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### **New Urban Agriculture Manager promotes city farming and community gardens** *Tracy brings planning, preservation and policy experience to the TheDCH*

Wilmington, Del. – [Tara Tracy](#) has been named the Urban Agriculture Manager at the Delaware Center for Horticulture, following a rigorous national search by the nonprofit based in Wilmington’s Trolley Square neighborhood.

As head of Urban Agriculture, Tracy is responsible for developing and implementing food production and community gardening programs, including: TheDCH’s [Urban Farm](#) at 12<sup>th</sup> & Brandywine on Wilmington’s northeast side, the greater Wilmington area’s [Urban Farm Coalition](#); and 23 [community gardens](#) in New Castle County. With a BS in Plant and Soil Science from the University of Maine at Orono and a Master’s Certificate in Geographic Information Technology with a soil science concentration from West Chester University of Pennsylvania, the Certified Professional Soil Scientist has three decades of professional experience in farm planning, land preservation, and environmental policy with government, non-profit, and for-profit organizations.

The Kennett Square, Pa. woman says she is thrilled to be managing the program.

“TheDCH is Delaware’s leading horticultural organization,” she said, “and this position fulfills my commitment to and passion for the close connection that locally grown food can create between people and their environment.”

In her new position, Tracy says it is a priority to make the fruits and vegetables produced at the Urban Farm available in more community venues. In addition, promoting greater Wilmington’s network of farmers and community gardeners – and others who aspire to produce their own food – is important, she said, so that the locally grown, organic movement continues to grow, literally and figuratively.

For more information about Tracy and the programs she oversees, visit [TheDCH.org](#). To schedule an interview, contact Asst. Dir. of Public Relations Wendy Scott at (302) 6262 ext 104 or [wscott@TheDCH.org](mailto:wscott@TheDCH.org).

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The **Delaware Center for Horticulture** cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. Founded in 1977, the Center’s headquarters in Wilmington’s Trolley Square is an oasis in the city. The venue hosts many weddings and corporate events and includes a public demonstration garden that backs up to Brandywine Park, an art gallery, lecture hall, and a greenhouse. TheDCH plants thousands of trees and leads regional projects to enhance Delaware’s urban forests; supports 23 community gardens, urban farms, and school gardens; organizes city park improvement projects; beautifies Delaware’s roadsides with native vegetation; maintains the landscaping of many traffic medians and streetscapes; and provides educational programs for children, teens, and adults. Members of TheDCH and more than 700 active volunteers come from Delaware and the surrounding region. For more information, visit [TheDCH.org](#).