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Three new faces at Delaware Wild Lands *Carrie Lingo joins the Board of Directors;* *Wendy Scott and Brenna Ness are hired*

ODESSA, Del. — Delaware Wild Lands (DWL) is pleased to announce a new member of the Board of Directors and the hiring of two new employees.

Carrie Lingo, Board of Directors



Born and raised in Sussex County, Ms. Lingo travelled all over the world as a member of the US Field Hockey Team. She made Delaware proud in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, multiple World Cup tournaments, and Pan American games. After retiring as Captain of the team in 2012, she joined Jack Lingo Realtor and formed a sales team with her husband, Murray Padgett.

She was inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame in 2015 and **will enter the US Field Hockey Hall of Fame on November 19, 2016.**

As an athlete, Lingo became known for her smart play, tenacity on the field, and encouraging demeanor off the field. She now brings that leadership and unwavering commitment for success to many community service efforts. In addition to the [DWL Board of Directors](#), she sits on the board of the Greater Lewes Foundation, serves as State Secretary for Ducks Unlimited, and helps fundraise for the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Department. She is also a volunteer coach for the Cape Henlopen High School Field Hockey team.

Click here for a complete list of DWL's Board of Directors: <http://www.dewildlands.org/our-mission/board-of-directors/>

Wendy Scott

Development & Marketing Manager



Ms. Scott comes to DWL with more than two decades of experience in communications, public relations, and fundraising. She's provided marketing services for a variety of non-profits and established companies, both as an employee and as an independent consultant. In addition to Delaware Wild Lands, her work with conservation organizations has included The Nature Conservancy, the Delaware Center for Horticulture, and Garden Media Group, a public relations agency in Kennett Square.

Projects Scott has written and produced have received multiple awards from the Delaware Press Association, National Federation of Press Women, and the Association for Garden Communicators.

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In this newly-created position, Ms. Scott's responsibilities include event coordination, communications, public relations, and cultivating relationships with donors, foundations, and corporations.

Brenna Ness

New Castle County Land Steward & Conservation Program Manager



Ms. Ness is originally from Illinois where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from Southern Illinois University. She also completed a Master of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology from Iowa State University in 2015. In seasonal positions as a wildlife researcher, she's studied shorebirds in Maine, waterfowl and white-tailed deer in Illinois, cougars in South Dakota, and greater sage-grouse in Wyoming. She completed a Master of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology from Iowa State University in 2015.

Most recently she served as a Waterfowl and Upland Game Researcher for the University of Delaware. In her new position, Ness is responsible for managing conservation programs, habitat restoration projects, and community outreach on DWL's 6,000 acres of land holdings in New Castle County, Delaware.

High resolution headshots are available at [this Dropbox](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9f7cp2m0jdncv9l/AABEcRQPTSweBpZ1GSe1UCGea?dl=0)
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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.

We protect and restore Delaware's important natural areas by purchasing strategic parcels of land. Traditional uses of land, such as hunting, farming, and forestry are integral to our management regime and maintained as important aspects of Delaware's economy and cultural heritage.

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

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