

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
November 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Parks and Recreation Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Jared Jacobs and Commissioner Benjamin W. Olszewski; Township Staff Member: Kate Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation Department

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Presentations/Announcements

IV. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only

V. Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2024 (attachment)

VI. Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports (attachments):

- A. Parks and Recreation Report
- B. Library Board of Trustees Report

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business:

- A. 2025 Montgomery County Award for Farmstead Park Improvements (attachments)
- B. Consider cancellation of the December 15, 2025 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

IX. Other Items

X. Commissioner Comments

XI. Adjournment

**Upper Moreland Township
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
October 20, 2025 - Meeting Minutes**

Parks and Recreation Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Benjamin Olszewski, Commissioner Jared Jacobs, Kate Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation Department.

- I. **Call to Order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull, Commissioner Olszewski, Commissioner Jacobs. Mrs. Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation. Also present: Patrick Stasio, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcement** – Nothing to report.
- IV. **Presentation** – Nothing to report.
- V. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** – Nothing to report.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes – September 22, 2025:**
The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.
- VII. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports** – Mrs. Kollar reviewed the following:
 - Farmstead Alliance held a successful Farmstead On Tap on October 4th with over 300 guests attending and over 25 vendors.
 - Pumpkins On Parade was held October 18th and thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Kiwanis Club, Key Club, Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and the Library for making the event a success.
 - Thanked the Public Works crew for repaving the basketball courts at Veterans Memorial Park. Awaiting a quote and schedule to paint the courts.
 - Historic Haunts to be held at Farmstead Park is October 25th.
 - Foul Shooting Contest to be held at Upper Moreland Middle School on November 21st.
 - Chris Mendel from Pennypack Ecological Trust will speak on Thursday, October 23rd at the Habitat Heroes series held at Farmstead Park regarding environmental improvements on the site.
 - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – Marianne Watson, Trustee, reviewed the following:
 - Thanked the Commissioners for sharing Library Happenings with their constituents via email and social media.
 - Friends Of Library's meeting is November 18th at 6:45 p.m., is open to the public and includes a business meeting followed by a conversation with guest speaker, Rachel Katz, author of "The Emotionally Intelligent Child and Big Book of Feelings".
 - Tagging library materials on the shelves will make checkout and self-checkout more efficient and accurate. RFID tagging makes inventory, check-in and locating misplaced items easier for staff.
 - Rummy Cube Group for adults meets the first Thursdays each month at 11:00 a.m.
 - Minecraft event will be held November 13th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for teens and tweens.
- VIII. **Old Business** – Nothing to report.

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IX. New Business:

A. Playground Matching Funds Application (Broughton Park) – Mrs. Kollar discussed the following:

- Game Time notified that they will approve a percentage of the grant funds, which has a sliding scale match. The Board of Commissioners has budgeted the playground for \$50,000 and, with this grant, the Township is eligible for a 50% increase, which would allow the Township to spend approximately \$75,000, providing for upgraded equipment without additional costs. A meeting is scheduled next week with community members near Broughton Park to discuss three or four playground designs.
- The Committee will continue with the grant and there is no further action at this time.

X. Other Parks and Recreation Items – Nothing to report.

XI. Visitor Comments – Nothing to report.

XII. Commissioner Comments – Nothing to report.

XIII. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

To: Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners
From: Katie Kollar, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: October 2025 Park and Recreation Report
Date: 11/19/25



The Department of Parks and Recreation includes four full-time administrative staff, six full-time maintenance workers, and numerous part-time instructors and seasonal employees. The Parks Division manages 19 parks and open space areas, as well as the Township and Library Building grounds, trails, and additional public spaces throughout Upper Moreland Township.

The Recreation Division offers inclusive programs and special events for residents of all ages and abilities. In partnership with community groups, we work to identify needs and trends, providing safe, affordable, and enriching recreational opportunities. This monthly report highlights key activities from the past month.

