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Site Summary



Filters (matching ALL filters):

- Area Number is between 1 AND 5
- Maintenance Type is not equal to 'Plant'

Common Species

	Count	Percent
Oak, Northern Red	1,273	16.88%
Sweetgum	436	5.78%
Linden, Littleleaf	431	5.72%
Maple, Norway	376	4.99%
Maple, Sugar	239	3.17%
Maple, Red	236	3.13%
Maple, Red-Red Sunset	196	2.60%
London Planetree	195	2.59%
Honeylocust	178	2.36%
Ash, Green	158	2.10%
Ash, White	138	1.83%
Maple, Norway-Crimson King	121	1.60%
Maple, Red-October Glory	113	1.50%
Oak, Scarlet	112	1.49%
Linden, Littleleaf - Greenspire	102	1.35%
Black Gum	99	1.31%
Oak, Pin	99	1.31%
Maple, Sugar-Green Mountain	92	1.22%
Pear, Callery	88	1.17%
Oak, Swamp White	76	1.01%
Katsuratree	73	0.97%
Sycamore, American	69	0.91%
Oak, White	66	0.88%
Hawthorn, Winter King	63	0.84%
Maple, Paperbark-Gingerbread	62	0.82%
Birch, River- Heritage	60	0.80%
Oak, Chestnut	60	0.80%
Hackberry	57	0.76%
Hornbeam, American	55	0.73%
Japanese Tree Lilac	55	0.73%
Maple, Red-Autumn Flame	55	0.73%
Zelkova, Japanese - Columnar	55	0.73%
Oak, Sawtooth	54	0.72%
Cherry, Okame	53	0.70%
Sweetgum, Seedless - Rotundiloba	53	0.70%
Tulip Tree	48	0.64%
Oak, Willow	44	0.58%
Maple, Silver	43	0.57%
Maple, Norway-Columnar	42	0.56%

Common Species

	Count	Percent
Hardy Rubber Tree	41	0.54%
Dawn Redwood	39	0.52%
Oak, Black	39	0.52%
Pear, Callery - Aristocrat	39	0.52%
Black Gum - Wildfire	38	0.50%
Maple, Sugar-Legacy	36	0.48%
Maple, Sugar - Autumn Fest	34	0.45%
Oak, Shumard	34	0.45%
Cherry, Sargent - Accolade	33	0.44%
Linden, American - Redmond	32	0.42%
London Planetree - Bloodgood	31	0.41%
Horsechestnut, Red - Ft. McNair	29	0.38%
Oak, Shingle	29	0.38%
Elm, Accolade	27	0.36%
Horsechestnut, Red - Briotii	27	0.36%
Maple, Hedge	27	0.36%
Maple, Paperbark	27	0.36%
Magnolia, Galaxy	26	0.34%
Oak, Chinkapin	26	0.34%
Cherry, Higan-Autumn Flower	25	0.33%
Cherry, Yoshino	25	0.33%
Ash, Green - Newport	24	0.32%
Ash, White - Autumn Applause	24	0.32%
Chokecherry, Canada Red	24	0.32%
Hackberry- Magnifica	24	0.32%
Serviceberry, Other	23	0.30%
Maple, Red-Sun Valley	21	0.28%
Honeylocust - Skyline	20	0.27%
Linden, American	20	0.27%
Maple, Norwegian Sunset	20	0.27%
Maple, Pacific Sunset	20	0.27%
Cherry, Kwanzan	19	0.25%
Honeylocust - Shademaster	19	0.25%
Sweetgum - Happidaze	19	0.25%
Maple, Sugar-Fall Fiesta	18	0.24%
Zelkova, Japanese - Green Vase	18	0.24%
Kentucky Coffeetree	17	0.23%
Linden, Silver - Sterling	17	0.23%
Cherry, Japanese-Snow Goose	16	0.21%
Maple, Norway-Royal Red	16	0.21%
Amur Maackia	15	0.20%
Ginkgo - Autumn Gold	15	0.20%
Maple, Armstrong	15	0.20%
Maple, Red-Autumn Radiance	15	0.20%

