



Underground Railroad Coalition of Delaware

City of Wilmington
800 N. French Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801
Entire State

The Underground Railroad Coalition of Delaware is a non-profit group comprised of dedicated professionals from the state that has worked for many years to draw attention to the need for official recognition and preservation of the state's significant Underground Railroad sites. The Coalition was created to support the development of individual, public, and private efforts to promote the Underground Railroad across the state of Delaware. The Coalition seeks to increase public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad in Delaware through research, education, documentation, and commemoration projects.



Delaware State House, Dover, Delaware, Network to Freedom site

\$250,000 NTF Grant— Statewide, Establishing an Underground Railroad Network to Freedom in Delaware

- Grant supported historical research to document places associated with the Underground Railroad in Delaware and provide next steps to guide further research and documentation projects. *Underground Railroad Routes through Delaware, Escape Routes by Land and Water, 1787-1865*, (by Harriet Tubman biographer Kate Larson) will be completed in 200
- Completion of a nomination to the Delaware Department of Transportation for establishment of an Underground Railroad scenic byway and corridor management plan. A GIS map of Underground Railroad resources will be included. The Delaware route is being designed to connect to an Underground Railroad trail that winds through Maryland's Eastern Shore and also to the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway.
- Broadened public awareness of the Underground Railroad, through hosting the freedom schooner *Amistad* in Wilmington, April 2004 in connection with a "Gathering" to provide learning, sharing and building a network for preservation and commemoration of the Underground Railroad while focusing on the maritime connections.

City: Wilmington; County: New Castle; State: Delaware
Project Name: Establishing an Underground Railroad Network to Freedom in Delaware
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