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# National Public Lands Day

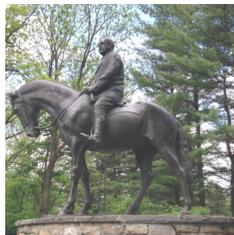
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**National Public Lands Day**  
**5th Annual Celebration**  
**September 27, 2014**  
**9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Friends of the Allentown Parks** needs YOU to join US in our 5th annual celebration of **National Public Lands Day**, the nation's largest single-day volunteer event for public lands in the United States.

This year's event will be held at **Trexler Memorial Park**. Activities will encompass:

- Creation of beautiful pollinator gardens by improving existing garden beds
- Creation of bird habitat by placement of Bluebird and Wood Duck nestboxes
- Enhancements to riparian buffer areas to provide color and habitat utility in addition to serving filtration and other purposes
- Removal of invasive plant species
- Litter collection
- and more



We provide the supplies; you provide energy, enthusiasm and a love for Allentown's wonderful parks. If you walk, jog or bring your dog companions for regular daily jaunts in a park, here is your opportunity to "give back."

For additional information and to sign up please contact [info@allentownparks.org](mailto:info@allentownparks.org), phone 610-432-7275 or send us a note via Facebook. Any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated! Thanks for your support!

This event is in cooperation with the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society, Edge of the Woods native plant nursery and the Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation.



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## Muhlenberg Lake/Cedar Creek Parkway Conservation Work Continues



Thanks to a generous grant of the **Century Fund**, visitors to the south side of the lake area near the volleyball and basketball courts can see a "conservation work in progress."

In cooperation with the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society and the Allentown Dept. of Parks and Recreation, construction is



underway of a unique combination Chimney Swift tower/information kiosk.

Watch for additional information in future issues of Park Picks.

Construction should be completed by end-September 2014.



## Grant Award Announcements National Public Lands Day

**Friends of the Allentown Parks** is pleased to announce the award of two grants for our 5th annual undertaking in recognition of **National Public Lands Day**.

We thank the **Lehigh Gap Nature Center** for a **\$2,000 Conservation Landscape Grant** covering the purchase of native plants.

We also thank **an anonymous donor** for their gracious award of **\$10,050** to be utilized for removal of invasive plants, purchase of native plants, construction of bird nest boxes and more.



## 2014 Lehigh County Quality of Life Grant Awarded

Our sincere thanks to **Lehigh County Executive Tom Muller** and the **Board of Commissioners** for awarding **Friends of the Allentown Parks** a **\$2,000 Quality of Life** grant for our **volunteer engagement activities**. We are pleased to report that in 2013 we engaged over 700 volunteers to assist in over 50 events and activities, and, that this grant will greatly assist in future endeavors.