

# 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

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EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP – PROPERTY, TRAILS AND RECREATION



# VOLUNTEERISM

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- Over 124 people volunteered on record at EBT's parks and trails in 2019!
- There were 870 recorded volunteer hours at EBT parks and events in 2019!
- Volunteers produced \$21,759 of in-kind service value in 2019!
- Highlights: Williamson College Week of Service; Turf Equipment & Supply Co. Giving Back Campaign; EBT Adopt-a-Trail Program; West Chester Cycling Club Volunteer Days; 2019 Trail Blazer Run Support; 4 Completed Eagle Scout Projects; all of the unrecorded volunteers that make volunteerism a part of their park visits (i.e. picking up trash, clipping vines, cleaning up pet waste) – we are fortunate to have many!



**WILLIAMSON COLLEGE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS AT MT. BRADFORD PRESERVE**



**TURF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY CO. VOLUNTEERS AT EAST BRADFORD PARK**



**2019 TRAIL BLAZER RUN VOLUNTEER COURSE MARSHALS**



**NEW VOLUNTEER-BUILT TRAIL BRIDGE AT HARMONY HILL NATURE AREA**



**TURF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY CO. VOLUNTEERS AT MT. BRADFORD PRESERVE**



**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT M. JOHN JOHNSON NATURE CENTER**



**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT INGRAM'S MILL NATURE AREA**



**NEW VOLUNTEER-BUILT TRAIL AT SUGAR'S BRIDGE NATURE AREA**



**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT M. JOHN JOHNSON NATURE CENTER**



**A GOOD SEASON FOR TRAILS AT HARMONY HILL NATURE AREA**



**MT. BRADFORD PRESERVE PONDSIDES COTTAGE AND PICNIC GROUNDS**

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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- Events/Programs brought in \$21,000.60 in 2019.
- Facility Rentals brought in \$27,355.00 in 2019.
- Event/Program and recreation expenses totaled \$18,190.28 in 2019.
- Highlights: 7 Summer Concert Events; 2019 Trail Blazer Run; “Bob” Hawkes Naturalist Walks; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Field Trip; Increase in picnic pavilion and athletic field permits; several other offerings that included pickleball, orienteering, hikes, a gardening workshop, and another failed attempt at Stargazing.



**2019 TRAIL BLAZER RUN AWARDS**



**FUN AT THE 2019 TRAIL BLAZER RUN**



**LEAGUE PLAY AT EAST BRADFORD PARK**



**SPRING 2019 HAWKES NATURALIST WALK AT JANE REED PARK**



**THE 2019 TRAIL BLAZER RUN IS UNDERWAY!**



**INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT CELEBRATION AT EAST BRADFORD PARK**



**GARDENING NATURALLY WORKSHOP**



**2019 FALL FIELD TRIP TO GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE**



**ARRIVING AT THE 2019 TRAIL BLAZER RUN**

# STEWARDSHIP AND WILDLIFE SUPPORT

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- EBT strategically treated 17 Ash trees to protect them from Emerald Ash Borer.
- EBT administered a controlled burn at Paradise Valley to control ticks and invasives (special thanks to Mike Colley for helping with access and edge mowing in the meadow).
- EBT partnered with the Farmland Raptor Project to install kestrel nest boxes.
- EBT signed onto the statewide Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership.
- Planned stewardship projects took place at Mt. Bradford Preserve, the Plum Run Preserve, Shaw's Bridge Park, Sugar's Bridge Nature Area and the M. John Johnson Nature Center.
- WCU study on SLF; Temple U. study on prevalence of deer ticks; staff SLF quarantine training



**RED FOX AT MT. BRADFORD PRESERVE**



**2019 ASH TREE TREATMENT TAG**



**GREEN HERON WADING AT SHAW'S BRIDGE PARK**



**PRESCRIBED BURN AT PARADISE VALLEY NATURE AREA**



**BELTED KINGFISHER AT SHAW'S BRIDGE PARK**



**SANDPIPERS AT SHAW'S BRIDGE PARK**



**Conserving Farmland or**  
**We have a nest box**  
Barn Owl or American K  
We are giving nest boxes to la  
with suitable habitat  
Please give us your contact info  
the list below and we will get