Common Species

		Count	Percent
Baldcypress		14	0.19%
Serviceberry, Aut Brilliance		14	0.19%
Silverbell, Mountain		14	0.19%
Cherry, Okame-Dream Catcher		13	0.17%
Elm, American - Princeton		13	0.17%
* Maple, Hedge-Queen Elizabeth		13	0.17%
Pear, Callery - Redspire		13	0.17%
Persian Parrotia		13	0.17%
Beech, European		12	0.16%
Birch, River- Dura Heat		12	0.16%
* Maple, Autumn Blaze		12	0.16%
* Maple, Red-Brandywine		12	0.16%
* Maple, Red-Red Pointe		12	0.16%
Snowbell, Japanese		12	0.16%
Ginkgo - Magyar		11	0.15%
Horsechestnut, Autumn Splendor		11	0.15%
Crabapple		10	0.13%
Dogwood, Kousa		10	0.13%
Ginkgo		10	0.13%
Holly, American		10	0.13%
Hophornbeam, American		10	0.13%
Cherry, Japanese-Royal Burgundy		9	0.12%
Dogwood, Cornelian Cherry		9	0.12%
Sassafras		9	0.12%
Serviceberry, Spring Glory		9	0.12%
Yellowwood		9	0.12%
Birch, River - City Slicker		8	0.11%
Crabapple, Snowdrift		8	0.11%
Crabapple, Sugar Tyme		8	0.11%
Elm, Chinese - Allee		8	0.11%
Horsechestnut, Red		8	0.11%
Linden, Littleleaf - Newport		8	0.11%
Mountainash, Korean		8	0.11%
Ginkgo, Princeton Sentry		7	0.09%
Japanese Pagodatree - Regent		7	0.09%
* Maple, Sugar - Commemoration		7	0.09%
* Maple, Tatarian		7	0.09%
Silverbell, Carolina		7	0.09%
Cherry, Sargent, Columnar - Pink Flair		6	0.08%
Stewartia, Japanese		6	0.08%
Amur Maackia-Starburst		5	0.07%
Birch, River		5	0.07%
Black Locust-Purple Robe		5	0.07%
Dogwood, Celestial		5	0.07%

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		Count	Percent
Dogwood, Rutgans		5	0.07%
Kentucky Coffeetree - Espresso		5	0.07%
Linden, American - American Sentry		5	0.07%
Maple, Trident		5	0.07%
Oak, Bur		5	0.07%
Redbud, Eastern-Forest Pansy		5	0.07%
Turkish Filbert		5	0.07%
Zelkova, Japanese - Village Green		5	0.07%
Ash, Green - Patmore		4	0.05%
Cherry, Sargent		4	0.05%
Crabapple, Red Baron		4	0.05%
Dogwood, Flowering		4	0.05%
Elm, American - Liberty		4	0.05%
Fir, White		4	0.05%
Maple, Amur-Flame		4	0.05%
Maple, Norway-Cleveland		4	0.05%
Maple, Sugar-Bonfire		4	0.05%
Maple, Sugar-Columnnare		4	0.05%
Sweetgum - Worplesdon		4	0.05%
Sweetgum, Moraine		4	0.05%
Sweetgum, Seedless - Cherokee		4	0.05%
Beech, European-Purple Ronhaini		3	0.04%
Birch, Himalayan		3	0.04%
Cherry-First Blush		3	0.04%
Crabapple, Prairiefire		3	0.04%
Hornbeam, European		3	0.04%
Linden, Silver		3	0.04%
Linden, Silver - Green Mountain		3	0.04%
Magnolia, Leonard Messel		3	0.04%
Magnolia, Saucer		3	0.04%
Serviceberry, Cumulus		3	0.04%
Beech, American		2	0.03%
Beech, European-Purple		2	0.03%
Black Gum - Green Gable		2	0.03%
Catalpa, Northern		2	0.03%
Corktree, Amur - Shademaster		2	0.03%
Dawn Redwood- Golden Dawn		2	0.03%
Elm, American		2	0.03%
Elm, Chinese		2	0.03%
Elm, Scotch		2	0.03%
Elm, Siberian		2	0.03%
Hackberry- Prairie Sentinel		2	0.03%
Japanese Pagodatree - Halka		2	0.03%
Katsuratree - Red Fox		2	0.03%

