



THE Greater
LEWES
FOUNDATION



2020 | 2021

To maintain and improve the quality of life in the greater Lewes region.

Summary Report

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

While much of Lewes has been “on hold” this year, the Greater Lewes Foundation has been working hard behind the scenes to preserve one of our city’s most important assets.



Jones Farm is the location of the seven well heads that supply all the fresh water to BPW and Lewes residents. It is also a critically important recharge area and one of our most scenic remaining small farms.

In 2019, the GLF identified Jones Farm as its top priority for preservation from commercial development. We arranged for the property’s appraisal, and met

regularly with potential donors to encourage their support.

Now, an agreement has been reached with the property owners to sell Jones Farm to a consortium involving Sussex County, the City of Lewes, and Lewes Board of Public Works.

This is the sort of far-sighted leadership you should expect from your community foundation. The preservation of Jones Farm demonstrates why your support of the Greater Lewes Foundation is so essential.

Thank you for considering a generous donation to our annual campaign. Your gift makes our work possible.

Sincerely,

W. Joseph Stewart, *Chair*

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THE LEWES OPEN SPACE ALLIANCE

The Alliance, a GLF fund, is chaired by two of Lewes' finest leaders, former Mayor James L. Ford III and Dennis Forney, Publisher Emeritus of the Cape Gazette.

Other members of the GLF Board are also involved, including Rob Gibbs, a leading Sussex County land use attorney, and John Schroeder, who chairs Delaware's Open Space Council. GLF Project Manager, Mark Chura, also directs the Sussex County Land Trust, which GLF helped establish more than 20 years ago.

While Jones Farm was the first official Alliance project, the GLF has a long history of preserving and maximizing use of Lewes open space for public benefit.

The Lewes Canalfront Park and Lewes Public Library, both GLF projects, prevented large scale commercial development on those sites. And our advocacy to situate the first Bicycle Trailhead in the heart of Lewes accelerated the creation of our region's bike and hiking trails.

The Alliance looks forward to launching many more projects like these, to secure and preserve strategic land within and around Lewes for public benefit.

FUND REPORT OF THE GLF

A number of exciting GLF fund activities occurred during the past year. The *Lewes Police Foundation Fund* was established to make strategic grants to support our local department. The *History Book Festival* has continued to grow and is now considered an important national event within the publishing industry. And the *Lewes Community Gardens Fund*, now in its second year, has been embraced by our community.

Despite the interruptions created by Corona 19, many funds, like *Lewes in Bloom* and *Art in Bloom*, have continued their good work, while other funds have made generous grants and awarded scholarships to Lewes students.



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The Legacy Society

Our Legacy Society donors leave planned gifts and bequests in care of the GLF, to be managed in perpetuity as endowments for local causes.

Current Legacy Society Members

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| Paul and Beth Bechly | Jennie Keith |
| Hon. Ted Becker | Dinah Reath |
| Robert and Valerie Cloutier | Midge Smith and Carl Wisler |
| Connie Costigan | W. Joseph Stewart |
| Pete and Betsy Hansot | Barbara Vaughan |
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CREATE YOUR OWN CHARITABLE FUND

The GLF can help you create a charitable fund to address your interests.

We handle all fund accounting, investment, deposit, and Grant activity at a modest cost and provide hands-on technical support to help achieve your objectives.

For more information, please contact Michael Rawl at 302-644-0107.

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As of June 30, 2020

FUNDS OF THE GLF

Endowed Funds

Cape Henlopen Education
Fund (CHEF)

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

Greater Lewes Foundation Fund*

Hon. George HP Smith
Scholarship Fund*

Lewes Canalfront Park Fund(s)*

Lewes Historical Society Fund

Lewes Public Library Fund

Lewes-Rehoboth Rotary
Scholarship Fund*

Maureen Schab Fund for
Education*

Pennsylvania Merchant 1733 Fund*

R. Marshall Schell Fund

Sue Watts Marshall Fund

Sunrise Rotary Club of Rehoboth
Beach Fund*

**Maintains both an endowed and pass-through fund*

Pass-Through Funds

Art in Bloom

Cape Community Fund

Cape Gazette Outdoors Fund

Cape Pickleball Campaign Fund

D. Russell Tatman Memorial Fund

Darlene K. Rust Scholarship Fund

DeVries Monument Fund

Roy Fitzgerald & Jennie Keith Fund

Fort Miles Historical Association

Friends of the Brandywine Creek
State Park

Friends of the Lewes Canalfront
Park

Gallo Gives Foundation

GLF Operations Fund

History Book Festival Fund

Irish Eyes Foundation

Jason Anderson Foundation Fund

Jim Cresson Memorial Fund

Jim Kiernan Scholarship Fund

Key Foundation Fund

Lewes Bocce Court Fund

Lewes Community Gardeners Fund

Lewes Education Coalition Fund

Lewes Police Foundation Fund

Lewes GO FOURTH! Fund

Lewes in Bloom Fund

Lewes Junction & RR Bridge Fund

Lewes Little League Fund

Lewes Post Office Beautification
Fund

Lewes-Rehoboth Rotary Fund

Lorraine & Steve Walker Foundation

Miller Foundation Fund

Mispillion Children's Chorus

Molly Murray Scholarship Fund

PCKM Fund

Ocean 98 Charities Foundation

Queen Ann Railroad Fund

Rehoboth Foodie –
Touch of Italy Foundation

Steward's Fund

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GLF FINANCIALS

The GLF invests its endowment funds through the Delaware Community Foundation, which employs SEI as its investment manager.

A professional accounting review of all GLF funds is done each year by Raymond F. Book & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, and is available on the GLF website.

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