**AMERICAN KESTREL NEST BOX PROJECT**



**BULLFROG AT MT. BRADFORD PRESERVE**



**AFTER THE PRESCRIBED BURN AT PARADISE VALLEY NATURE AREA**

# PARK PLANNING

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- Plum Run Master Plan Completion (special thanks to A. Schaum, J. Spangler, and S. Fleming)
- Mt. Bradford Preserve Improvement Plan
- Jefferis Ford Nature Area Improvement Plan
- Grants In-Hand for Plum Run Trail Design: DVRPC (\$115,000) & DCED (\$65,000)
- PECO Green Region Grant (\$10,000) Pending for Shaw's Bridge Park Launch Project
- PECO Green Region Grant (\$10,000) Pending for Mt. Bradford Habitat Restoration
- Plum Run Preserve – Birmingham Tract Stewardship Assessment (w/Natural Lands)
- Input per Brandywine Creek Water Trail Feasibility Study (Brandywine Conservancy)
- Input per Stroud Preserve Stewardship Plan Update (Natural Lands)
- Input per West Goshen Comprehensive Plan and West Whiteland Township Official Map



**STRODE'S BARN – FUTURE OUTDOOR HERITAGE CENTER**



# MT. BRADFORD PRESERVE

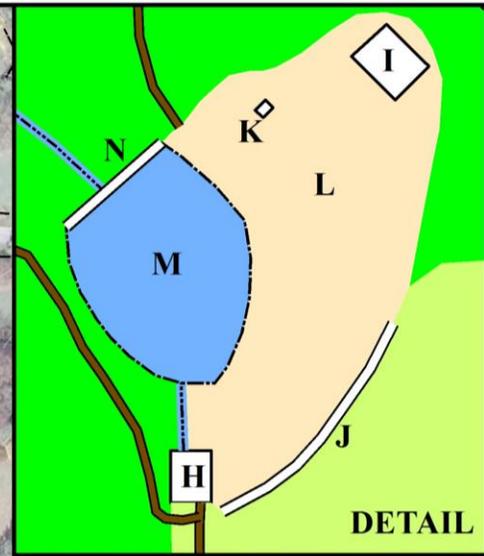
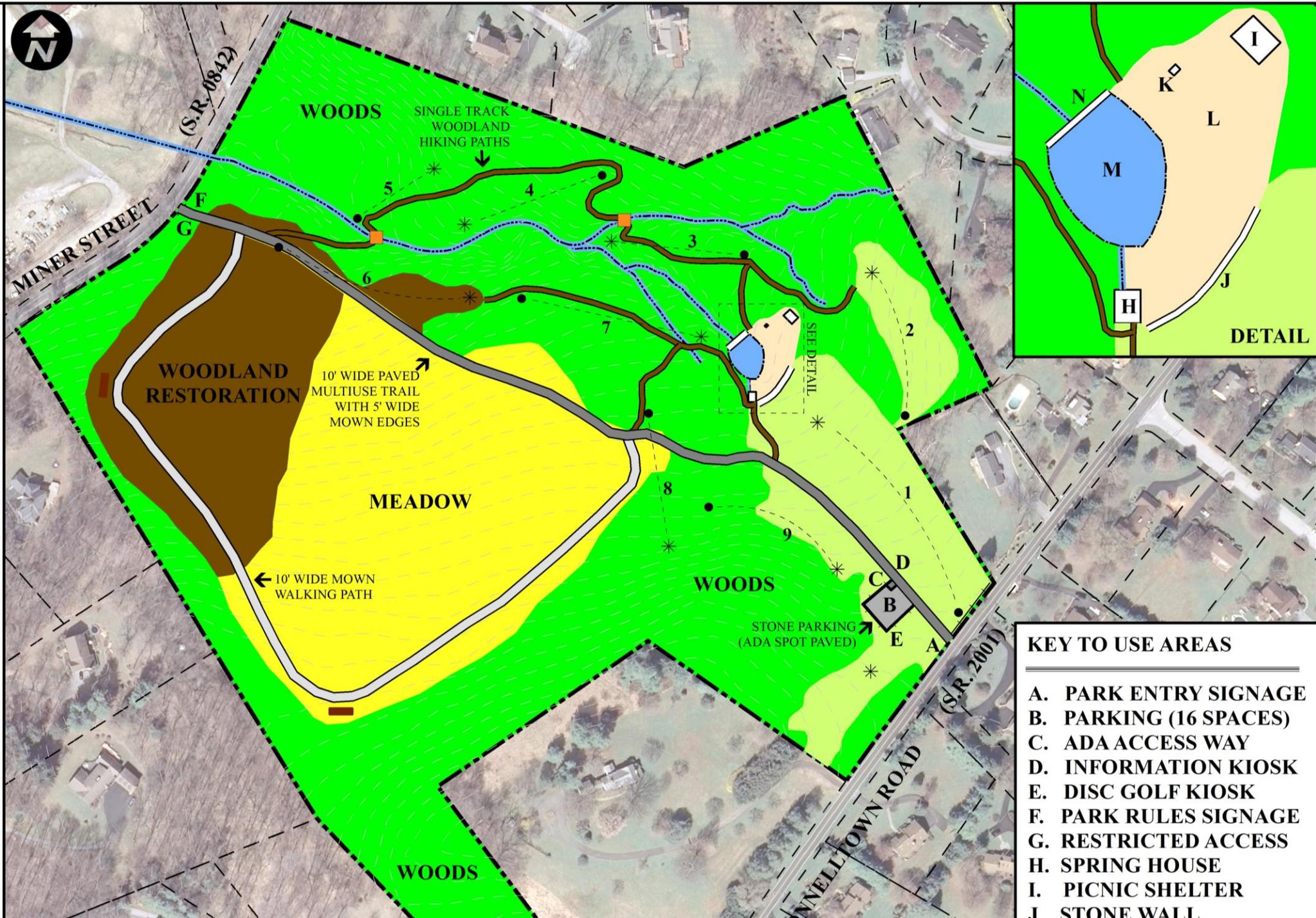
## IMPROVEMENT PLAN



