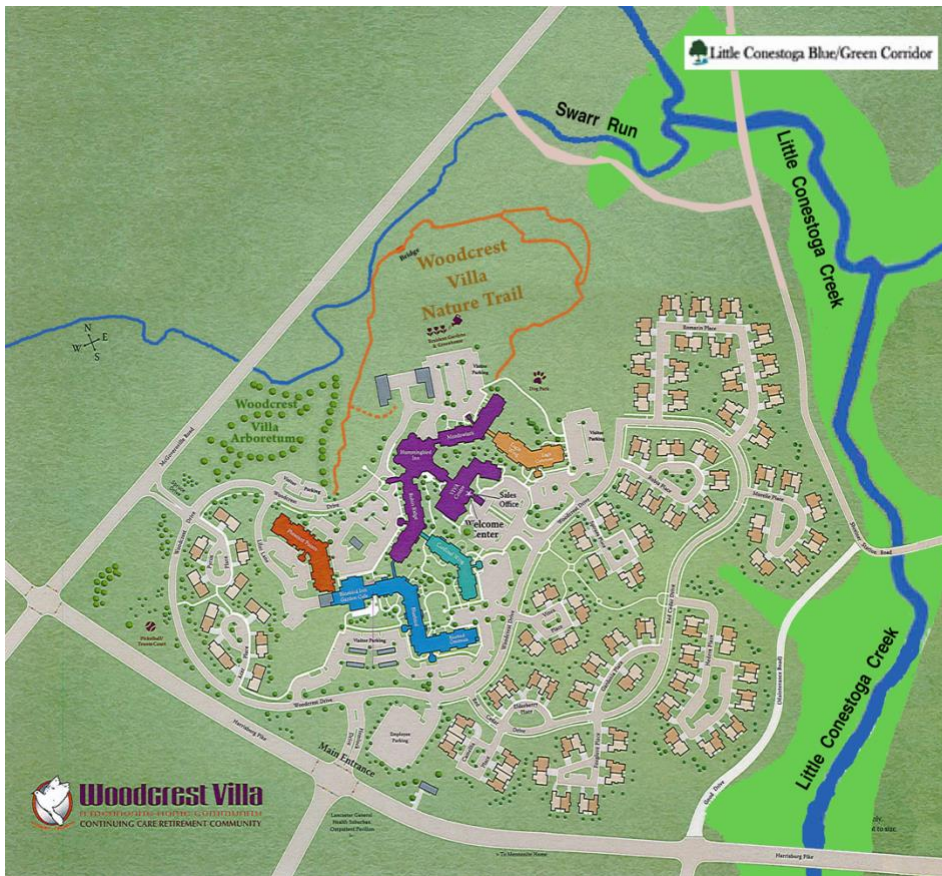


Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum

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Little Conestoga Blue/Green Corridor & Woodcrest Villa



over and replace them with native plants that will attract birds and butterflies. Part of the plan is to build a public walking trail along the Little Conestoga.

Notice that Swarr Run flows into the Little Conestoga Creek on the east end of the project. Only that tiny section of Swarr Run is in the project. Hence, the work of the Arboretum and Trail Committee to establish a riparian barrier along Swarr Run on Woodcrest's northern border is even more important. Recently the committee reviewed this area with Ryan Davis from the Alliance for the

Recent news accounts revealed that the Little Conestoga Creek on Woodcrest Villa's south-eastern border and the adjoining wetlands could be the focus of a major restoration effort in 2 or 3 years. The area has several feet of silt that has built up from erosion upstream in past centuries. The creek now just occupies a narrow channel surrounded by this silt. The project will remove the silt so that in times when there is heavy runoff, the creek can occupy the area that was filled in with silt and not cause flooding and not pollute the Chesapeake Bay. The project will also remove invasive plants that have taken

Chesapeake Bay. He has recommended that we participate in the Keystone 100 Million Trees initiative to obtain plants for our riparian barrier.



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Ryan Davis, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, with Jerry Lawrence

Tree Planting & Dedication Service



Preliminary Arboretum Plan

Our first two Honor/Memorial Trees were planted last November. Tree of Life Services, who plants the trees recommends planting the four new trees after they go dormant in late October or Early November. Hence, we hope to have a Dedication Service for all 6 trees in November. We will announce a date so that loved ones can be invited to attend. Of course, all Covid-19 precautions will be in place.

Flower Factory

Jerry Lawrence bringing buckets of flowers for the Flower Factory Gals to make into bouquets for key locations in Woodcrest Villa and for sale in the Market Place. Ginny Kloeping also donates flowers from her garden. All proceeds benefit the MHC Benevolent Care Fund. From the left are Nancy Landis, Jerry, Shirley Harms, and Priscilla Esbenshade.



Swarr Run Riparian Buffer

Elizabeth Mills from the Tree of Life Service that plants our Honor/Memory trees recently visited the Arboretum and wrote: “I popped down to visit your project quick. WOW! The clearing out on the stream bank looks good—it’s so refreshing to see the creek!” She sent us this photo:



Congratulations, Great Job Nature Trail Crew!

Marc Spiridigliozzi & Thrivent Donate 8 Pawpaw Trees

Thanks to a generous donation from Marc Spiridigliozzi & Thrivent, we will have 8 new native Pawpaw trees along the trail. We also have donations for small trees and flowering shrubs for along Swarr



Run, on the edge of the woods in the arboretum, and along the trail. Rhoda Martin (shown in photo) of Herbal Springs Farmstead near Ephrata has offered us native plants at clearance prices. If you would like to help fund the purchase of plants for the riparian buffer and the trail, mail a check to

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