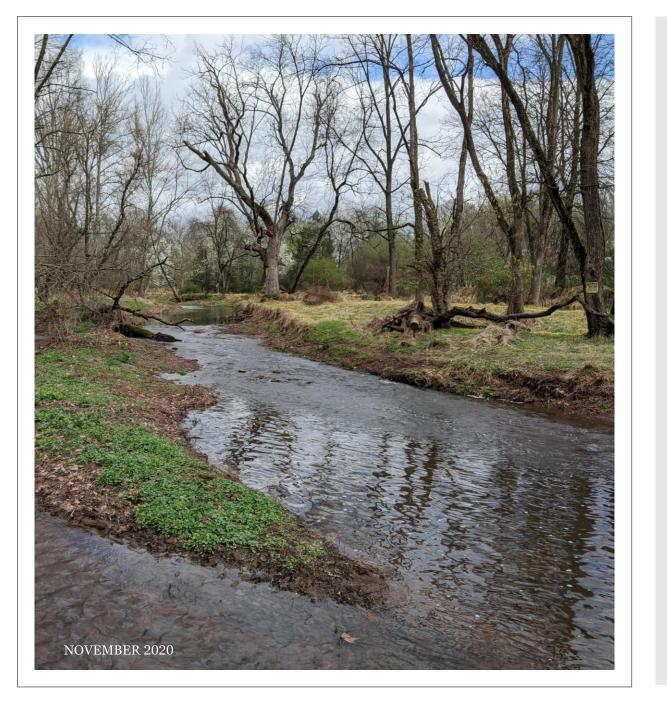
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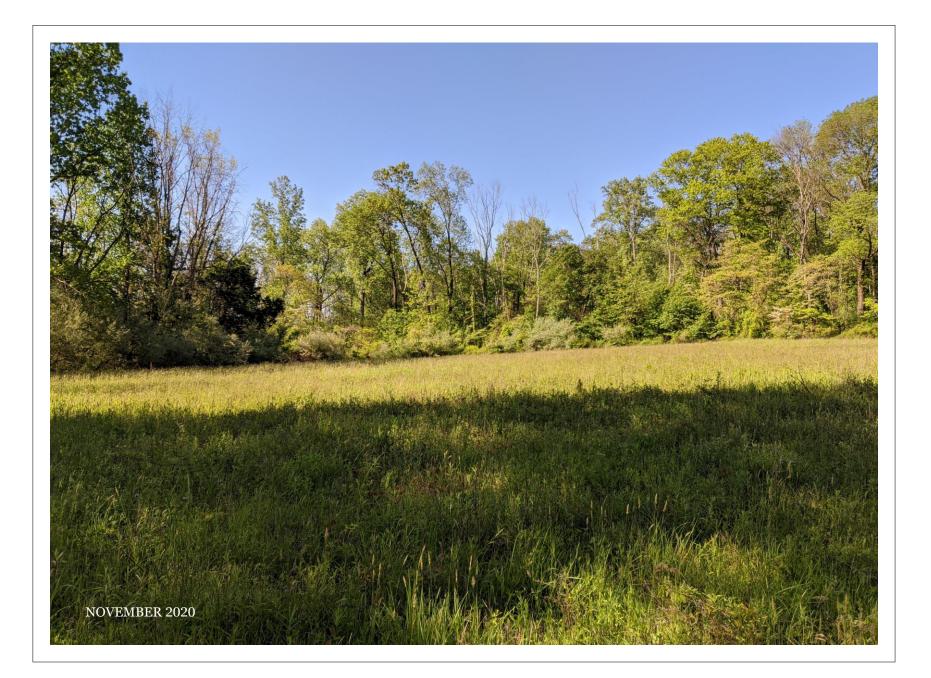
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#### Meadow Management

Funding by Sustainable Jersey to work with RVCC to conduct biological inventories of the meadows/fields owned by Readington Township and develop a plan to protect and enhance biodiversity while continuing to benefit agricultural and recreational uses.

### CUSHETUNK MOUNTAIN MEADOW VIEW

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# Pollinator Gardens

Funding by ANJEC to plant native wildflowers and grasses to benefit local pollinator species and educate the public.

#### Gardens located at:

- Summer Road Park
- Lazy Brook Greenway.

