

## Community Comes Together To Rehab Roseto Park

By Jamie Goffredo

ROSETO - Slate Belt Girl Scout Troops 8320 and 80, along with family and friends, recently partnered with Roseto Borough Mayor Ilene Tillman to update a wooded section at the Roseto Park and develop it into a pollinator garden for the community to enjoy. This project is part of Brownie Troops 80 and 8320 "Think Like a Citizen: Scientist Journey" as well as the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge which calls for a commitment to creating habitats for the Monarch butterfly, as well as other pollinators and wildlife, and educating the community on how to create welcoming environments for pollinators.

The troops, along with families and friends, Mayor Tillman, and Penn State Master Gardener Karen Lane, weeded the area, cleared out debris and rocks, and planted pollinator bushes and flowers. Scouts sourced items from local businesses, community members, and their family and friends. Waste Management donated garden tools, gloves, garbage bags, and landscape fabric. ACE Hardware in Bangor donated a birdbath, Ginder

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## Historic Black Cemetery Discovered at Nesquehoning Park in Easton



By Buffalo Soldiers Post Commander John Pitt

EASTON - Nesquehoning Park Over a year ago, a historic Black cemetery was discovered sitting beneath a pocket park in Easton, and the city government has been working alongside the Buffalo Soldiers to determine the best way to honor these soldiers.

Buffalo Soldiers Post Commander John Pitt stated, "We found that cemetery because we were looking for Buffalo Soldiers. At the time, we understood it was only three there, now we noticed nine." Remains of 43 people were found after extensive sub-sonar research.

Documentation from the First Colored Lutheran Church of Easton, PA, otherwise known as FCLC, found on Ancestry.com has shown listings for at least 20 Black individuals.

Listings include potential members of the Buffalo Soldiers, all-Black cavalry and infantry units that operated from 1866 until the end of the Korean War.

Last Saturday in Southside Easton, a bugler played the national anthem at a ceremony recognizing the First

Colored Lutheran Church Cemetery, or FLCL as the ceremony began in honor of 43 African Americans who are buried under the Nesquehoning Street Park and surrounding homes.

"We don't know how they passed. We only know the heartbreaking story of how history has treated them — very poorly," Panto said of FCLC's dead. "It's a work of compassion to give some dignity to those buried here; both those we know and those we don't know."

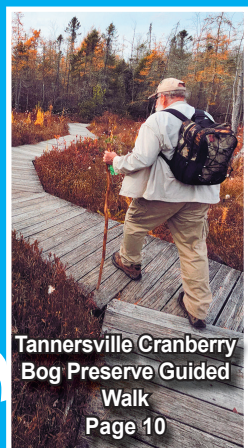
The local Buffalo Soldiers hope that by next year, they will commemorate the opening of Nesquehoning Memorial Park on the Easton site.

The Buffalo Soldiers helped shape the West for 20 years, patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border, plus escorting settlers, cattle drivers and railroad crews through hostile territories. After the Indian wars, they fought along side Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders, among many

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