

The University of Delaware  
proudly announces the appointment of  
Donald L. Sparks, S. Hallock du Pont Chair, as  
director of the new Delaware Environmental Institute  
(DENIN).



Sparks is internationally recognized for his research in the area of soil and environmental geochemistry. He joined the University of Delaware faculty in 1979 and served as chairperson of the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences from January 1989 until December 2008. He is the recipient of many honors, including UD's Francis Alison Award.

DENIN, which was officially launched on Oct. 23, 2009, is a multidisciplinary institute focused on providing solutions to global environmental challenges through knowledge-based partnerships that integrate environmental science, engineering and policy. The institute will be closely allied with the colleges at UD and other educational institutions in the state.



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