

Come and enjoy



The Nature Preserve

The Nature Preserve is a lovely 2.5-acre park where you can...

Enjoy a peaceful stroll along meandering paths. Be delighted with wildflowers and butterflies. Listen to songbirds and quietly observe a number of indigenous species. Observe and study a natural environment graced with a profusion of flora and fauna.

Not so long ago, a Sorry State.

Once a neglected, unsightly leaf dump, this 2-acre tract at the corner of Archer and Crawford streets has been transformed into a community beauty.

Believing in Green.

With the initiative and financial support of neighboring residents who believe in the value of nurtured, green, open space, the landscape arm of Peter Gisolfi and Associates sketched the original plan.



Ground Work.

Cleaning, draining, grading, adding 100 tons of topsoil, then seeding and installing an irrigation system laid the foundation. An inviting, open wooden fence, garlanded in the spring by daffodils planted by The Nature Preserve's Youth Advisory Board, replaced a worn, rusty chain link barrier.



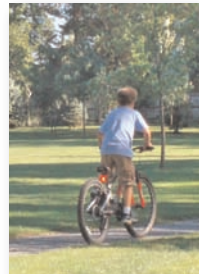
Made for Shade.

Along the Preserve's perimeter, more than 125 indigenous trees, including a myriad of deciduous flowering specimens and a number of youthful evergreens were planted and nurtured.



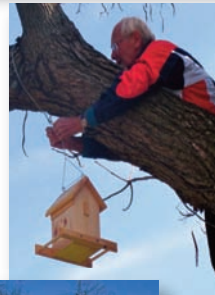
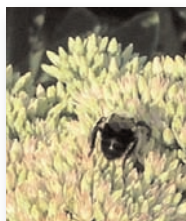
Take a Hike.

A meandering stone path encircling the open meadow now offers an inviting stroll and a re-surfaced path from Archer to Courseview Road provides bicyclists and dog-walkers easy, safe access between village streets.



Home for the Wild Ones.

Olivia's Butterfly Garden, named for the Preserve's visionary champion, Vicki Ford, was planted with blossoming flowers that attract fuzzy caterpillars and fluttering butterflies. Bronxville resident René Atayan, with the help of Girl Scout Troop 2696, added a home for Lady Bugs. Si Ford went out on a limb to hang more than a dozen birdhouses donated by Joe Ciancuilli. And the Lazarakis Family donated park benches in honor of loved ones.



What's the buzz for the future?

More blooms for the bees. More wildflowers. More wild grasses. More flowering shrubs! With the help of funding by appreciative citizens, The Nature Preserve will be cultivated and cared for...and will continue to provide the simple beauty of Mother Nature for all to enjoy.



For those whose soul is nurtured by the goodness of the earth may come for peaceful reflection...to be enveloped in lush grasses and flowering trees...be delighted by Monarch butterflies and songbirds...and become lost in a meandering stone path snaking through lush shrubs and musty woods and soggy wetlands.