- Collaborated with community organizations regarding event to determine how UMPR can support (Farmstead Alliance – Farmstead on Tap, UMEAC – Invasive Removal at Mill Creek Park, UMHC – Historical Haunts at Farmstead Park, WG Bears – Movie Night, UMLL – POP snack stand, etc.)
- Toured parks and addressed issues with residents
- Opened the Temporary Disc Golf course at Fair Oaks Park ~ 6 holes par 3; added the course to Udisc; invited the public to try it out and provide us with feedback
- Tracked progress on Parks Projects and updated grant information
- Scheduled backflow tests on parks properties with public water; submitted results to Aqua
- Scheduled Willow to trim / remove dead trees at MM Park near the maintenance shed
- Broughton Park – playground replacement consideration for 2026; met with neighbors on 10/30 to discuss park priorities
- Woodlawn – playground and pavilion pre-qualification meeting on 10/28

Departmental Projects:

1. **Woodlawn Park** – Advertised a RFQ for pre-fabricated pavilion and play equipment. Met with interested companies to discuss qualifications and answer questions. Continued to collab with Gilmore and Assoc. and Simone Collins for design and construction elements.
2. **PECO Power Line Trail** – Funding has been secured; coordinating with Bowman to get the permitting necessary to begin
3. **Veteran's Memorial Park (SEPTA)** – No update, however we did hear that the project is still being considered by SEPTA; UMPW paved the basketball courts and we painted the new lines as well as the new parking area.
4. **Bonnet Lane** – project is in progress (utility pole relocation by PECO, Comcast, Verizon)

Committees:

1. **Shade Tree Committee** – met on 9/9; Leave the Leaves initiative sent to residents and signs created and posted in parks around the township
2. **PRAC** – met on 9/9 – Meeting Minutes Available

3. **Montgomery County Senior Games** – Kickoff meeting in November
4. **PA Recreation and Park Society – Membership Committee** – met on 10/16

Seasonal Employees:

1. Seasonal Assignments ended mid-October

Parks Maintenance (Joe Reilly, Parks Foreman):

Our Maintenance Team plays a vital role in ensuring that our facilities remain safe, functional, and welcoming for the community. Their responsibilities include inspecting stormwater basins, monitoring stormwater activity, and clearing waterways before and after rain events. The team is also actively engaged in ongoing parks projects and consistently responds promptly to resident/ community maintenance requests and assignments.

October begins leaf season. Our staff has been cleaning, blowing, mulching and picking up leaves at our parks. With the exception of the 3 areas that UMPR has identified as 'leave the leaves' (an initiative implemented by the Upper Moreland Shade Tree Committee).

Notable activities and accomplishments for UMPR Maintenance Team in October include:

- Masons Mill Park –began winterizing by setting lights to a timer, no staff is scheduled, will shut down mid-Nov
- Pileggi Park – hired Advanced Electrical for additional repairs the electrical box for field lights
- Farmstead Park – Tended to the new plantings per maintenance plan; communicated with the Reborresters; met with MCPC to discuss the highlighted project
- Veterans Park – regular maintenance; implemented daily clean up of the area and have been reporting any suspicious findings to UMPD
- Fair Oaks – opened disc golf course; tree branch and leaves

Maintenance Log:

10/2/2025	Resident stated it seemed like children have been riding bikes on the playground and creating ditches in the ground that others can trip on	Parks Staff went out on 10/2 to level out the safety surface	
10/13/2025	Resident states that a tree branch has fallen from the trees behind her house and another looks like it is about to fall	Parks staff went to the residents home 10/14 and cleared the branches	10/14 Spoke with resident to let her know the branches were taken care of

10/31/2025	<p>Resident states during a windstorm last week large limbs came down from a tree she believes is on township property and would like those removed along with other dead limbs. Would also like to go over property lines in regards to mowing</p>	<p>KK went out to property to access where the trees lay in accordance to county maps. Trees and area she maintains are hers</p>	11/5 Simone left phone message for resident
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Special Events (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):

