



Marsh Sanctuary

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Dear Neighbors and Friends of Marsh Sanctuary,

It's been another busy and productive year at Marsh. One of our most rewarding partnerships at the Marsh this year has been the growth of the relationship with the **ReWilding School**. Every day of the school week nature studies are being conducted on the Meadowside property of the Sanctuary. What a powerful impact this program has had on over 500 children and adults who participate in it.

As part of our initiatives to restore native species in the Sanctuary, saplings donated by the Watershed Agricultural Council were planted by board members and volunteers. Our naturalist **Jason Garritt** planted 175 hardwood seedlings and another group of volunteers planted small trees and shrubs creating a riparian buffer around the pond and Kisco River. The Beitzel family made a generous donation which enabled us to cut and remove the dead trees near the pond.

The Marsh Sanctuary protects 156 acres of open land and fresh water marshland in the greenbelt between Mt. Kisco, Bedford, and New Castle. The Sanctuary is truly a mosaic of properties.

- The Meadowside property at 71 Sarles St. is home to Cook's Pond, our Community Garden and the ReWilding School
- The historic amphitheater and Brookside Cottage on Rte 172
- The freshwater marsh and trails on Sarles St. that connect with Leonard Park

Tops on our wish list for 2022 is to create a new connection trail between Leonard Park and the three properties that comprise Marsh Sanctuary which would provide miles of linked trails for hiking, birdwatching, and access to open space accessible from Leonard Park in Mt Kisco. But we need your help to accomplish our goals for 2022.

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Our **Raise the Roof Fundraiser**, held in June 2021 to reroof the Caretaker's cottage, was an unmitigated success, prompting the planning of another event for 2022 to replace the stable and main house roof.

In addition, we plan to upgrade our **Trail Maps** and provide more signage to distinguish between our three properties. Conservation initiatives include growing our **Pollinator Pathway**, controlling invasive species in the marsh and elsewhere, and continued restoration of native plants on the property. As activities have grown our Board of Directors has also grown, increasing our outreach for preservation of our natural environment.

Marsh Sanctuary relies on your generous donations to continue to serve our community as we have done for the past 65 years. Please help us meet our goals in 2022 by donating today! Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all our friends, neighbors, and volunteers. For more information visit our website which is being updated as we write this. www.marshsanctuary.org There you will find a link to donate to the Sanctuary, or donate by check or by ZELLE (email address: info@marshsanctuary.org).

The Marsh Sanctuary is your sanctuary!

On behalf of the Board of Directors we would like to thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Tim Ghriskey, Anne Niemann, Co Presidents

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