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## **Kate Hackett appointed to Governor-elect Carney's Transition Team**



Delaware Wild Lands' Executive Director, Kate Hackett, is currently serving on Carney's Transition Team. She and more than 35 others Delawareans, with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise, are helping the Governor-elect develop a policy action plan to guide his term in office.

The Team has been divided into four sub-committees. Kate is serving on the Economic Development & Healthy Environment committee.

Click here to see a list of everyone who is serving on the Transition Team and their committee assignments. <http://transition.delaware.gov/2016/11/18/transition-team/>

### **So, what's involved with serving on a Transition Team?**

Between now and the inauguration in January, Kate's schedule is jam-packed with a flurry of meetings in every corner of the state. "We spend a lot of time listening," says Kate. "Our goal is to learn what is working and, in areas where it's not, we look for solutions about how it could be improved."

The Economic Development & Healthy Environment committee is hosting group listening sessions, upstate and downstate. Individual committee members are also having deep one-on-one conversations with community leaders.

Each of the four committees is developing a series of recommendations and action items that reflect Governor-elect Carney's policy objectives. Kate is also exploring successful models from other states that could offer ideas for Delaware to include in the recommendations from her committee.

Click here to review the Governor-elect's stated priorities, *A Vision for Delaware*.

<https://johncarney.org/a-vision-for-delaware/>

### **Potential new partnerships for DWL**

Kate is very honored to have been selected to serve on the Transition Team. She's also pleased to be forging relationships with other Team members, especially those who can open doors to interesting new partnerships for DWL with the arts, public safety, and healthcare communities.

"This is a great opportunity to build recognition for Delaware Wild Lands with the Governor-elect, his staff, my fellow Transition Team members, and others we are talking to," says Kate. "It's wonderful to share about the outstanding success Delaware has had over the years to protect our precious natural resources – and also shine a light on DWL's role in that history."

**Delaware Wild Lands** (DWL) is a nonprofit conservation organization founded in 1961. We are the largest not-for-profit, non-governmental landowner in Delaware, with significant holdings in all three counties.

Our organization has played a pivotal role in the permanent protection of more than 31,000 acres of land throughout Delmarva. Today we own more than 21,000 acres of wetlands, farms, and forests that are actively managed for improved wildlife habitat, clean air, and pure water. [www.dewildlands.org](http://www.dewildlands.org)

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