Common Species

	Count	Percent
Linden, Crimean	2	0.03%
London Planetree - Columbia	2	0.03%
Maple, Hedge-Metro Gold	2	0.03%
Maple, Norway-Schwedler	2	0.03%
Maple, Tatarian-Hot Wings	2	0.03%
Maple, Tatarian-Pattern Perfect	2	0.03%
Oak, Other	2	0.03%
Pine, Eastern White	2	0.03%
Planting Site Medium	2	0.03%
Beech, European - Purpurea	1	0.01%
Birch, Royal Frost	1	0.01%
Cherry, Canada Red Flowering	1	0.01%
Cherry, Hillier Spire	1	0.01%
Crabapple, Donald Wyman	1	0.01%
Dogwood, Aurora	1	0.01%
Dogwood, Constellation	1	0.01%
Dogwood, Kousa-Rosabella	1	0.01%
Dogwood, Stellar Pink	1	0.01%
Eastern Redcedar	1	0.01%
Elm, American - New Harmony	1	0.01%
Elm, American - Valley Forge	1	0.01%
Hawthorn, Other	1	0.01%
Hickory, Bitternut	1	0.01%
Linden, Littleleaf - Chancellor	1	0.01%
Linden, Other	1	0.01%
London Planetree - Exclamation	1	0.01%
Magnolia, Daybreak	1	0.01%
Magnolia, Other	1	0.01%
Magnolia, Star	1	0.01%
Maple, Amur-Ruby Slippers	1	0.01%
Maple, Hedge-Greenstreet	1	0.01%
Maple, Red - Autumn Blaze	1	0.01%
Maple, Sycamore	1	0.01%
Oak, Southern Red	1	0.01%
Redbud, Eastern	1	0.01%
Serviceberry, Robin Hill	1	0.01%
Sourwood	1	0.01%
Grand Total:		7,541

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WHEREAS, Section 1202(24) of the Borough Code, 53 P.S. § 46202(24) of the State of Pennsylvania permits Boroughs to adopt ordinances regulating buildings and housing; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned section of the Borough Code provides that the Borough may adopt by reference thereto a standard code in order to regulate buildings and housing within its geographical boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Wyomissing desires to adopt and enact the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code as published by the International Code Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wyomissing, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Part 1 of the Code of the Borough of Wyomissing entitled "Property Maintenance Code" is hereby repealed in its entirety and re-enacted to read as follows:

PART 1

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

§ 101. ADOPTION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

The Borough of Wyomissing hereby adopts, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the maintenance of all structures, including administration, enforcement and penalties, the property maintenance code known as the "2006 International Property Maintenance Code," as published by the International Code Council, Inc., save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended, of which three copies have been and are now filed with the office of the Borough Secretary, and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein. From the date on which this Part shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the maintenance of all structures, and in all other subjects therein contained, within the corporate limits of the Borough.

§ 102. AMENDMENTS MADE IN PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

The Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted is amended as follows:

A. Section 101.1, "Title," is amended to read:

101.1. Title. These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the Borough of Wyomissing, hereinafter referred to as "this Code."

B. Section 106.4, "Violation Penalties," is amended to read as follows:

106.4. Violation Penalties. Any person who shall violate a provision of this Code shall be, upon conviction, sentenced to a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and cost, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed as separate offense.

C. Section 111.2, "Membership of the Board," is amended to read as follows:

111.2. Membership of the Board. The Board of Appeals shall consist of the "Infrastructure Committee of the Borough of Wyomissing" formed pursuant to Chapter 1, Part 3E of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Wyomissing, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

D. Section 111.2.1, "Alternate Members," is repealed.

E. Section 111.2.2, "Chairman," is repealed.

F. Section 111.2.4, "Secretary," is repealed.

G. Section 111.2.5, "Compensation of Members," is repealed.

H. Section 111.5, "Postponed Hearing," is repealed.

I. Section 111.6, "Board Decision," is amended to read:

111.6. Board Decision. The Board shall modify or reverse the decision of the Code Official by a majority vote of the members present.

J. Section 302.4, "Weeds," is amended to read as follows:

302.4. Weeds and Grass. All premises and exterior property, including planting strips between the sidewalk and street surface or curb, shall be maintained free from weeds or other plant growth including, but not limited to, grass in excess of 10 inches. All plant material which blocks visibility or access to any fire hydrant or any other fire department connections, equipment or controls shall be removed. All noxious weeds

shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

“Weeds” as used in this Part means and includes any Canada thistle, cichorium, intybus, Russian thistle, wild lettuce, wild mustard, wild parsley, ragweed, milkweed or any other plant or vegetable whatsoever, not edible or planted for a useful or ornamental purpose.

Every person owning or occupying any property in the Borough, upon which any grass or weeds shall grow, shall not throw, place or deposit grass or weeds for disposal in Borough streets, alleys or on the property of another.