NOVEMBER 8, 2019

### LEGEND

- BENCH
- FOOT BRIDGE
- DISC GOLF TEE PADS
- DISC GOLF BASKETS
- STONE WALL/DAM
- SLIP BOARD FENCE
- PAVED TRAIL (MULTIUSE)
- WOODS TRAIL (HIKING)
- MEADOW TRAIL (HIKING)
- CREEK
- POND
- PICNIC GROUNDS
- MOWN AREA
- MEADOW AREA
- WOODLAND RESTORATION
- WOODLAND
- EXISTING STRUCTURES
- PARKING AREA



### KEY TO USE AREAS

- A. PARK ENTRY SIGNAGE
- B. PARKING (16 SPACES)
- C. ADA ACCESS WAY
- D. INFORMATION KIOSK
- E. DISC GOLF KIOSK
- F. PARK RULES SIGNAGE
- G. RESTRICTED ACCESS
- H. SPRING HOUSE
- I. PICNIC SHELTER
- J. STONE WALL

# JEFFERIS FORD NATURE AREA

## IMPROVEMENT PLAN



MAY 22, 2019

### LEGEND

- BENCH
- STONE PATHWAY
- BLACKHORSE RUN
- WETLAND AREA
- MOWN AREA
- WOODLAND
- PARKING AREA
- PARK BOUNDARY



# PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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- Convened on 10 occasions and contributed individually in other ways – thank you!
- Reviewed and gave input on 7 subdivision/development applications
- Planned and executed a schedule of 14 well-attended events
- Leash law evaluation, Spring/Fall Field Use Scheduling, summer park use/trash evaluation, Mt. Bradford Disc Golf Course and meadow restoration progress
- Thanks to Tenley Adams for preparing meeting minutes!

# TRAILS COMMITTEE

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- Convened on 9 occasions and contributed individually with trail maintenance and regional/local planning initiatives – thank you!
- Reviewed and gave input on 6 subdivision/development applications
- Planned and executed the 2019 Trail Blazer Run (special thanks to the TBR subcommittee) and Hawkes Nat. Walk Series
- Engaged in Farmland Raptor project, Mercer's Mill HOA community trail connector project, Brandywine Greenway Trail expansion opportunities (Rt. 322 Bridge Replacement, Folchman Estate, Picnic Park Sale)
- Thanks to Tenley Adams for recording meeting minutes!

# 2020 PREVIEW

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- RFP release and launching the Plum Run Trail / Heritage Center Design Project
- Complete Plum Run Stream Restoration Phases I and II with riparian plantings (BRCA)
- Rt. 322 Bridge Completion – incorporate new parking lot and access into existing trail system and evaluate trail underpass and launch conditions
- Formalize public trail easement through PECO property along Rt. 322
- Install parking area, paved trail, and disc golf course at Mt. Bradford Preserve
- Install parking pullover, bench and signage at Jefferis Ford Nature Area
- (?) Begin Shaw's Bridge kayak launch improvement project (Grant Dependant)
- (?) Execute tree planting project in lower meadow at Mt. Bradford (Grant Dependant)
- Re-structure summer concert series format and incorporate new marquee fall Field & Stream Expo event into schedule

**THANK YOU  
FOR MAKING 2019  
A SPECIAL YEAR**

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