1. **Habitat Heroes Event** – Farmstead Park, rescheduled (from Wednesday 9/17/25 due to rain) to **Thursday 10/23/25**, 5:00pm-6:30pm
Topics: *Environmental Improvements in the Park and Habitat* led by Chris Mendel, Director of Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust and a *Brief History of Farmstead Park and Mission of Farmstead Alliance* led by Alan Sentman, President of Farmstead Alliance
Attendance: 15 community members, 1 Commissioner, 2 PRAC members, and 3 student attendees each had helped with the initial tree planting or are currently caring for the young trees in the Evapotranspiration garden with Mrs. Meeks' UMMS Environmental Club
2. **Pumpkins on Parade** – Masons Mill Park, Saturday 10/18/25, 6:00pm-8:00pm, hosted close to 300 children and their families
Pumpkin Carving Contest – Masons Mill Park, Saturday 10/18/25 in conjunction with the Pumpkins on Parade event, 15 carved pumpkin entries
3. **Holiday Photos at Farmstead Park**, Saturday 11/15/25, 9:00am-2:00pm
4. **“Fowl” Shooting Basketball Event** – UM Middle School, Friday 11/21/25, 7pm-8:30pm
5. **Golden Age Club Christmas Luncheon** – Thursday 12/4/25 from 11am-2pm at The Manor House at Commonwealth
6. **Santa Calls!** – Tuesday 12/9/25 5:30pm-7:00pm

Recreation (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):

1. **Trips and Tickets:** Penn Cinema and Regal Movie ticket sales continue to be steady. Amusement/museum tickets offerings were utilized by patrons throughout the Fall in our office. Registration increased throughout October for the annual Broadway Trip to see 'Hell's Kitchen' on 11/8/25, 45 registrants attended the trip
2. **Golden Age Club (250 members to date for 2025):** Executive board meeting on 10/8; general meeting on 10/28.
3. **Fall Programs:** Fall programs were running all through October.
Highlights

NEW Archery program – ran Wednesdays 9/10-10/22, 5pm-6pm, Masons Mill Park Archery Range. Spots filled quickly and the program was a great success! Coach Spencer taught the registrants range rules, safety procedures and proper form/technique.

**NEW* Meet me at the Park with UMPR program – Wednesday 10/29/25 – 11:00am -kicked off with a small group of environmentally minded residents led by UMPR Staff. This group was interested in discussing local and global ecological topics, while walking the path through Masons Mill Park.*

**NEW* Disc Golf 6-hole course at Fair Oaks Park – planned out by UMPR Office and Parks Maintenance Staff Member, installed at the end of October and the course has been welcoming residents and disc golf enthusiasts each day.*

Leagues: Held our third Pickleball League at MM Park; a successful fall league continues through the month (72 participants); Collaborated with Keystone Softball for Fall Men's/Coed League



Pumpkins On Parade – Pumpkin Carving Contest



Habitat Heros Program at Farmstead Park

Upper Moreland Free Public Library
The 678th Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2025
Meeting held at 6:30 PM in the Community Room

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Moureen Wenik (president), Tony Giannetti (secretary), Jay Silverman (treasurer), Diane Walton, Marianne Watson, Marian Mee, and Cathy Gilmore-Clough (UMFPL executive director)

Visitor Alemaria

Absent: Megan Friedmann, Commissioner Ben Olszewski

- I. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Moureen Wenik at 6:37 PM
- II. Business of Visitors**
 - Friends of UMFPL (Thom Almerini)
 - Friends annual general meeting, November 18 at 6:45 PM
 - Almeria Zan, shared about her interest in serving on the Board of Trustees
- III. President's Remarks (Moureen Wenik)**
 - Marianne Watson has volunteered for the October 20, 2025 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting
- IV. Consensus Agenda (Moureen Wenik) [Motion #1] a Diane Walton / Jay Silverman motion was unanimously approved to accept the following consensus agenda as presented:**
 - Approve the September 10, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
 - Accept the Director's Report for October 2025
 - Approve the August 2025 and September 2025 Financial Statements
- V. Treasurer's Report (Jay Silverman) [Motion #2] Payment of September 2025 bills in the amount of \$42,351.65 was unanimously approved by a Jay Silverman / Tony Giannetti motion**
- VI. Director's Report Highlights (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)**
 - Room Booking has launched for our Small Group Meeting Room and Conference Room
 - RFID Project tagging is underway
 - Moureen and Cathy attended a meeting with township admin staff to review the library's proposed 2026 budget
 - Review 2026 Holiday schedule to provide closed dates to the district
 - An adjustable height workspace and additional storage were installed to replace the worn work surface in the workroom
 - Baker & Taylor book distributor shuttering operations immediately
- VII. Committee Actions**
 - Advocacy Committee Discussion (TBD)***
 - Discussion of outreach events
 - Volunteer Fair at UMFPL, November 8, 2025, 1-3 PM
 - Board Development Committee (Marianne Watson)**

