

## **Draft of The Village of Arden Preamble**

We, the people of the Village of Arden, under the constitution and laws of the state of Delaware, to secure the benefits of local self-government and to provide for an open, honest, and accountable general assembly government, do hereby adopt this charter and confer upon the Village the following powers, subject to the following restrictions, and prescribed by the following procedures and governmental structure. This action affirms the values of direct democracy, strong volunteer political leadership, active citizen participation, diversity and inclusiveness, social justice, regional cooperation, and environmental stewardship. Founded in 1900 upon the economic theory of Henry George's Single Tax, principles of the Arts and Crafts movement, the Garden City concept, and other contemporary forward-thinking ideas, the Village of Arden has continued to nurture a diverse community that includes many artists, activists, and reformers.