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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Ralph A. Reeb, Director
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DATE: December 28, 2005

SUBJECT: State Scenic and Historic Highways

Since the State Scenic and Historic Highways (SSHH) Program was adopted in November 2001, we have been able to designate our state's first two scenic byways – the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway and the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway. This past year, the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway achieved even wider recognition by being named our first National Scenic Byway. These designated roads embody the Program's goal to identify, preserve and showcase Delaware's unique roads for present and future generations to enjoy.

This designation carries with it a commitment to manage and improve these byways according to the approved corridor management plans. For the past several months, we have been working with representatives of the two byways to address issues concerning the management of development along these roads. As the agency charged with maintaining the public right-of-way, our projects can have immense impact on the resources and character of these roads. Road widening, curbing, sidewalk installation, paving, signing and striping are the types of projects that are important but could also negatively impact the unique characteristics of the byways if they are done without due consideration.



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We are in the process of applying for federal funding to help us develop a set of context sensitive guidelines tailored to each of our byways. Until these guidelines are developed and are in place, we have committed to each byway sponsor that we will provide them with the opportunity to review and comment on projects along these roads. We propose that this communication be done through Maria Andaya, our SSHH Coordinator.

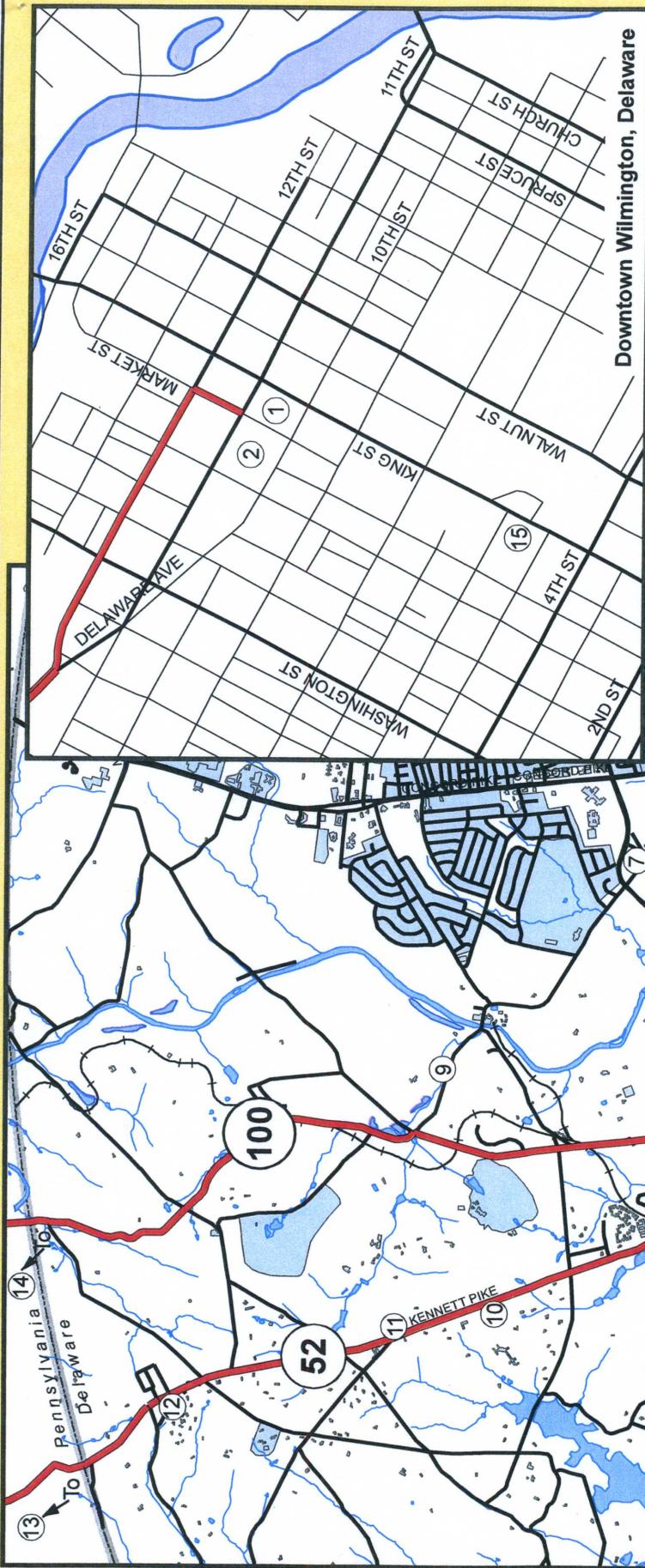
In order for this to work, Maria Andaya needs to be included as part of the team working on present or future projects affecting these roads. Maps showing the two sets of scenic highways are attached and they are also available via the Internet under the State Scenic and Historic Highways Program. Within the next few days, a GIS layer will also be made available through the Inform software and we will continue to explore ways to create awareness about the roadways within Department.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Maria Andaya at (302) 760-2128.

