

Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve

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Comprehensive Stewardship Plan

Bucks County, PA

Once an uninviting and under-used park in New Britain Borough, Bucks County, the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve is now thriving habitat for wildlife and a popular destination for residents to enjoy nature walks.

Borough officials saw the space's potential; Natural Lands offered them the "blueprint"—a comprehensive Stewardship Plan—to make their vision a reality; and volunteers donated energy and resources to bring the still-ongoing project closer to completion.

The Borough had owned the property for more than 40 years, but having a clear plan mapping out its transformation and ongoing maintenance made all the difference. In fact, that transformation process helped bring the community together in a united effort to make the nature preserve a haven for winged wildlife. With the help of local birders and Boy Scouts, kits were made of rough cut cypress for bird, owl, duck, and bat houses and installed throughout the preserve. These efforts also inspired New Britain Borough to join Audubon's prestigious Bird Town program.

"Our habitat restoration plan for the Quinlan Preserve was based on Natural Lands' detailed recommendations and their extensive knowledge of land stewardship," said Thomas Price, a member of New Britain Borough's Nature Preserve Committee. "We have continued to receive invaluable assistance and advice from Natural Lands staff over the past eight years, and could not be more pleased with the partnership that has developed between us."

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

services: transaction planning and coordination, grant writing and administration, development of park Master Plan

client: Bucks County

key partners: Aqua PA, Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, Delaware County Parks and Recreation Department, Delaware County Planning Department, Elwyn, Inc., PECO, Media Borough, Middletown Township, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Upper Providence Township, Virginia Cretella Mars Foundation



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