

WHITE OAK TAX DITCH

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White Oak Tax Ditch Semi Annual Inspections

Tax Ditch Semi Annual Inspections began in mid November and extended until mid December. The overall condition of the ditch is good. It was rewarding to see the progression of recent improvements, such as the Coir Log Installation in Bay Tree.

Thank you to all the residents and property owners along the ditch for your cooperation this winter. Public Works was able to inspect all but two seg-

ments of the ditch. Those additional segments will be inspected in late January, after the conclusion of Leaf Pickup Season.

In the future, the Semi Annual Inspections for these segments will be scheduled before the beginning of Leaf Pickup Season.



Main Channel at Garrison Oak Technical Park

Tax Ditch Annual Meeting 2026

The White Oak Tax Ditch Annual Meeting is coming up this February 2026.

The Tax Ditch Annual Meeting is the official time to provide updates about the ditch and discuss past and upcoming maintenance. It is the official time to raise any

concerns about the ditch. The Annual Meeting will be focused on the White Oak Tax Ditch only, but all members of the watershed are welcome to attend. After the conclusion of the meeting there will be a short period before the McKee Run Tax

Ditch Annual Meeting where other updates may be provided.

Be on the lookout for the official announcement of this meeting which will be in the Dover Post as well as on signs around the watershed.

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Special points of interest:

- Semi Annual Inspections took place from November to December 2025
- Be on the lookout for the official announcement of the 2026 Annual Meeting
- Gene Vanderwende's Retirement
- Related News: White Oak Road Ditch Maintenance & Regrading



Gene Vanderwende's Retirement



Gene Vanderwende retires from Kent Conservation District in December 2025. Gene has been providing his expertise and assistance to the people of Kent County for over 42 years,

most recently as the Field Coordinator for the Tax Ditch/Drainage Assistance Program. In his time, Gene has been a great help and a wealth of knowledge to Public Works.

Danny Tartt (KCD) will be taking over for Gene in 2026.

Danny Tartt began working for the District and with Gene in October 2021. He is often with Gene providing his assistance as well.

Thank you to Gene for all your years of service and welcome Danny!

Related News in the Watershed

“Drainage in the area has improved as seen in the recent significant rain events”

The White Oak Road Ditch Maintenance & Regarding project was completed in late November. This project was intended to bring the ditch back to its original grade.

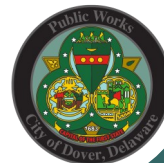
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ea has improved, as seen in the recent significant rain events.

More Inspection Pictures

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Main Channel Downstream of Prong 3 at Dover Motor Speedway



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More Inspection Pictures (cont.)



Main Channel at Anchor Ln (Bay Tree) where Coir Logs were added in Summer 2025



Prong 1 in front of Bay Tree