Upon failure of the owner or agent having charge of a property to cut and/or destroy weeds and/or grass or dispose of weed and grass in violation of this subsection, after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds and/or grass growing thereon, and the costs of such removal, plus 10%, shall be paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property. Notice pursuant to this subsection shall be given by personal service, United States mail, first class postage, or by posting a notice of the violation at a conspicuous location on the premises where the violation is occurring.

K. Section 302.8, “Motor Vehicles,” is amended to read as follows:

302.8. Motor Vehicles. Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth. Motorized vehicles shall not be parked on dirt or grass covered surface. No more than three non-motorized vehicles may be kept on any residential property and no more than one non-motorized vehicle may be parked on a dirt or grass covered surface; provided, however, that a vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes.

L. Section 304.3, “Premises Identification,” is amended to read as follows:

304.3. Premises Identification. Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with

their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm). Numbers shall be positioned at least 36 inches from grade and shall be clear from all vegetation and/or seasonal decorations. If the premise identification numerals are not parallel to the street, the numerals must be visible from both directions of travel, to include one-way streets.

M. Section 304.14, "Insect Screens," is amended by inserting "April 1st" in the first area designated as "{DATE}" and "October 1st" in the second area designated as "{DATE}."

N. Section 307.2, "Disposal of Rubbish and Garbage," is amended to read as follows:

307.2. Disposal of Rubbish. Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of all rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such rubbish in approved containers. No more than two containers, per resident, for the storage of recyclable materials shall be permitted for each residential location. There is no limit for yard waste bags. Bulk refuse, including, but not limited to, appliances, upholstered or other indoor furniture, and tires shall not be placed outside of a structure for more than 10 days and then, only for the purpose of proper disposal. Dumpsters placed for bulk residential or construction waste shall not be placed on any property for more than 10 days, or the duration of an active, permit-approved construction project.

O. Section 602.3, "Heat Supply," is amended by inserting "September 15th" in the first area designated as "{DATE}" and "May 15th" in the second area designated as "{DATE}."

P. Section 602.4, "Work Space," is amended by inserting "September 15th" in the first area designated as "{DATE}" and "May 15th" in the second area designated as "{DATE}."

§ 103. STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS.

In all matters that are regulated by the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or by regulations of departments or agencies of the Commonwealth promulgated by authority of law, such laws or regulations, or other ordinances of the Borough, as the case may be, shall control where the requirements thereof are the same as or in excess of the provisions of this Part. The code shall control in all cases where the State requirements, or the requirements of other ordinances of this Borough, are not as strict as those contained in this Part.

§ 104. PROVISIONS TO BE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING REGULATIONS.

The provisions of this Part so far as they are the same as those of ordinances and/or codes in force immediately prior to the enactment of this Part, are intended as a continuation of such

ordinances and codes and not as new enactments. The provisions of this Part shall not affect any act done or liability incurred, nor shall they affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any right or penalty or to punish any offense under the authority of any of the repealed ordinances.

SECTION 2. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or provision hereof shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, or provisions of the Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wyomissing that this Ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective after enactment on the earliest date permitted by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance of the Borough of Wyomissing, Berks County, Pennsylvania this 10th day of April, 2007.

BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING

By: Thomas Heck

Thomas Heck, President of Borough Council

Attest: Kevin R. Tobias

Kevin Tobias, Secretary of the Borough

APPROVED as an Ordinance this 10th day of April, 2007.

Ronald C. Stanko
Ronald Stanko, Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of the Borough of Wyomissing, Berks County, Pennsylvania, will consider the adoption of two (2) proposed Ordinances which will amend the Code of the Borough of Wyomissing no more than sixty (60) nor less than seven (7) days from the date of this publication. The first such time this Ordinance will be considered, and possibly adopted, will be April 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough of Wyomissing Borough Hall, located at 22 Reading Boulevard, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610. A summary of said Ordinances are as follows:

1. The Borough of Wyomissing does hereby repeal, re-enact and adopt Chapter 1, Part 16, of the Code of the Borough of Wyomissing entitled "Intergovernmental Agreement for the Westside Regional Emergency Management Agency," which provides for the Borough's participation in a local emergency management agency comprised of various Berks County municipalities to provide the residents and citizens of those respective municipalities and communities with more efficient, responsive, cost effective and competent emergency management services consistent with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code. The Ordinance is summarized as follows:

Said Ordinance does authorize the Borough of Wyomissing to execute and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Borough of Sinking Spring, the Township of Spring and the Borough of West Reading which will allow for the formation of a regional emergency management agency to be known as the Westside Regional Emergency Management Agency. It also provides a mechanism which will allow for the future participation of other municipalities. The Emergency Management Agency shall consist of members from each of the municipalities represented and shall establish polices and procedures to be implemented by each of said municipalities with the goal of increasing the effectiveness of the emergency management preparedness of each of the municipalities involved in said agency.