- BOT Annual Self-Evaluation responses being collected. Please respond prior to December 20
Facility Committee (*Marian Mee*)

- No meeting held

Finance Committee (*Tony Giannetti*)

- No meeting held
- Transfer of Strategic Reserve funds from Hatboro CD x7042 maturing 9.30.25 to Hatboro federal savings account was completed Monday, October 6 to ensure we have liquid funds for January 2026

Policy and Bylaws Committee (*Megan Friedman*)

- No meeting held
- Next meeting scheduled for October 21 at 5:30pm to discuss combining Use of Facility, Charitable Drives, and Community Display policies

Strategic Plan Action Committee (*Diane Walton*)

- No meeting held
- Next meeting scheduled for October 28 at 6:30 pm to prepare the end of year strategic plan achievements

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- UMTPD Business Contact Information form reviewed

X. Adjournment: With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM

*All trustees are encouraged to participate
Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tony Giannetti /cgc



Library Happenings



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2025



ALL AGES

Navigating Healthy Relationships with WCMC

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2pm

Adults and teens are invited to join Nicole Gablein from the Women's Center of Montgomery County to hear about power and control in healthy friendships and relationships.



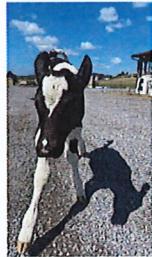
Volunteer Community Day

Saturday Nov. 8, 1pm

Join us to connect with local organizations, explore service opportunities and learn how you can make a positive impact in your community!

We Adopted a Cow!

Each month, we'll post new pictures and updates on the children's room bulletin board about the calf we adopted named SPRINKLES, born on September, 15 at Kurtland Dairy Farm.



Little Tykes

Pre-K Take and Learn Kits

Available starting Monday, Nov. 3

Each kit has an educational theme, featuring learning activities, outdoor activities and crafts.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10am

Join us for fun books, rhymes and songs.

Geared to ages 1 to 4; siblings are welcome.

Baby Story Time

Fridays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10am

Come for stories, rhymes, songs and movement. Newborns - 18 months; siblings welcome.

Learn and Play Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 11 10-11am

Enjoy a fun and educational playtime. Designed for children ages 1-3 and caregivers. To register, umfpl.org/events



School-Aged Kids

Young Artists: Scribble Lantern

Available starting Saturday, Nov. 1

Artists Take and Makes are available the first of every month (while supplies last).



Reading with Fuzzy Friends

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10:30–11:30am

Practice reading skills with a sweet, furry friend.

To register, umfpl.org/register

Lego Club

Wednesdays, Nov. 12 and 26, 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for fun projects with Lego bricks.

Elementary Experimenters: CD Hovercraft

Available starting Saturday, Nov. 15

STEM Take and Makes for school-age children (while supplies last).

Story Time and a Craft

Saturday, Nov. 22, 10:30am

Join us for a fun story and craft. Geared to ages 4-10, but all ages are welcome.

Book Club for Grades 1-3 and 4-7

Sunday, Nov. 23, 1:30pm

Discuss your favorite books and pick future books to read together.

Tween/Teens

Teen/Tween Chess Club

Mondays, 4pm

Test your chess skills against new opponents and meet fellow chess enthusiasts.



Minecraft Event - Fall Harvest Frenzy

Thursday Nov. 13, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Participate in an interactive adventure with friends that culminates with designing and building the ultimate Fall Harvest Festival! Bring your own device to participate. You must arrive on time to be set up for the fun. Space is limited. Register starting Nov. 1 at: umfpl.org/events



For Adults

Adult Craft Kits: Biodegradable Glitter

Available Saturday, Nov. 1 (while supplies last)

Pick up a free craft supply kit at the library.

Spice Up Your Life Kit: Lemon Peel Granules

Available Saturday, Nov. 15 (while supplies last)

Pick up a spice kit with recipes at the library.

Cook Your Way Through ... Molly on the Range

Tuesday Nov. 4, 6:30pm

Sign up online to receive a free copy of the cookbook, then join us on Zoom for our meeting.

