



www.dswa.com

PRESS RELEASE

For more information regarding this release, contact DSWA's CITIZENS' RESPONSE LINE at 1-800-404-7080.

New Castle County to use Mulch from Cherry Island on Trails

Some New Castle County trails may be getting a facelift this week, as mulch made from Cherry Island Landfill's yard waste will be used to pad and maintain a three-mile perimeter trail at Carousel Farms. Approximately 500 tons of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) mulch is expected to be used in this project over a period of time.

Rich Von Stetten, DSWA's Senior Manager of Statewide Recycling, says of the project, "It's wonderful when government agencies work together at all levels. It was a pleasure working with the county and our mulch program at the Cherry Island Landfill."

According to Joe Dougherty, Property Manager for New Castle County, Cherry Island's rough-textured mulch is good for use on trails. At hilly Carousel Farms, trail cover tends to wash away and needs to be replaced often. "We appreciate Councilman Timothy Sheldon (who also serves on DSWA's Board of Directors) for thinking of us with this project and Rich Von Stetten making this happen," says Mr. Dougherty.

New Castle County Executive Chris Coons added, "The partnership between New Castle County and the Delaware Solid Waste Authority will save county taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars. Our Department of Special Services usually purchases mulch for projects like trail rehabilitation and maintenance, which we can now forgo through the use of the donated, recycled yard waste from the DSWA."

This mulch is generated at DSWA's Cherry Island Landfill, where residents can bring clean yard waste to be placed in a designated yard waste area. From there, the leaves, branches, grass clippings, and other yard trimmings are mulched and used in a variety of ways. This will not change after a yard waste ban goes into effect after the first of the year at Cherry Island. The yard waste ban will prevent yard waste from being landfilled at Cherry Island, but it will not prohibit clean yard waste from coming to Cherry Island. Yard waste coming to the landfill clean and separate from trash may be placed in the designated yard waste area, where it is mulched and reused ...maybe at a park near you!

For more information on this or any of DSWA's programs, call the Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.