



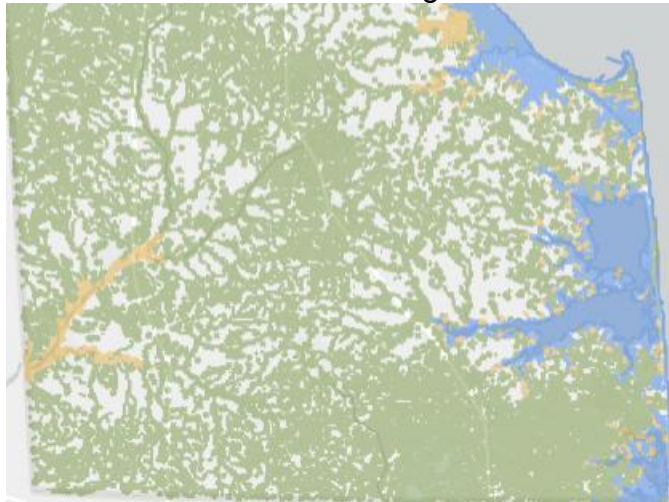
## SUSSEX PRESERVATION COALITION

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### **DNREC and Delaware Nature Society Speakers to Discuss Wetlands On June 9 at Lewes Library**

Wetlands cover nearly 25% of Delaware, and even more of Sussex County as shown in this DNREC map of tidal and non-tidal wetlands. Tidal marshes, bogs, forested flats, and freshwater wetlands along the Delaware Bay, Atlantic coast, and Inland Bays make



us one of the most wetland-rich counties in the Mid-Atlantic region. Healthy wetlands reduce, store and filter stormwater runoff, help protect against floods, support biodiversity, and counter climate change.

Yet, Delaware is today the only state in the mid-Atlantic region without a system to regulate non-tidal and freshwater wetlands. This gap became critical after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2023 reduced federal jurisdiction over wetlands leaving

thousands of acres in Delaware unprotected. That could soon change if the General Assembly and Governor approve the Wetlands Protection legislation now making its way through the legislative process after years in the making.

**Olivia Allread**, a specialist in the Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Program of DNREC, will explain the extent and importance of Delaware's wetlands and how the state plans to manage them.

**Mark Nardone**, director of advocacy for the Delaware Nature Society, will review the wetlands protection bill now pending in the General Assembly and describe the painstaking process of formulating the legislation.

Attend the Sussex Preservation Coalition meeting on

**Date: June 9**

**Time: Starts at 7:00 PM**

**Location: Lewes Public Library 111 Adams Ave in Lewes**

**Live Stream available: [www.SussexPreservationCoalition.org](http://www.SussexPreservationCoalition.org).**

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