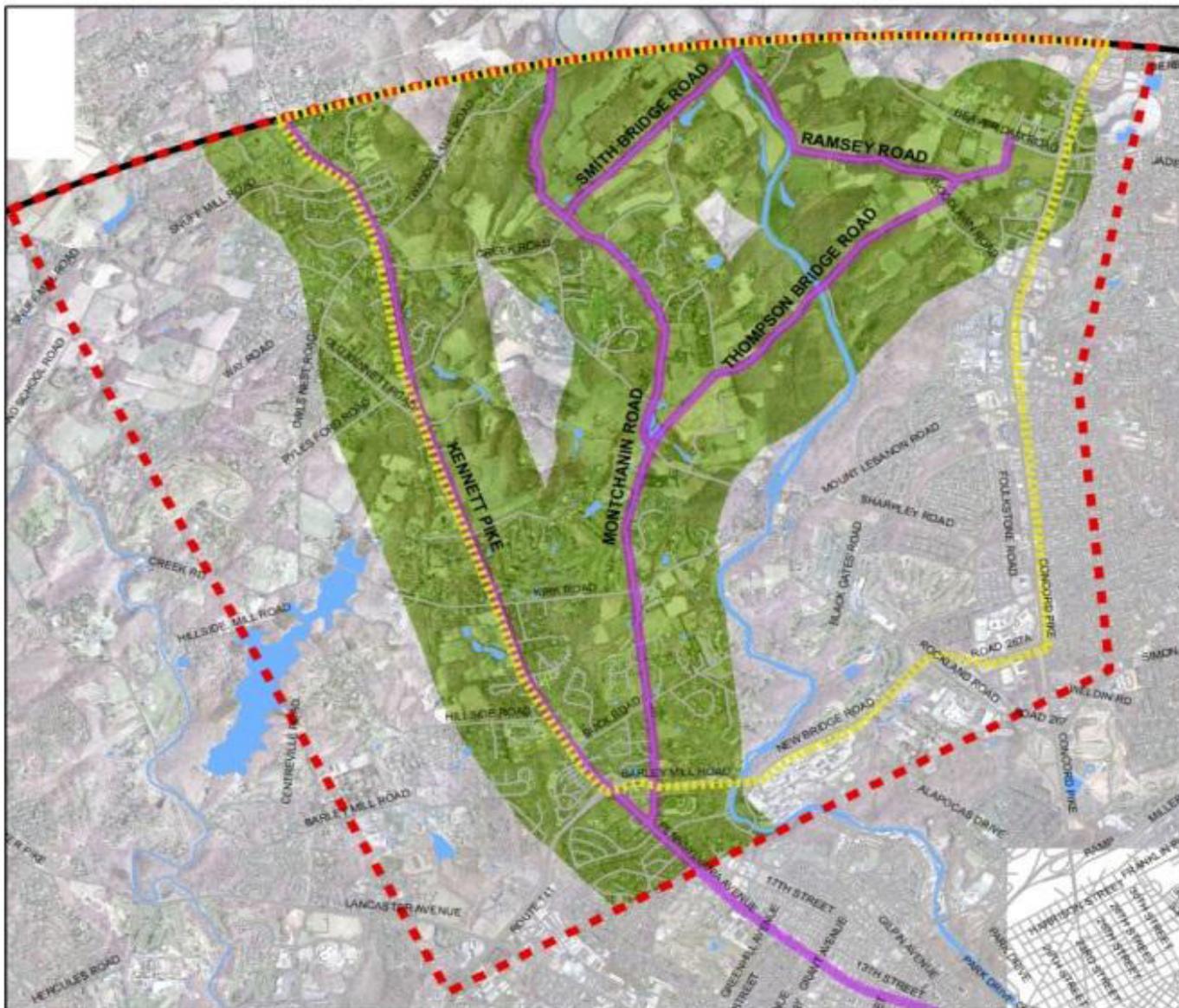
Managing Visual Quality



- Context and Characteristics
 - Visual Assessment
 - » Physical Attributes
 - » Landscape Character
 - » Setting
 - » Community Values
 - » Road Conditions



Scenic Conservation Plan Study Areas



Legend

-  General Study Area
-  Viewshed Analysis Study Area
-  Transportation Study Area
-  PA / DE State Line
-  Byway / Byway Extension
-  Road Centerline
-  Water Body





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