2. The Borough of Wyomissing shall also consider the repealing, adoption and re-enactment of Chapter 11, Part 1 of the Code of the Borough of Wyomissing entitled "Property Maintenance Code" which adopts the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code as the property maintenance code for the Borough of Wyomissing. Said Ordinance provides for the adoption of Chapter 11, Part 1 of the Code of the Borough of Wyomissing which is summarized as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1270 - 2007

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2. The Borough of Wyomissing shall also consider the repealing, adoption and re-enactment of Chapter 11, Part 1 of the Code of the Borough of Wyomissing entitled "Property Maintenance Code" which adopts the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code as the property maintenance code for the Borough of Wyomissing. Said Ordinance provides for the adoption of Chapter 11, Part 1 of the Code of the Borough of Wyomissing which is summarized as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1270 - 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING CHAPTER 11, ENTITLED "HOUSING," PART 1, ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE MINIMUM REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF

Ordinance No. 1270-07

Section 302.4 – Controlled Plants, Noxious Weeds and Turfgrass. All premises and exterior property, including planting strips between the sidewalk and street surface or curb, shall be maintained free from weeds or other plant growth including, but not limited to, turfgrass in excess of ten (10) inches. All plant material which blocks visibility or access to any fire hydrant or any other Fire Department connections, equipment or controls shall be removed. All controlled plant and noxious weeds identified by any government agency as a controlled plant or noxious weed.

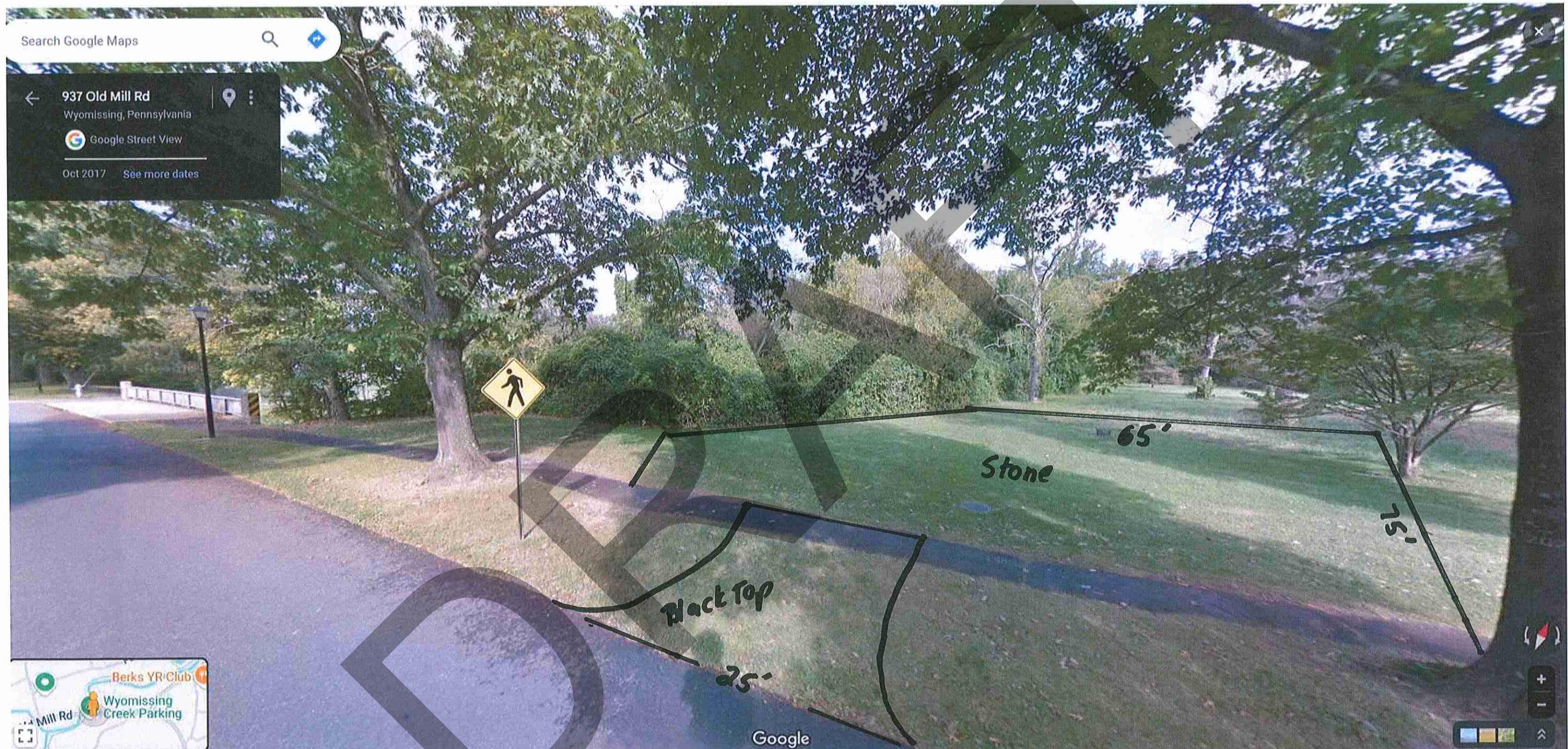
Cultivated flowers, gardens, native or naturalistic plants, and managed natural landscape areas are not included in the definition of “weeds”. Any area containing cultivated flowers, gardens, native or naturalistic plants and managed natural landscape areas shall not include any plant identified by any applicable government agency as a noxious weed. Managed natural landscape areas may include plants and grasses of any height which have gone to seed. Managed natural landscapes shall not include plants that, due to location and/or manner of growth, constitute a hazard to the public.