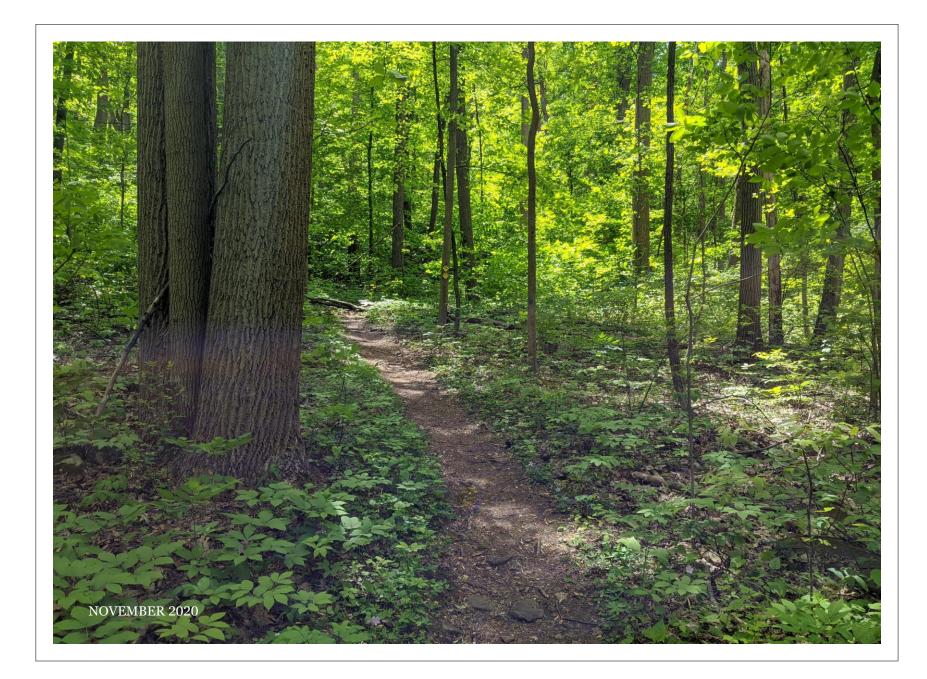
# **Deer Exclosures**

Built and maintained three 1-3 acre deer exclosures to protect forests from overabundant deer and demonstrate the effects of deer on forest understories.

Exclosures located at:

- Cole Road
- Holland Brook Headwaters
- Round Mountain.



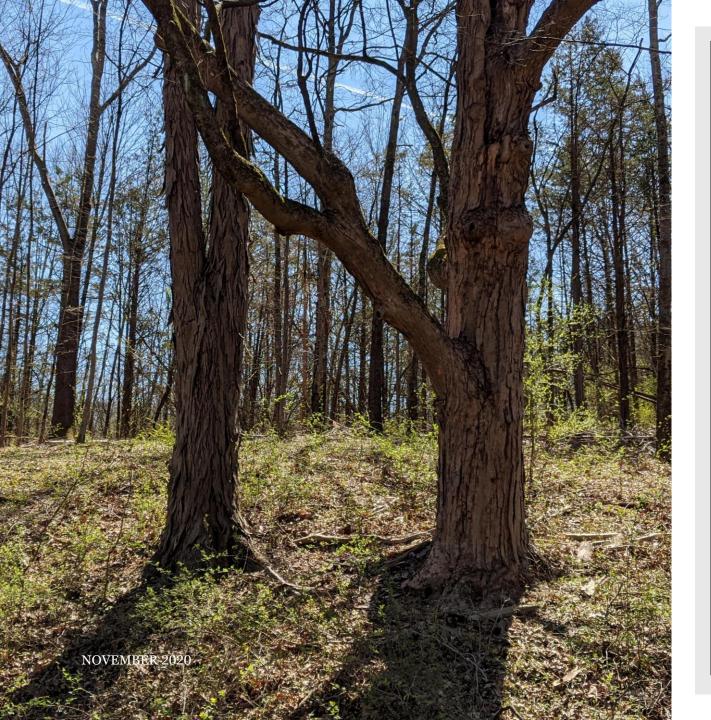


#### Invasive Plant Removal

Support native biodiversity invasives on various Township locations.

Projects conducted on:

- Holland Brook Headwaters
- $\circ~$  Cole Road
- Whitehouse Greenway



### Street Tree Inventory

Identified, measured and assessed all street trees (trees within Township Right-of-Ways along roads) to identify large ash trees to protect from Emerald Ash Borer, and support future management of community tree resources.



#### Township Deer Survey

Conducted Townshipwide infrared deer survey to inform deer management program and open space stewardship activities.

Deer were found to be more than 13x higher than the level needed to support biodiversity in Township open space, some of the highest numbers of deer observed in northern New Jersey.