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Local land use and transportation agencies work together to develop design standards for future development within the Red Clay Valley

Newark, DE – The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), New Castle County Department of Land Use, the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), Delaware Nature Society (DNS), and the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Alliance have announced the kickoff of the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Design Standard Overlay project.

A public kickoff meeting will be held on February 12 at Ashland Nature Center. Attendees are welcome to stop by anytime between 7 and 9pm.

The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway is comprised of a network of 28 roads within the Red Clay Creek watershed, located in New Castle County. The byway includes scenic, natural, and historic resources. The new design standards will improve protection for the byway including the possibility of incorporating the standards into the County's Unified Development Code (UDC).

Eileen Fogarty, New Castle County Land Use Manager said, "This byway effort is the first watershed-based byway planning effort in the country and the design standards will reflect the byway's unique diversity and stakeholder interests. This work will culminate in the development of the design standards for future development and redevelopment in the watershed."

During the kickoff meeting project partners will discuss the history of the project, including where it is today; how the standards could be incorporated into the UDC; and best practices from around the country.

The meeting will also include an opportunity for question and answer, and a discussion of next steps. If you live, work, or play within the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway, then the project team wants to hear from you! To learn more, visit www.wilmapco.org/redclay.

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