



BIRD TOWN PENNSYLVANIA

Creating Livable Communities
Through the Lives of Birds



For over 10 years, Bird Town Pennsylvania has worked with local municipalities to promote community-based conservation actions through

- Engagement
- Education
- Encouragement
- Support



Mission

Bird Town Pennsylvania works in partnership with local municipalities and like-minded organizations to promote community-based conservation actions to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife and people.

38 Bird Towns in 9 Counties and growing!

Berks County

Longswamp Township

Bucks County

Chalfont Borough

Doylestown Borough

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Falls Township

Lower Makefield Township

Morrisville Borough

New Britain Borough

Newtown Township

Richland Township

Solebury Township

Springfield Township

Northampton County

Bethlehem City

Chester County

Charlestown Township

Kennett Township

Schuylkill Township

Tredyffrin Township

West Vincent Township

Delaware County

Lansdowne Borough

Nether Providence Township

Newtown Township

Radnor Township

Swarthmore Borough

Lancaster County

Manheim Township

Tioga County

Wellsboro Borough

Lehigh County

Allentown

Lower Macungie Township

Salisbury Township

Montgomery County

Abington Township

Borough of Jenkintown

Cheltenham Township

Hatfield Township

Lower Gwynedd Township

Marlborough Township

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Hatfield Township

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Upper Dublin Township

Upper Moreland Township

Upper Salford Township



Why Become a Bird Town?

1. Inspire municipal level change to create a more liveable community for birds, wildlife and people
2. Create bird and wildlife friendly habitat, healthy living and good stewardship
3. Enhance community and cohesion with bird related events
4. Save money and increase property values
5. Improve water quality and reduce costly storm water and flooding expenses
6. Encourage grassroots innovation and involvement and sharing across communities



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Malvern is already doing the work with the potential to do more manageably through...

Municipal Actions

Community Engagement

Collaboration

Habitat Enhancement

Advocacy

Municipal Actions – The municipality can engage in the Bird Town process through proclamations, resolutions and ordinances. These actions have a direct effect and set an example for the whole community.

