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## The Meadows

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which straddled Washington Township and LMBT. In 2019, LMBT was able to acquire the remaining 3 lots of the subdivision. The area will be known as the Meadows at Martins Creek or just "The Meadows" for short. The Meadows will be a 74-acre passive park which will be open to hiking, bird watching, fishing, and archery hunting. The entrance and exterior gate with stone posts is off of Nagy's Hill Road just opposite the Northampton County Firemen's School. The park has 8 regular and 1 handicap parking spaces. The interior gate will only be open for maintenance and special events. The park has several miles of grassy and woodland trails. In 2019, LMBT, the Martins-Jacoby Watershed Association, and the PA Fish & Boat Commission completed a fish habitat project on the Martins Creek.

"We at DCNR consider open space like this as significant community infrastructure. Acknowledging this we have made investments in the Lower Mount Bethel's parks and open space and look forward to further assisting Lower Mount Bethel with more open space preservation and Park Improvements.

Why? Clean Water- DCNR knows that clean water is essential, investing in land preservation projects like this one is an investment in clean water for the future.

nature's ability to clean water and air is more important than ever. Forests, wetlands and grasslands filter stormwater and recharge groundwater. Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the air and produce oxygen, allowing us to breathe easier. Millions of people downstream that rely on tributaries of the Delaware like this one for their drinking water said Lorne Possinger."

## **Funding & Donation Partners**

- 1. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnerships Program \$210,000 acquisition funding
- 2. Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative & Municipal Park Acquisition and Development Program \$30,000 acquisition funding
- 3. Lehigh Valley Greenways Mini Grant Program \$10,000 for parking area, signage, and other improvements
- 4. Washington Township \$800 as a share of the appraisal costs
- 5. Jeffrey Ott Washington Township Engineer donated engineering expenses to review and approve development plans
- 6. The H&K Group donated and delivered 154 tons of stone for a stream bank stabilization project
- 7. Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission donated design and project management costs for a stream bank stabilization project
- 8. LMBT's Earned Income Tax/Open Space account provided over \$490,000 for the acquisition of "The Meadows"
- 9. LMBT Road Crew has spent numerous hours working on park improvements and maintenance

