



# Inland Bays Journal

News from the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays



The new Center for the Inland Bays is under construction.

## Construction Moves Ahead as Friends Seek Campaign Gifts

Construction on the new building moves ahead as staff and campaign volunteers work to fill the campaign coffers to complete the "Building for Our Bays." The former Coast Guard Barrack is the site of a major re-design and re-construction to create the new "Center for the Inland Bays" at Delaware Seashore State Park on Indian River Bay.

According to CIB Restoration Coordinator (and restoration coordinator for the new building), Jim Alderman, "the windows are in, all of the trim has been put in place and painted, the metal roof is on, and the deck is finished.

The next step is to have the sliding doors

installed and the entry foyer completed. When this is finished the siding will go up and 90 percent of the exterior will be complete with only the walkways and railings awaiting completion. Then we move inside."

"But that schedule puts the construction ahead of the fundraising," according to Alderman, "so there is lots of work to be done to bring in campaign contributions."

For a first-hand look at the progress, stop by the Coast Guard Open House on May 21.

The Center for the Inland Bays will have their display at the new building directly behind the Coast Guard Station.

## Former Gov. Peterson Leads by Example as the Honorary Chair of the Capital Campaign

The Winter edition of the Inland Bays Journal had gone to press when the Center received the good news that former Governor Russell Peterson had accepted the invitation to be Honorary Chairman of the "Building for the Bays" capital campaign.

In accepting the leadership, Gov. Peterson said, "Since my days as governor of Delaware, I have worked to protect our state's magnificent coast through legislative action and personal commitment. Now I am pleased to lend my support to saving our Inland Bays."

Gov. Peterson brings a kind of leadership that is at the heart of this work to create a "Center for the Inland Bays" that will be the focal point for the community work needed to restore our Bays. He brings the leadership of one who has committed much of his life to working for a better environment that is an inspiration to all who work for a healthy Inland Bays estuary.

"We are so honored to have Gov. Peterson's support for our campaign to raise

funds to complete our new facility at Indian River Inlet, said Ed Lewandowski, Executive Director of CIB. "Gov. Peterson is honored internationally for his work to protect the environment, and is widely respected for being innovative and uncompromising in showing the way to sensible environmental policies."

A capital campaign requires lots of leadership - the leadership of the board and campaign committee to take the message into the community and win support for the project - the leadership of staff to support the work of campaign volunteers - the leadership of individuals and businesses to publicly pledge their support early in the campaign to give it momentum - and the leadership of committed friends to see it through to its successful conclusion.

"The Center for the Inland Bays is grateful to have the leadership of Gov. Peterson, a man who has experience in taking on great challenges and seeing them through with determination," said Lewandowski.

## CIB Seeks Friends of the Bays to Lend Time, Expertise to Bay Projects

By Sally Boswell  
Education and Outreach Coordinator

The Center for the Inland Bays marks its tenth anniversary this year. But even as the occasion is celebrated, it is humbling to consider the hard work that lies ahead to restore the health of our Inland Bays. It is work that needs to be the work of the many, not the few. It will take the determination of old friends working to make new friends for the Bays. It will not happen by token gestures, but by committed, decisive work, and some individual sacrifice for the greater good for all. It will be the work of community, where decisions are made with vision and honor for the natural world that sustains life here, and preserves the beauty of this place.

### A decade of growth

As the Center for the Inland Bays has worked these past ten years, our watershed has experienced the most phenomenal growth and change that has ever occurred since this land was first settled.

Even as solid gains have been achieved in our scientific understanding of the state of our Inland Bays, and steps taken to address the problems that we have found and documented, new factors creating new stresses have overtaken us—burgeoning population, conversion of agricultural land to residential development, and the building of all the businesses and infrastructure and traffic that come with it.

What is clear is that this is watershed-wide work. This work to save these Bays cannot be done by the few. The problems are too great and the solutions can only be found one septic system, one agricultural field, one development, one wetland, one stream bank, one determined citizen at a time, which added together, will turn the tide.

### CIB moves into more public phase

So as the Center for the Inland Bays begins its second decade, it begins a very public phase of its work.

First with the capital campaign, the staff and board and friends are reaching out into the watershed to find financial support for our new "Center for the Inland Bays" under construction in Delaware Seashore State Park, behind the Coast Guard Station. It will take many generous friends to raise the remaining \$700,000 to complete the building, and a high profile in the community to find such support.

Second, this new facility will bring the CIB into the heart of the watershed where, for the first time, it will be open to the public. There will be a visitor center and exhibits, conference rooms and outdoor space where people can come together to learn, to be inspired, and to get involved in this work of protecting our Bays.

### Education and Outreach

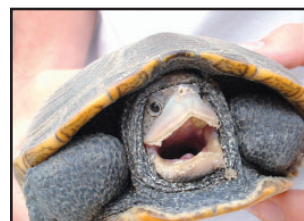
And third, the CIB will dedicate itself to education and outreach to introduce these Bays to all the new residents to the watershed, to reach the children through schoolyard habitat programs, to use the James Farm Ecological Preserve for environmental education for all ages, to create native plant demonstration gardens, and habitat restoration areas in public places, to support the concerns of citizens and provide the data they need to lobby for good public policy, to promote our beautiful watershed as a prime eco-tourism destination—to meet people where they are and bring them to the Bays.

### CIB's role

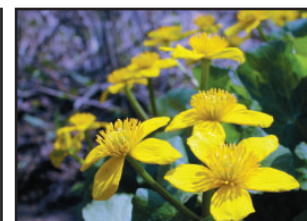
The Center for the Inland Bays will continue to carry out its mission of promoting habitat restoration, scientific research, and

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