

SONGBIRD SANCTUARY PARK OUTREACH EVENT

ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

Promoted via website and social media

50 Respondents

- ◆ Most desirable park features
 - ◆ Re-establish wildlife
 - ◆ Bird watching
 - ◆ Native plant life
 - ◆ Pollinator habitat
 - ◆ Water feature
 - ◆ Benches
- ◆ Park concerns
 - ◆ Trash maintenance
 - ◆ Distributing natural environmental benefits
 - ◆ Considerations of any safety issues

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Presented by Committee

- ◆ Benches
- ◆ Kiosk to highlight:
 - ◆ Park infiltration area
 - ◆ Park history, benefits, amenities
 - ◆ iNaturalist
 - ◆ eBird
- ◆ Walking dirt paths
- ◆ Invasive plant management
- ◆ Entrance from Bluecourse for pedestrians
- ◆ ADA accessible path
- ◆ Water bowl for wildlife
- ◆ Bird box
- ◆ Screech Owl box
- ◆ Bee box
- ◆ Dog station
- ◆ Boot station
- ◆ Trash bins
- ◆ Buffer zone



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HISTORY

- ◆ In 2004, this 8.99-acre property was **identified as being a natural absorption area** for upstream drainage and **provides significant stormwater infiltration** which was discovered as part of the Pine Hall Drainage Area evaluation performed by an engineer firm. As a result, this property was **acknowledged on Township's Official Map as Natural Area Conservation**.

 - ◆ In 2016 the **Township acquired the property** and then in 2018 **named it Songbird Sanctuary Park**.

 - ◆ Township's **Public Works Department completed** the following:
 - ◆ 2017—planted White Pine trees for a buffer zone around future pollinator area
 - ◆ 2018—paved and built a cul-de-sac of Owens Drive, striped four parking stalls for public access, invasive species removal and management, pollinator plot preparation, and planted 350 seedlings
 - ◆ 2019—pollinator plot preparation, design, and plantings, invasive species control and management, pollinator plot management, and woodchip trail installation

 - ◆ **Partnerships**
 - ◆ US Fish and Wildlife Services
 - ◆ Master Gardeners
 - ◆ Ferguson Township Elementary
 - ◆ Community Volunteers

 - ◆ Ad Hoc Committee to prepare and recommend a Park Master Plan to Board
 - ◆ For **updates, visit** www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Songbird-Sanctuary-Master-Plan/
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