

## State News for NSPE Members

### Fort Delaware State Park Facilities Set for Facelift

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has begun construction on several projects at Fort Delaware State Park that will improve visitor experience. All areas of the fort normally open to the public will remain open.

The \$3.7 million project includes stabilizing and resurfacing the tram path, reconstructing trails, rebuilding the platform for observing herons and other birds, constructing a new maintenance building, and building a new screened pavilion. The projects are slated for completion early next year.

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### Grants Fund Conservation Efforts in Delaware River Watershed

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded nearly \$11.5 million in grants to clean up and restore polluted waters, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and increase access to nature throughout the Delaware River watershed. Grantee organizations have committed more than \$13.5 million in matching funds, for a total of about \$25 million.

The grants were awarded in September through two programs administered by NFWF: the Delaware River Restoration Fund, funded by the William Penn Foundation, and the Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund, funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The projects will improve more than 12,000 acres through enhanced management, treat polluted runoff using agricultural conservation practices on about 937 acres, restore 585 acres of wetlands, plant nearly 2,000 trees, and establish over 1,500 acres of new public access lands.

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### Volunteer Leaders Make a Difference – Are You Ready?

Do you want to influence the future of the profession? Are you a young professional looking to advance your career? Have your professional achievements created a desire to give

back and serve?

Join NSPE leaders Tricia Hatley, Megan Schultz, and Craig Sisco on **November 1** (4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET) as they explore the rewards, benefits, and requirements of volunteer service. NSPE President Rick Guerra will serve as the moderator during this **free webinar**.

Attendees will learn about the opportunities available and gain an understanding of the skills and abilities desired for these positions. The panelists will also share real-life stories of how volunteer service with NSPE has improved their careers and provided fulfillment of their goals and aspirations. [Register now](#) .



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## **Delaware Improves Licensure Mobility for PEs**

Legislation designed to expand licensure mobility for professional engineers in Delaware was signed by Governor John Carney on September 17. Members of the Delaware Engineering Society let state legislators know of their support for the bill through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#) , a critical factor in gaining support for its passage.

The amendments to the state's PE law provide multiple licensing opportunities. Individuals with an NCEES Record or who qualify as a Model Law Engineer will now find it easier to obtain a PE license in Delaware. The law was also amended to recognize applicants who are graduates of an engineering educational program approved by an accrediting agency that is a signatory to the Washington Accord. The accord covers 21 countries, including Australia, Canada, China, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

An applicant with a minimum of five years of continuous and verifiable experience as a professional engineer can also apply for comity licensure. These applicants must also submit five references, three of which must be from professional engineers licensed in the US, Canada, or an International Professional Engineer registrant under the International Engineering Alliance.

The law's new provisions also eliminate the requirement that licensees can use only an embossed seal, making way for use of a digital seal.

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## Challenges Facing the Profession



NSPE Immediate Past President Tricia Hatley, P.E., F.NSPE, offers her advice on how engineers can get the most satisfaction from their careers in a four-part series featured in *Machine Design*.

In the first article installment, [Challenges Facing the Profession](#), Hatley discusses the value of professional engineering licensure and the challenges the profession faces—population growth and urbanization, the recent pandemic and its short and long-term effects on society, the need for diversity to increase the ranks of engineers, and advances in technology.

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- SBA 7(a) loans for business debt consolidation, or costs associated with startup or acquisition, real estate, renovation, or expansion; and
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