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Tenaflly Nature Center poised to open Butterfly and Pollinator Garden

TENAFLY, NJ (March 1, 2016) – Tenaflly Nature Center (TNC) will complete renovation of its wildlife garden this spring and rechristen it the Butterfly and Pollinator Garden. The renovation is made possible through a combination of grants and donations. It will become an important part of TNC's education programming and visitor's experience. According to Executive Director Peter Punzi "We hope to encourage home gardeners to emulate the Butterfly and Pollinator Garden, as well as learn more about and support our native pollinators."

The Butterfly and Pollinator Garden will occupy a 45 by 66 foot area next to the Redfield Building (Visitor's Center). The garden will get upgrades including irrigation, a new state of the art deer enclosure, plants, and interpretive signage.

Suez is funding the installation of a water line to the garden. This will include the installation of a backflow preventer, main line, and three quick couplers.

The deer enclosure and interpretive sign is being donated by the Chang/Yang Family in memory of their mother Shiu-mei Yang. "We are honored to support the building of the Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden in memory of our mother who lived in Tenaflly for 30 years and loved all that this wonderful town had to offer including the Nature Center," said Emily Yang.

Elaine Silverstein a horticulturist and naturalist is graciously offered divisions from her own native plants collection.

The project is also made possible by our wonderful volunteers including graduates of the Master Gardener Program.

TNC also would like to have a butterfly enclosure adjacent to the garden so that our visitors can have an up close and personal experience with butterflies and see their remarkable metamorphosis. Those interested in donating to support the ongoing costs of the project or towards a butterfly enclosure should visit our website to contribute online:
<http://tenaflynaturecenter.org/Volunteer-Opportunities>

ABOUT TENAFLY NATURE CENTER

Tenaflly Nature Center is a non-profit, independent, member-supported nature preserve located in Bergen County, New Jersey. We protect nearly 400 wooded acres, all of its inhabitants and teach the next generations to do the same. Since 1961, TNC has nurtured an appreciation for nature, been a leader in open-space preservation and in environmental education for our community and beyond.