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Volunteers to Help Retrofit Stormwater Management in the Hunt at Louviers

Newark, DE (April 22, 2013) – Newark’s Public Works and Water Resources Department is retrofitting three stormwater management areas in the Hunt at Louviers to help improve water quality in Jenney’s Run, a tributary to the White Clay Creek. These stormwater detention basins, which work to control stream flooding during times of heavy rainfall, were designed before water quality was considered in stormwater design. The improvements include re-grading, removal of invasive plant species, and native habitat restoration.

Water quality improvements will be achieved through bioremediation, using a combination of reintroduced native plant species, and a lengthening of the flow path. This project is being funded through a grant with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control with additional funding from the White Clay Wild and Scenic Program.

Several local businesses, non-profit groups, residents and other volunteers will be helping with the native habitat restoration portion of the basin improvements. They will be planting plugs of native wildflowers and grasses across the bottoms of the stormwater basins. The deep rooted native plants will help water better infiltrate into the ground and uptake common stormwater pollutants such as excess nutrients.

The planting event will take place at two times - Friday, April 26 from 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Any person or group interested in volunteering may sign up using one of the below links:

The Dupont Clear Into the Future Program:

- Friday, April 26 - clearintothefuture.com/event-registration/?ee=27
- Saturday, April 27 - clearintothefuture.com/event-registration/?ee=24

The White Clay Wild and Scenic Program:

- whiteclay.org/planting-opportunity-hunt-at-louviers/

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