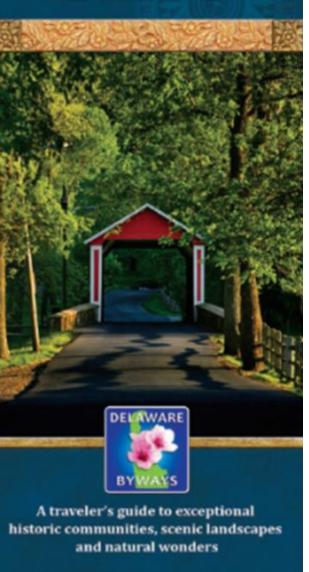
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### Delaware Byway Advisory Committee Legislative Review

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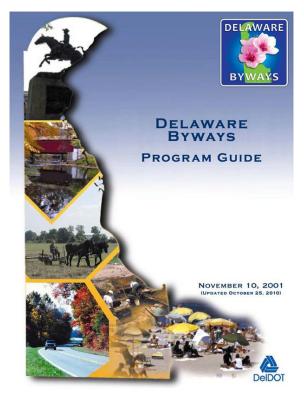
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# Establishment of Delaware Byway Program

- Delaware Byway Advisory Board was created in 2000 under the Governor Carper to:
  - Develop basis of the new Delaware Scenic & Historic Highways Program
  - Place the initial call for Byway nominations
  - Review and approve Byways' initial Corridor Management Plans
  - Receive written status progress reports, inspections, and findings offered by both the byway management sponsor and the DelDOT Byway Coordinator
  - Participation and final recommendation to the Secretary upon whether a full or partial byway corridor needs to be de-designated











#### Past Byway Advisory Committee Activities

- According to 2001 Program Guide, Advisory Board is to assist in and make recommendations regarding in the designation, development, operation, management, and promotion of Delaware Byways Program
- Ten meetings were held in development of the 2001 Delaware Byways Program Guide
- Board provided a recommendation to approve to the DelDOT Secretary one current nomination - Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway
  - Subsequently 5 other byways established in the state without their involvement
- Several meetings were held in 2005 for the first Corridor Management Plan that was submitted
- The Committee's work was limited to only efforts on the Brandywine National Scenic and Red Clay Valley Byways
- No meetings have been held from mid-2005, where only 5 members of 29 organizations attended







#### Advisory Committee is obsolete

- Advisory Board has not met since 2005
- There are no new calls for additional byway corridors
  - Therefore, no development of new Corridor Management Plans (CMP) for which the advisory board would need to review
- 5 of the 6 byways confirmed in the State did not execute an active role with the Delaware Byway Advisory Board
- Many of the same agencies and staff level of personnel identified as consisting under the Board are part of several Byways Management Organizations (BMO)
- Thus, existence for the Delaware Byway Advisory Board (i.e. its primary role for first establishing the byways program) is no longer applicable and should be dismissed



## Advisory Committee's work is completed and it can be dissolved

- The Advisory Committee completed its initial work of establishing the Delaware Byway Program
- As the Byway Program developed, the Committee's role diminished, and the Byway Program now operates independently
- 2021 Draft Delaware Scenic & Historic Highways Program Guide will replace the 2001 guide, and establishes up-to-date actions and management that reflects today's expectations, duties, and operations with existing byways in place
- Under this, there are new specific actions and measures for annual reporting
- There are also clearer actions described for delisting, suspending, or de-designation of byway corridors
- These reports will be provided to the DelDOT Secretary for review, not an Advisory Board





