

# Delaware Center for the Inland Bays

Annual Report 2006





Dear Friends of the Inland Bays,

***In May 2006, the Center for the Inland Bays occupied a new headquarters at Indian River Inlet overlooking Indian River Bay.*** Not just any building, but a building “recycled” from its former use as the Coast Guard barracks, and designed and renovated with environmentally green design and materials to be a demonstration of “green architecture” in our watershed.

***Outside, a native plant demonstration garden attracts visitors of the human-kind and the native pollinator-kind;*** it’s a welcome sight for migrating Monarch butterflies and birds, and for garden clubs and backyard gardeners interested in learning how to “go native.”

***The building was designed to invite the public in;*** to create spaces for citizens to come together for workshops and meetings and public forums. And it has exceeded our hopes; we have had “standing room only” crowds at many gatherings. Hundreds of people came to celebrate the opening of this new building, and, already, thousands have come to visit, to take workshops, to volunteer, and get involved.

There is important work to be done to assure “fishable, swimmable Inland Bays” and time is of the essence.

We hope you can join us in support of this important mission.

For the Bays,

**Rick Eakle**  
Chair, Board of Directors



*This year, volunteers swelled the ranks of the Center for the Inland Bays, bringing their time, experience and expertise in support of our mission. Hundreds of volunteers...*

*... took to the roads for terrapins,*

*... carried the Inland Bays message to festivals and community events and took our Inland Bays Journal to the schools, libraries, visitor centers and businesses all around the Bays,*

*...raised oysters at their docks for the shellfish restoration program,*

*...and, through the CIB Citizens' Advisory Committee, volunteers tackled complex public policy issues, researching land use issues impacting water quality and habitat in the watershed.*



Volunteers worked in all areas of mission; a pilot provided his services for aerial photography of the watershed; a public policy expert assisted with technical analysis of the county comprehensive plan; some are providing leadership to our schoolyard habitats, others assist with water monitoring and restoration projects, the terrapin program, oyster gardening and community education and outreach.

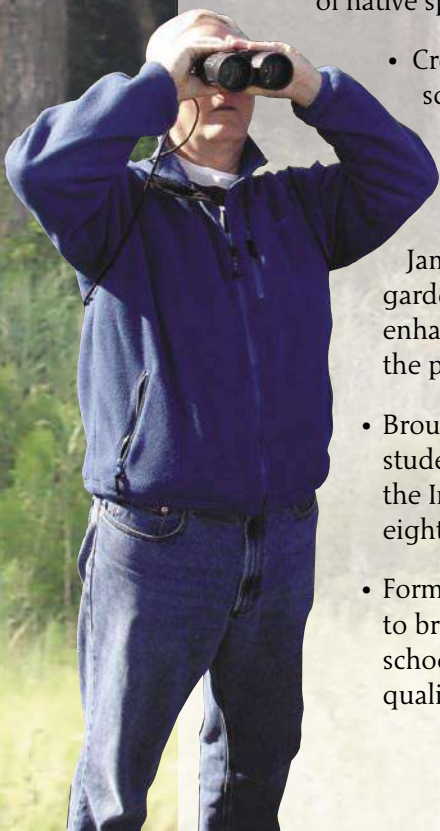
*Our volunteers take the CIB mission into our communities—informed citizens, making a difference at a critical time.*

## 2006 In the Watershed

2006 was a watershed year for the Center for the Inland Bays.

In May, the CIB moved into a landmark building overlooking Indian River Inlet. On this narrow spit of land between ocean and bay, we are daily reminded of the power of wind and water. In our work, we are reminded of the power of humans to alter the environment, and the importance of science and research, education, and restoration and demonstration projects that can inform the decisions we make as a society that affect the quality of our water. A few highlights from the year:

- The CIB published a “white paper” on the effectiveness of the “buffer” strategy in the August 2006 Draft Pollution Control Strategy (PCS) providing important input to public discussion on this complex and controversial issue.
- The Oyster Gardening program continued to expand; 75 oyster gardeners at 48 sites are now raising oysters in all three bays.
- The TERP program (Terrapin Education and Rescue Project) attracted nearly 100 volunteers to assist with outreach, monitoring and rescue.
- The 2nd Annual “Gardening for the Bays” Native Plant Sale was held to promote the use of native species for habitat protection.
- Created a partnership with other scientists to study marsh die-off in the Inland Bays and initiate a monitoring program.
- Continued restoration at James Farm; created a native plant garden and formed a partnership to enhance a marsh on the east side of the property.
- Brought over 1,200 middle school students to James Farm to learn about the Inland Bays and its watershed; the eighth year of this program.
- Formed a partnership with the Indian River School District to bring Schoolyard Habitats to our watershed transforming schoolyards into outdoor classrooms and improving water quality and habitat.



The Delaware Center for the Inland Bays is a nonprofit 501(c)(3). We welcome tax deductible donations to support our work.

## Delaware Center for the Inland Bays

Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances—  
Cash Basis

September 30, 2006 and September 30, 2005

### ASSETS

Current Assets	2006	2005
Cash in bank - operating	\$ 458,912	\$ 400,108
Cash in bank - restricted	13,109	14,422
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>472,021</b>	<b>414,530</b>
<b>Property and Equipment</b>		
Construction in progress	-	413,123
Building	788,482	-
Furniture and equipment	402,663	281,397
	1,191,145	694,520
Less: Accumulated depreciation	177,026	137,864
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>	<b>1,014,119</b>	<b>556,656</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Delaware Community Foundation Endowment Fund	35,000	-
	\$ 1,521,140	\$ 971,186

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

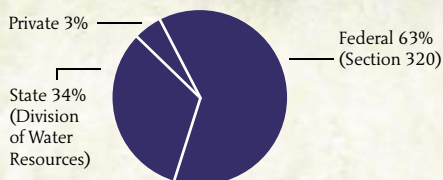
#### Current Liabilities

Payroll taxes withheld	\$ -	\$ 1,735
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,735</b>

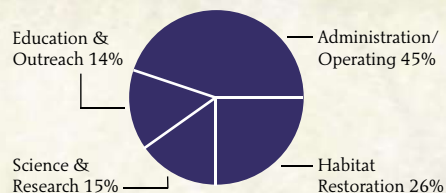
#### Fund Balances

Unrestricted - operating	458,912	398,373
Restricted - temporary	48,109	14,422
Restricted - fixed assets	1,014,119	556,656
	1,521,140	969,451
	\$ 1,521,140	\$ 971,186

#### Revenue



#### Expenses



#### **Board of Directors**

Mr. Richard Eakle, *Chair*;  
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the Delaware Senate

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Sussex County Administrator

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Environmental Control

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#### **CIB Staff**

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*Administrative Assistant*

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*Watershed Coordinator*

*The mission of the Center for the Inland Bays  
is to promote the wise use and enhancement of  
the Inland Bays and their watersheds.*

In 1994, the Inland Bays Watershed Enhancement Act was enacted by the Delaware General Assembly. It established the Center for the Inland Bays, a non profit organization working in four areas of mission—science and research, public policy, habitat restoration and education and outreach—to oversee and facilitate the implementation of a long-term approach for the wise use and enhancement of the Inland Bays watershed.

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