

Natural Area Care 2018 Site Schedule

Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve

Volunteer Session: Late March

Site Location:

Creek Road, east of Borton Landing Road

Formerly maintained as a park, SSH Preserve is a 17.6-acre wooded stream corridor that is part of the Rancocas Watershed. In its interior, the main trail encircles a small lake.

Wigmore Acres

Volunteer Session: Early April

Site Location:

Northeast corner of

Westfield Road & Bridgeboro Road

Featuring a mowed meadow and natural wooded areas on 12.5 acres, its trails lead to a tributary stream of Swede's Run.

Esther Yanai Preserve

Volunteer Session: Late April

Site Location:

Garwood Road near Albury Court

Largely wooded, the preserve offers wildlife habitat, wetlands, and natural trails along the Swede's Run floodplain. A loop trail leads to beech woods in the rear of the 35.6 acres.

Pompeston Park, Upstream

Volunteer Session: May

Site Location:

New Albany Road near Iron Post Road

Pompeston Park, an 80-acre wooded park along Pompeston Creek from Baker School almost to Cinnaminson, is divided into three separate project sites. A trail, well-used by neighborhood residents, runs the entire length of the park.

Pompeston Park, Downstream

Volunteer Session: June

Site Location:

New Albany Road near Iron Post Road

Part of the 80-acre parcel, this portion is west of New Albany Road, extends to Fernwood Drive, and offers a mixed deciduous habitat.

Waterworks Woods

Volunteer Session: September

Site Location:

Kings Highway (entrance between Strawbridge Lake & the Waterworks facility)

The site borders on Strawbridge Lake, next to the Waterworks at Kings Highway. A mature woodland, it is crisscrossed with loop trails along the lake and up a steep slope.

South Valley Woods

Volunteer Session: September

Site Location:

Oldershaw Ave., behind South Valley Elementary School

Red-headed Woodpeckers and other vulnerable species use the habitat at South Valley Woods, which extends from Route 38 to Oldershaw Avenue, behind South Valley School. Its 100-acre woodland features trails, streams, and wetlands throughout.

Pompeston Park, Downstream of Fernwood Drive

Volunteer Session: October

Site Location:

Accessed from Fernwood Drive

The trails in this western section of Pompeston Park's 80 acres run tightly along the creek with a wooded habitat forming a border along a residential edge.



Caring for Moorestown's Natural Areas

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **ASSIST** with monthly opportunities for natural area care of preserved open space
- **COORDINATE** with your school, scout group, church, or business
- **VOLUNTEER** for one of the seasonal stewardship projects
- **EARN** community service credits and citizen action hours for helping the local environment
- **LEARN** about the open spaces in your neighborhood that offer well-maintained hiking trails for recreation and outdoor exercise
- **CALL OR EMAIL** for information about these NAC sessions:

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About STEM & NAC

The Open Space story in Moorestown began with its site preservations —and continues with its care of the environment. Keeping open spaces healthy requires ongoing attention. STEM's Natural Area Care (NAC) Committee, has taken on this stewardship challenge for a number of Moorestown's Open Spaces in each of the four Township watersheds.

NAC stewardship projects planned for 2018 are listed inside this brochure. These projects provide the opportunity for volunteers to help the community by caring for Moorestown's preserved areas while exploring each site's trails and waterways.

Volunteers tackle jobs such as trail blazing and maintenance, invasive plant control, stream clean-up, planting, and litter collection. Projects are scheduled to accommodate a group's availability. Flexible days/times allow for the best use of volunteer time. Those looking to schedule a stewardship project should contact one of the NAC chairpersons. All contributions of time and energy are appreciated.

Monitored Moorestown Open Space Sites

PENNSAUKEN CREEK WATERSHED

Waterworks Woods
Strawbridge Lake Park
South Valley Woods

POMPESTON CREEK WATERSHED

Pompeston Creek Park—downstream
Pompeston Creek Park—upstream
Pompeston Creek Park—at Fernwood Drive

SWEDE RUN WATERSHED

Esther Yanai Preserve
Wigmore Acres
Swede Run Fields

RANCOCAS CREEK WATERSHED

Little Woods on the Rancocas
Farrago Farm
Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve

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**Caring for Moorestown's
Natural Areas**

WHAT WE DO:

- **VISIT** the natural areas annually to monitor their trails, vegetation, and waterways
- **DEVELOP** an action plan for the maintenance of each site determined by its needs
- **COORDINATE** with schools, groups, and businesses looking to volunteer and earn community service credits
- **SCHEDULE** seasonal stewardship projects to accommodate volunteer groups' availability
- **EDUCATE** organizations about the habitat needs of each open space; knowledgeable site leaders direct activities and stewardship projects
- **CREATE** public awareness and enjoyment of Moorestown's unique natural areas