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Attachments

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Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway



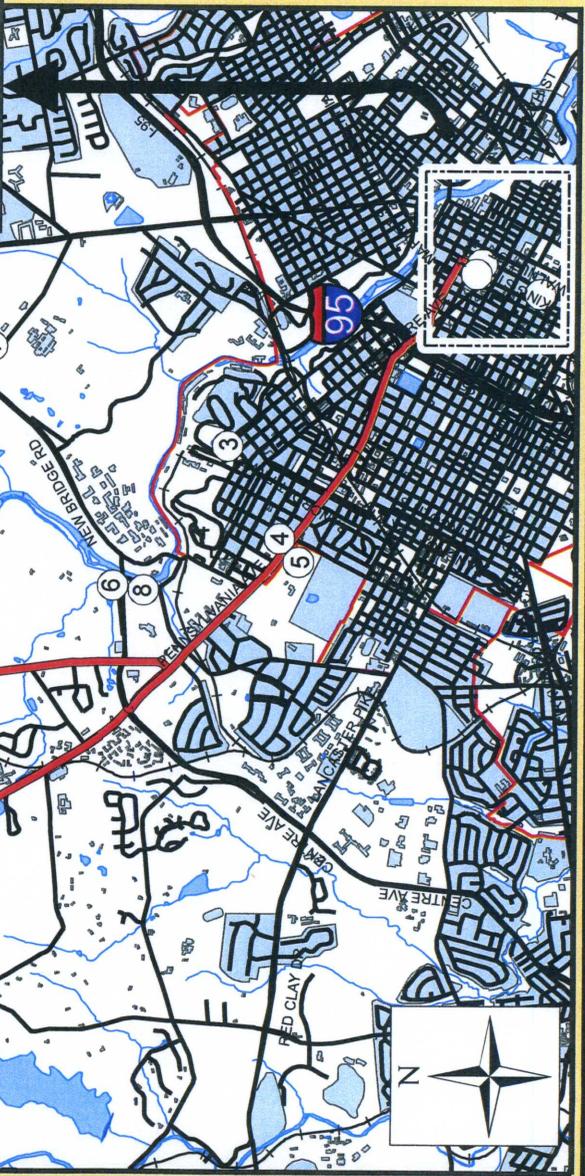
Legend

- Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway
- Wilmington City Limits
- 1. Rodney Square
- 2. Hotel du Pont
- 3. Delaware Art Museum
- 4. Gibraltar Mansion and Gardens
- 5. Goodstay House and Gardens
- 6. Hagley Museum and Library
- 7. Nemours Mansion and Gardens
- 8. Inn at Montchanin Village
- 9. Brandywine Creek State Park
- 10. Delaware Museum of Natural History
- 11. Winterthur
- 12. Centreville Village
- 13. Longwood Gardens
- 14. Brandywine River Museum
- 15. Delaware History Museum

