

Community Garden Volunteer Workdays

East Petersburg Community Garden,
2899 Graystone Rd, East Petersburg, PA 17520

Hosted by East Petersburg Borough and The Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance;
Preparation activities leading up to the Water Week Tour of the East Petersburg BMP
Demonstration Gardens

April 11th, 2026: 9:00am- 12:00pm

Workday focus: Spring cleanup, weeding, identifying replanting and mulching needs

May 16th, 2026: 9:00am- 12:00pm

Workday focus: Weeding, replacement plantings and mulching

June 11th, 2026: 5:30pm- 07:30pm

Water Week Tour of the East Petersburg Community Gardens

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RAIN GARDEN
A garden of native plants, shrubs, grasses and softwoods planted in a slight depression to temporarily hold excess water in the case of heavy rainfall. This allows the water to soak into the ground, and to filter out sediments, pesticides and nutrients, while providing valuable habitat for wildlife and pollinators.

WILDFLOWER PLANTING AREAS
An area planted with wildflowers and other native plants to attract pollinators and provide a source of nectar and pollen for a wide range of pollinating insects and birds. These areas also serve as a natural habitat for many other species, such as the monarch butterfly. These areas also help to reduce soil erosion and provide a natural barrier to prevent runoff from a nearby road or driveway.

Our Native Plants
Plants that can be found in the garden:

- American Sycamore
- Tulip tree
- Black shadbush
- Black-eyed Susan
- Purple Coneflower
- Common Milkweed
- New England Aster
- Sensitivy Fern

 Native plants are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions, making them naturally drought and pest resistant. They also provide the following benefits:

- Do not require fertilizers and require fewer pesticides
- Require less water
- Provide food and shelter for wildlife
- Improve biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage

What's Here in the Garden?

- No-mow meadow: This area is kept uncultivated to provide ecological benefits, such as providing habitat and nesting ground for birds, including song and meadowlark.
- Shade Gardens (pendulous plantings): Areas underneath a mature tree and behind the concrete treatment building contain shade loving plants, such as ferns and coralbeils, because of limited sunlight.

Our Wildlife
Wildlife that can be found in the garden:

- Monarch butterfly
- Various species of meadowlark
- Non-pollinators
- Canada goose
- White-tailed deer
- Eastern skunk
- Sparrows
- American Goldfinch

Who Made This Happen?
 Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance, East Petersburg Borough, Water Week, The Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance, Land Trust.

EAST PETERSBURG Community Garden
IMPROVING WATER QUALITY AND WILDLIFE HABITAT IN EAST PETERSBURG AND THE LITTLE CONESTOGA CREEK WATERSHED

Activities to Include: Plant identification, planting, invasive plant management and mulching.

Things to bring: Bug spray, suntan lotion, camera, preferred garden tools and gloves. Yard waste bags will be provided.



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