

Village Center Park Transformation

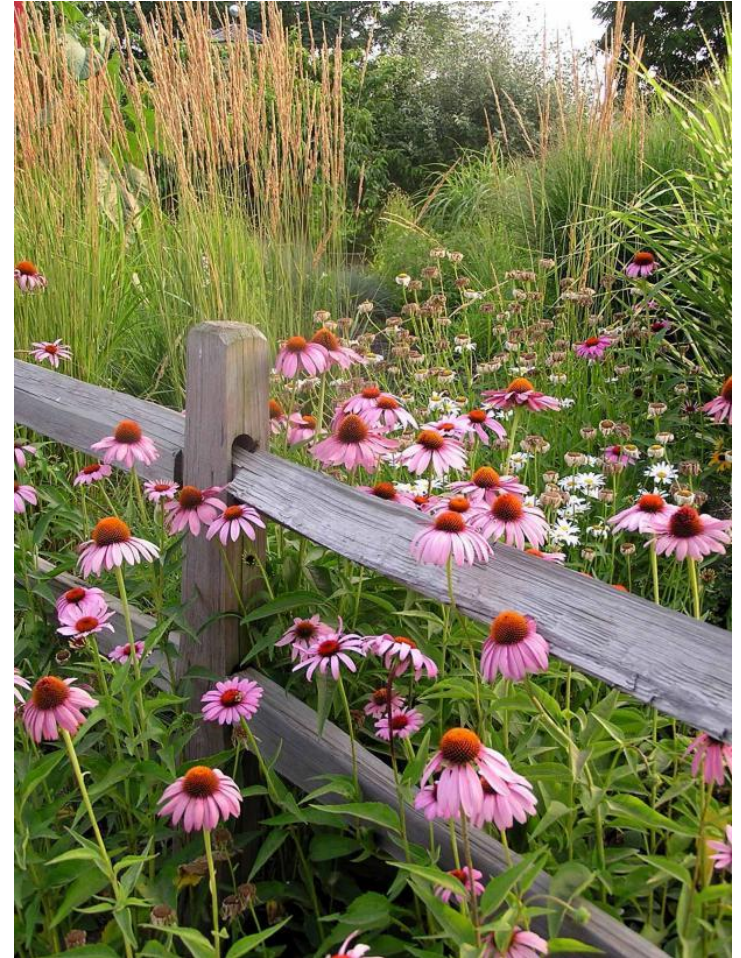


Lower Frederick Township (LFT) Parks & Recreation Board

Why transform Lower Frederick Township's center park?

- **LFT is charming and loaded with natural & historic assets, but:**
 - It's not well known nor branded as such
 - Lacks a “town center” and “community feel”
- **Park is underutilized--few attractions & uses to visit**
 - Minimal visual interest and “wow factor”
 - Limited places to sit and eat or linger
 - Limited and choppy connectivity to nearby businesses and parks
- **Over 35 dead or dying ash trees are unsafe and an eyesore**
- **Poor stormwater management has created an unsightly drainage basin area--will worsen with ash trees removed**
- **Limited landscape and ecological value**

Imagine... Our township sign among fenced rows of visually striking wild flowers & shrubs along Rt. 29—highlighting our village center



Imagine... A new path from Rita's over a bridge through a lush rain garden surrounded by a meadow and a gazebo to sit & enjoy it all...



Imagine... sitting down to play a game or eat on a sturdy table next to a beautiful pollinator garden, teaming with color and butterflies



Benefits of Transformed Village Center

- **Create more vibrant, connected and walkable “village square” center**
 - Better connection to “Village By The Pond” businesses (Rita’s...), PO, Wawa, Dunkin...
 - Beautify and draw attention to the commercial area
 - Better brand Lower Frederick Township as beautiful, charming, historic...
- **Encourage use with picnic/game tables, gardens, gazebo, historic displays**
- **Demonstrate and educate the public on best practices for stormwater management and sustainable land use**
 - Raingarden
 - No-mow meadow
 - Pollinator garden
 - Native plants & trees
 - Educational signage
- **Restore canopy of removed ash trees with a mix of hardy tree species**

How We Are Getting It Done (\$157k value)

Type	Source	Value \$	Status
Grant	PA Horticultural Society -AmeriCorps crew	\$1,545	✓ Awarded & Completed April 15
Grant	Board of Realtors	\$5,000	✓ Awarded May 6
Grant	DCED – Greenways, Trails and Recreation Programs (GTRB)	\$50,000	-Application to be submitted prior to May 31, 2019
Volunteer	Park Board Hours	\$6,700	✓ \$4,834 (200 hours) to date -Estimate 80 more
Volunteer	Master Watershed Stewards	TBD	-Jackie O'Neil to initiate planting events
Volunteer	Misc. community volunteers	TBD	-Park Board to solicit
Donation	Lower Frederick Township	\$12,000	✓ Committed cash
Donation	Parks & Recs Board	\$2,300	✓ Committed cash
Donation	Resident donations to date	\$5,300	✓ Cash
Donation	Excavator donated services	\$40,000	✓ Cash
Donation	Cultivar disc, historic photos	TBD	Park Board soliciting
Donation	Old ski lift chair	TBD	Park Board to soliciting
Donation	<i>Seeking business sponsors...</i>		

Specific Donation Opportunities to Purchase & Install:

- Township Welcome Sign with lighting (Unveiled at the Centennial) - **\$15,000**
- Gazebo with solar LED lighting - **\$10,000**
- Bridge through rain garden - **\$8,700**
- (2) Picnic/game tables - **\$3,700**
- 8 – 9 mixed shade trees to replace the lost canopy - **\$2,000**
- Park sign - **\$1000**
- (3) Historic displays & signs - **\$3,000**

Donators of \$5,000 or more will be:

- Recognized on permanent park sign as a “Park Sponsor”
- Honored guests at dedication ceremony when park renovations are completed
– Late 2019 - mid 2020

From This

To This!



Donations may be made...

Payable to:

**Lower Frederick Township
c/o Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
53 Spring Mount Rd.
Schwenksville, Pa. 19473**

For:

Village Center Park Transformation Project

Your donations to Lower Frederick Township park projects will be used solely for public purposes and are tax deductible under IRS Code 26 U.S.C. 170 (c)(1). The Township will provide written acknowledgement for any donation of \$250.00 or more.

Your ideas and comments are welcomed:

**Park Board Meets every 1st Monday of the month at the Lower
Frederick Township Building**

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