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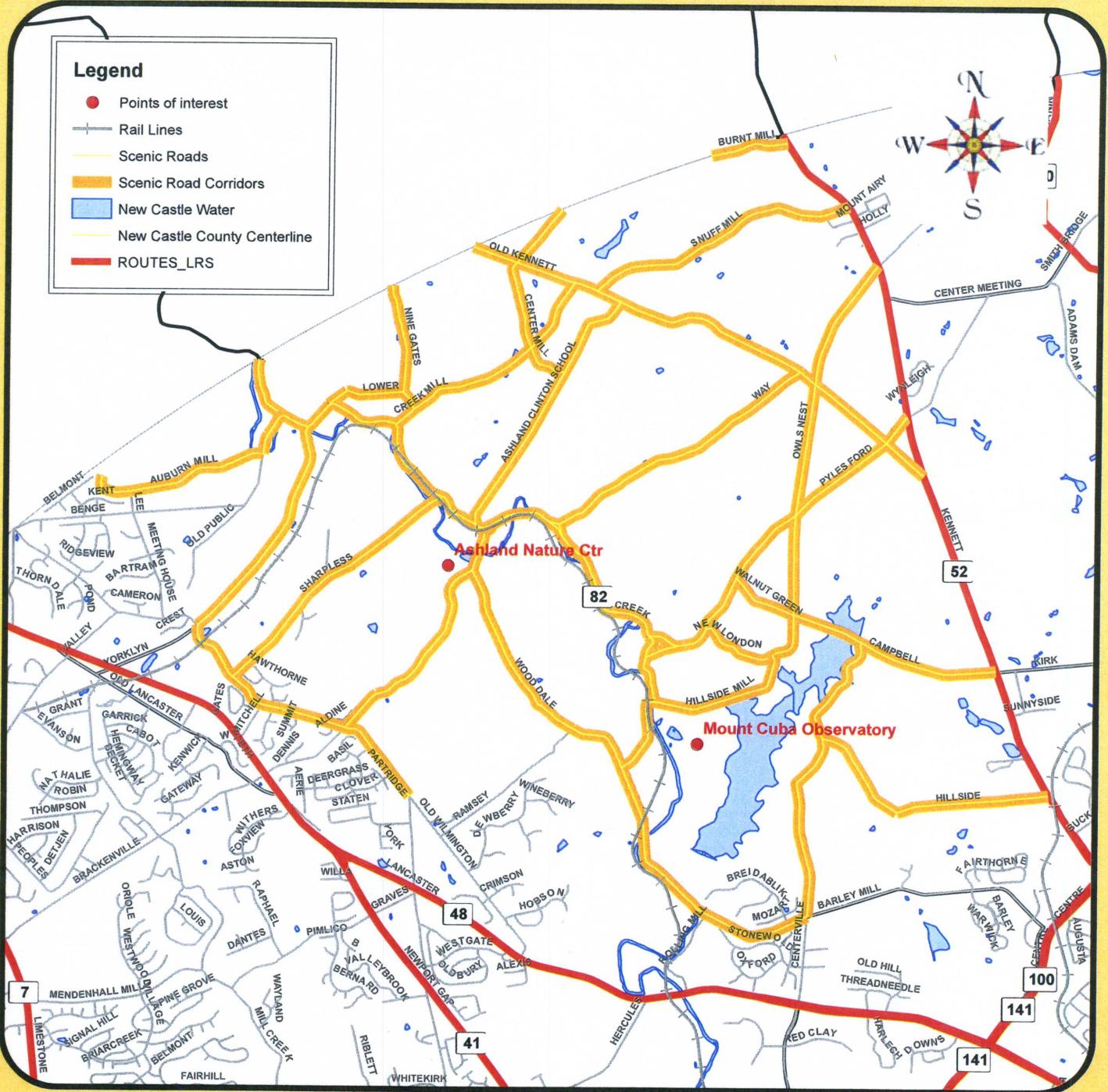


Red Clay Scenic Byway



Legend

- Points of interest
- Rail Lines
- Scenic Roads
- Scenic Road Corridors
- New Castle Water
- New Castle County Centerline
- ROUTES_LRS



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