Rummikub Club

Thursday, Nov. 6, 11am

Join us for a fun and social game of Rummikub! No experience necessary, no registration required.

Tech Help Drop-In Hour

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2pm

Drop by to talk to a librarian about your tech questions.

PA MEDI Appts

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 3pm

Register for a one-on-one appointment with a Medicare counselor from PA MEDI, umfpl.org/events

Open Mic Night

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 6:30pm

Calling all writers! Share your poetry, short fiction/essays, etc. with us on Zoom. Sign up to be a performer or audience member.

Senior Social Hour

Friday, Nov. 14, 3pm

Seniors are invited to gather for conversation, story sharing and games.

AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego) Club

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2pm

Are you an Adult Fan of Lego? Join us and fellow fans to build some fun Lego sets.

True Crime Tales: "The Family Plot"

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30pm

Join us on Zoom to discuss this book by Megan Collins. Sign up at umfpl.org/events

Book Discussion- "Wandering Stars"

Wednesday Nov. 19, 6:30pm

Katie and this hybrid group meet in the Community Room and virtually! Join us where you can, when you can.

Writers Group

Saturday, Nov. 22, 11am

Join amateur and experienced writers for discussion, writing prompts and critiques. Open to all adults.

Hooked on Vinyl Night

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 6pm

Bring your favorite vinyl and your latest knit or crochet project to meet fellow crafters and listen to records!

State Sen. Maria Collett's Office Services:

Monday, Nov. 10, 10:30am-12:30pm

Stop by for notary service, PennDOT support, or assistance with other state-related issues.

Virtual Author Talk Series

Register:

libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary

Joseph Lee - Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2pm

Amanda Peters - Thursday, Nov. 13, 7pm

Charles Duhigg - Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2pm



**T H E
F R I E N D S**
of Upper Moreland Free Public Library

Friends of the Library general meeting with guest speaker Rachael Katz, author of "The Emotionally Intelligent Child"

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:45pm

Join Rachael Katz, MEd, a seasoned educator and author with more than 25 years of experience, for a talk inspired by her recent book, "The Big Book of Big Feelings."



Upper Moreland Free Public Library - *Knowledge & Adventure Beyond Words!*

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LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 AM – 8 PM; Friday & Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM; Sunday: 1 – 5 PM

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Agenda Summary

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – November 24, 2025

Agenda Item:

Montgomery Awards – Excellence in Planning and Design

Prepared by:

Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation

Attachments:

MCPC Award Brochure

Background/Analysis:

Farmstead Park received a 2025 Montgomery Award for creative and sustainable site design, community engagement and adaptive historic preservation for its restoration project. In collaboration with Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust and Farmstead Alliance, the 10-acre park includes an athletic field, historic farmstead and now an evapotranspiration garden. The award was bestowed by the Montgomery County Planning Commission at Elmwood Park Zoo on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 during the Commission's Annual ceremony. Congratulations to Upper Moreland Township, who, through visionary work, successfully transformed Farmstead Park into a sustainable, inclusive and historically rich public space. The park is located at 2668 Byberry Road, Hatboro. Congratulations to all involved!!!

Fiscal Impact/Source:

None

Alternatives:

None

Recommended Action:

Accolades

Equal Opportunity Employer

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2025 Award Winner

Farmstead Park

Upper Moreland Township



Farmstead Park, an outstanding restoration project in Upper Moreland Township, received a 2025 Montgomery Award for creative and sustainable site design, community engagement, and adaptive historic preservation. Through visionary work, this project successfully transformed the park into a sustainable, inclusive, and historically rich public space. Originally acquired by the township in 2002, the 10-acre park includes a multipurpose athletic field, historic farmstead buildings dating back to the mid-eighteenth century, and a restored natural area that was once neglected and prone to flooding.

Creative and Sustainable Site Design

The rear 5 acres of Farmstead Park, previously inaccessible and overrun with invasive species, has now been reimagined through a partnership between Upper Moreland Township and the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust (PERT). PERT's initial vision for the project em-

braced the site's natural challenges, and a site-specific plan that would transform the area into a functional and beautiful landscape was created. By pursuing a design that works with the landscape, this project exemplifies a forward-thinking approach to stormwater management and environmental stewardship. The project's final design embraces the site's challenges, low-lying terrain and high-water table, by re-contouring the land into sinuous mounds and swales to slow stormwater runoff and maxi-

mize infiltration. The meadow, planted with a seed mix of diverse wildflowers, utilizes a custom soil blend to support plant growth and drainage. After just one and a half growing seasons, the meadow is well established, and wildlife has returned to the park in abundance. Carefully placed within the landscape is a new, fully accessible pathway that winds through the site, offering scenic views and moments of quiet reflection for park visitors.

