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The long-awaited installation of the Fortescue Horseshoe Crab Habitat exhibit was completed Tuesday by residents Michael Oates, Dave Raudenbush, and Maureen Barrett. The exhibit is located on the north end of the paved parking lot on New Jersey Avenue, in Fortescue, on the Delaware Bay.

Downe Township is the first community in New Jersey to set aside a portion of its Delaware Bay shoreline for the celebration and recognition of the importance of this ancient mariner, who has successfully evolved for over 455 million years.

The exhibit was funded by the Ecological Research and Development Group (ERDG) and the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (PDE).

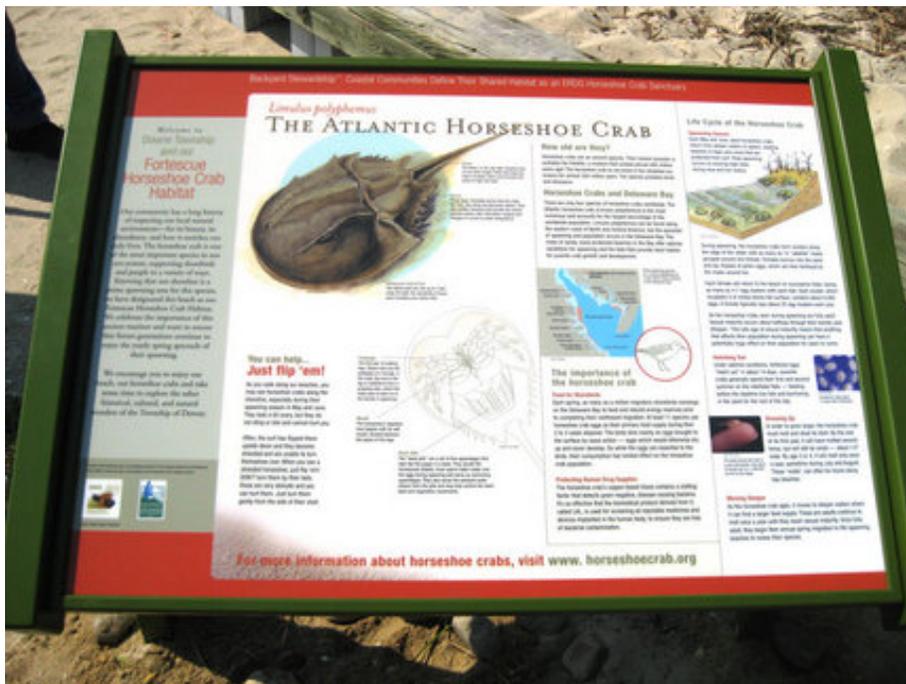
ERDG, an international nonprofit organization founded in 1995, is the only organization in the world dedicated to the conservation of the world's four horseshoe crab species.



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There are eight communities around the Delaware Bay participating in ERDG's community-based horseshoe crab sanctuary program, started in 1999. ERDG works to inspire and assist individuals, communities and organizations to solve problems, change behaviors and promote sound decisions in order to achieve sustainable ecosystems. To learn more about the horseshoe crab and ERDG's conservation initiatives visit it's website: www.horseshoecrab.org

The mission of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary is to lead collaborative and creative efforts to protect and enhance the Delaware Estuary and its tributaries for current and future generations. For more information about its programs, go to: www.infoDelawareEstuary.org



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