



New Soils Exhibit at the Delaware Agriculture Museum and Village

Did you say dirt? You couldn't have said dirt! If you did then it is obvious that you have not been to the new NRCS-USDA sponsored soils exhibit at the Delaware Agriculture Museum and Village in Dover. The exhibit ("Secrets of the Soil... Did You Say Dirt?") opened at the museum on October 5th, 2005 to impressive praise.

The soils exhibit has been developed, created and tooled with the love of soils in the hearts of several soil scientists and agronomists from the NRCS and the University of Delaware, and a team of experts from the museum. The soils exhibit took just over a year to envision and bring to fruition, but will have an extended stay of two years at the museum. The showing will provide the public with informational kiosk on Delaware soils and the history of the sciences behind soils, as well as interactive displays that adults and children will find not only entertaining but also educational.

Some of the highlights of the exhibit include:

- 12 soil monoliths pulled from various locations in Delaware, which are mounted into a panoramic mural of a cross section of soils, parent materials, and geologic strata.
- Indoor soil pit.
- Interactive/ computer soil maps.
- A 7.5 foot tall soil tunnel.
- Historic pictures of soils activities in the state.
- Tools of the trade.

The museum is home to several permanent exhibits including crop dusters, antique farming implements, old farm house kitchens, agricultural history in Delaware, the Swedish Log House, and the Lockerman Landing Village, which is a representation of a 1890s rural village. The Delaware Agriculture Museum and Village is located at 866 North DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware, 19901, and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm - Sunday 1pm to 4pm. Fees for the museum are; Adults - \$5; Seniors and Students - \$3; Children under 6 and Members – Free.

For more information about "Secrets of the Soil" at the Delaware Agriculture Museum and Village contact the NRCS at 302.678.4160 or contact the Delaware Agriculture Museum and Village at 302. 734.1618 or visit the web site:

<http://www.agriculturalmuseum.org/>

