

New Archery Complex

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I had the honor of presenting a certificate of recognition to celebrate this first-of-its-kind partnership, which provides hunters and recreational archery shooters in the Slate Belt with improved access and opportunities” said Rep. Ann Flood.

Formerly called Bear Swamp Park, the range off Lake Minsi Drive was renamed for Gerald E. Seyfried, a former county executive who has been involved in conservation and shooting sports efforts for decades.

A member of County Council in the late 1970s, Seyfried said there was a push to “do something different,” and an archery complex was created across the street from the park, with an Olympic-sized range.

The park, with its original range, was part of a land acquisition in 1990, he said.

“When you do a good job, they name a swamp after you,” Seyfried said, laughing and eliciting a chuckle from the officials gathered. Green recreation brings in about \$434 million each year to the county, he said.

“My commitment to our green future isn’t just about hugging trees — although I will,” he said. “It’s about economic prosperity, because recreation, active recreation, which this represents, draws tourists who will spend money to Northampton County.”

After the ribbon was cut at Gerald Seyfried Bear Swamp Park and Archery Complex, several officials took turns trying out the range.

Arrows loosed from Seyfried, McClure and state Rep. Ann Flood, whose district covers most of Northampton County’s northern tier, including the Slate Belt, hit the bullseye.



L-R Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure, Gerald E. Seyfried, Game Commission, management coordinator, Luke Johnson



L - R Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure, Gerald E. Seyfried and his family



L - R Jessica Berger from office of Lamont McClure, Rep Ann Flood, Gerald E. Seyfried