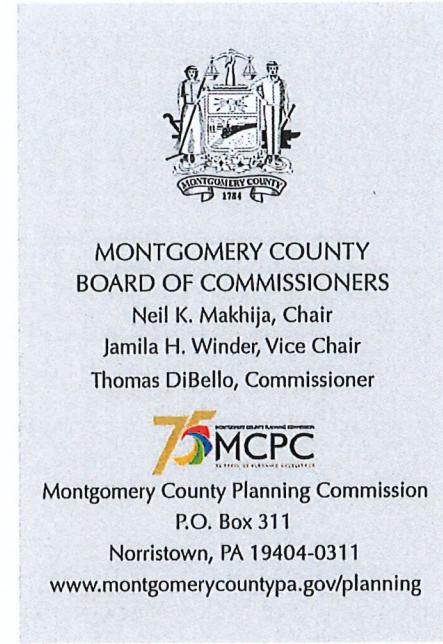


ongoing, with plans to open the buildings for tours and events in the future as a way of allowing the greater community to experience the agricultural heritage of the township. The spring house is envisioned to be restored as a unique water feature, and the barn and farmhouse could host educational and cultural programming.

As one of 19 parks in Upper Moreland Township, Farmstead Park stands out for its integration of ecological restora-

tion, historic preservation, and community programming, offering an enhanced visitor experience that carefully blends passive and active recreation. The park exemplifies how thoughtful design and inclusive planning can transform underutilized spaces into vibrant, multifunctional destinations and celebrates not just the physical transformation of Farmstead Park but the spirit of collaboration, creativity, and care that made it possible. It is a model

for municipalities seeking to enhance environmental resilience, honor local heritage, and build stronger community connections.



Location

Upper Moreland Township
Montgomery County, PA

Project Data

Land Use
Municipal Park & Open Space

Tract Size
10.2 Acres

Zoning
RC Recreational Conservation

Parking
30 Spaces

Key Features

- Collaborative Effort
- Innovative Stormwater Management
- Habitat Enhancement
- Environmentally Sensitive/Sustainable Design

Owner

Upper Moreland Township
117 Park Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Developer

Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust
2955 Edge Hill Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Engineer

Gilmore & Associates, Inc.
1617 John F Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 425
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Landscape Architect

ThinkGreen LLC
PO Box 528
Glenside, PA 19038

Excellence in Planning and Design

The annual Montgomery Awards recognize the best in planning, design, and advocacy in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The program acknowledges the high-quality work and commitment of communities, organizations and professionals.

Community Engagement

Farmstead Park's transformation was made possible through significant community partnerships and diverse funding sources. Volunteers from local schools, environmental clubs, and neighborhood groups participated in invasive species removal, planting, and ongoing maintenance. Upper Moreland Township worked with PERT to establish a reforesters program that trains residents to monitor tree health using a mobile app, fostering further stewardship and environmental awareness.

The park has become a hub for environmental programming—hosting frequent student visits and programs such as fly-fishing workshops. The Upper Moreland Shade Tree Committee and Environmental Advisory Council have supported programming and maintenance while PERT interns have developed a pollinator-friendly maintenance plan now used by township staff. The township also collaborated with an Eagle Scout to install bluebird nesting boxes, engaging



families in decorating and tracking the boxes across local parks, with several at Farmstead Park.

Adaptive Historic Preservation

In addition to the meadow restoration, Farmstead Park is home to a rare collection of historic buildings, including a farmhouse, barn, carriage house, and spring house, dating from the 1750s to

the early 1800s. These structures form a distinctive background for the community park and are being restored through the efforts of the Farmstead Alliance, a nonprofit formed to steward the buildings and engage the community in adaptive reuse of the buildings. The park's historical significance is recognized by the state, with recommendations for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Restoration efforts are