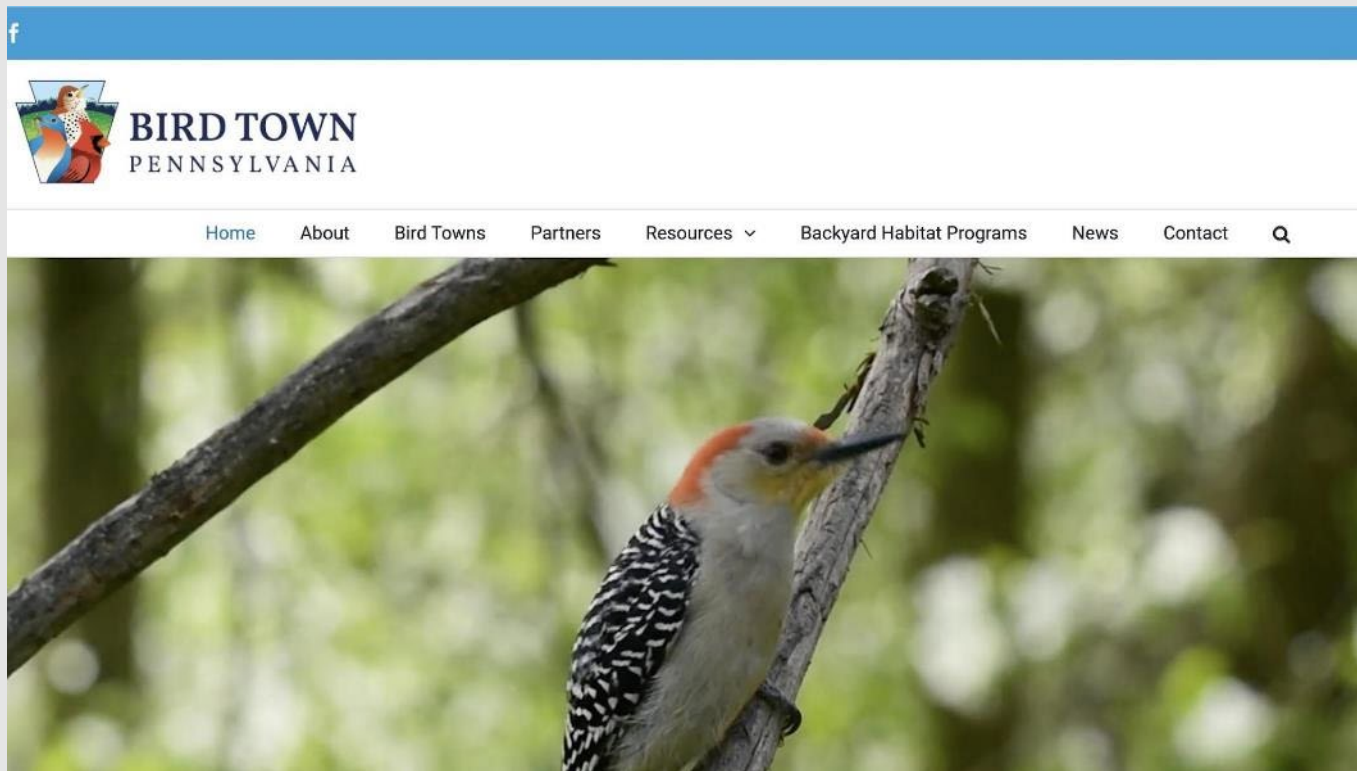
<p>ESTABLISHED</p>	<p>Dedicate passive recreation acres</p> <p>Consider use of native plants and meadows as a part of stormwater management</p> <p>Establish policy on tree removal</p> <p>Create a Shade Tree Commission that promotes planting of native trees</p>
<p>EAC INITIATIVE</p>	<p>Create native plant demonstration gardens [HGPNP]</p>
<p>COMP PLAN GOAL</p>	<p>Flood plain restoration/Riparian buffers [strategy 5.1-3]</p> <p>Reduction in light pollution [strategy 5.1-8]</p> <p>Sustainable energy plan [strategy 7.1.11, 13]</p>

Habitat Enhancement – Habitat is the most important element to support birds. One of Bird Town’s major goals is to ensure resident and migrant birds have healthy spaces that provide food, shelter and water for birds. Birds and other wildlife will benefit from a community where public, commercial and private properties are linked to provide corridors of habitat to sustain wildlife.

ESTABLISHED	Create a ‘To Do’ list of areas that need restoration and work with land owners and the municipality to plan for remediation [Randolph Woods]
EAC INITIATIVE	Create programming around supporting bird and increasing habitat using native plants, water management strategies, and providing shelter throughout the year [HGNP]
COMP PLAN GOAL	Identify areas of poor water management indicated by frequent flooding [Strategy 7.1-10]

Community Engagement, Collaboration, and Advocacy – The Bird Town committee will be strengthened by partnerships. Enlisting the community and Borough committees will increase the number of helping hands and will help form a positive attitude toward change. Advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels will increase the base of support.

<p>ESTABLISHED</p>	<p>Write articles for your municipal newsletter [Strategy 7.1-7]</p>
<p>EAC INITIATIVE</p>	<p>Provide table events with information at community events [EAC table at Farmer’s Market/event]</p> <p>Coordinate volunteer work to clear invasive plants and restore native plants to parks, riparian corridors and public woodland spaces [Partner with CRC Watersheds]</p> <p>Hold community bird walks for all ages. Invite local, state or federal politicians to attend. [EAC/Parks & Rec event]</p> <p>Create a list of organizations for collaboration—reach out to each to explore ideas [HGPNP]</p> <p>Contact your local library to discuss possible synergy with Bird Town activities [HGPNP]</p>



website: birdtownpa.org

Resources for Participating Municipalities

- State-wide structured program with congruous goals
- Offers concrete resources and achievable actions
- Provides a framework for community networking with other Bird Towns and Conservation Partners, including: avenues of communication, events, volunteer opportunities, and citizen science projects
- Bird Town PA Leader training and workshops
- Opportunities to expand into diverse communities
- Increased opportunity for successfully obtaining funding