Cultivated area may include garden beds that are both started from seed and or planted from live plants.

Turfgrass is defined as continuous plant coverage consisting of a grass species that is mowed to maintain an established height.

Every person owning or occupying any property in the Borough, upon which any turfgrass, controlled plants or noxious weeds shall grow, shall not throw, place or deposit turfgrass, controlled plants or noxious weeds for disposal in Borough streets, alleys or on the property of another.

Upon failure of the owner or agent having charge of a property to cut and/or destroy controlled plants, noxious weeds or turfgrass or dispose of said items in violation of this subsection, after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction, or contractor hired by the jurisdiction, shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the controlled plant, noxious weed and/or turfgrass growing thereon, and the costs of such removal, plus 10%, shall be paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property. Notice pursuant to this subsection shall be given by personal service, United States mail first class postage, or by posting a notice of the violation at a conspicuous location on the premises where the violation is occurring.



Bluebird Trail Subcommittee Report – January 2025

Quindi, Margaret, and Lucy met over Zoom on January 10. We discussed planning for the 2025 nesting season with the goals of supporting the nesting success of Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows and engaging community members in learning about and contributing to this effort and thereby raising awareness of environmental stewardship initiatives in the Wyomissing Park.

Proposed plans for changes to boxes:

- Purchase, at cost of materials, 8 boxes built by Ken Leister and 5 boxes built by Art Zdancewic. *Delivery expected by end of February*
- Replace the following boxes: #3, 4, 5, 11, 14, 17, 25, 26, and 27.
- Remove two boxes used exclusively by wrens: #7 and #28.
- Relocate boxes #3, 4 and 6.
- Remount box #18 (removed last year for sewer project) and replace and remount box #27 (box broken and later box and post damaged beyond repair) and box #17 (in new location in the Golden Meadow).
- Construct and install Noel predator guards on box #2 and on new Leister box replacements for boxes #11, 14, 25, 26, and 27.
- Install metal hole reducers on boxes #1, 8, 10, 19, 24, 29, 30
- Explore measures to reduce risk of excessive heat, focusing on boxes exposed to full sun (i.e., install double roof or paint dark wood roof white).

House Sparrow control:

Bluebird experts recommend a combination of active and passive control measures, stating that active measures are needed when sparrows are present in larger numbers. In 2024, House Sparrows dominated or competed for 7 of our boxes and the boxes on school property adjacent to High Rd circle continued to produce House Sparrows.

Proposals:

- Continue last year's practice of piercing and replacing all House Sparrow eggs laid in our boxes.
- Obtain 2 Van Ert Universal Sparrow Traps for the purpose of trapping and humanely dispatching the sparrows imprinted on our boxes.

House Wren discouragement:

- Gradually remove some of the boxes dominated by wrens and located in prime wren habitat. Remove boxes #7 and 9 this year.
- Have monitors repeatedly remove any dummy or inactive wren nests.

Community outreach:

- Very recently Michele received an email from someone eager to help with the bluebird project. Chris Hennessy teaches English and Art at Berks Catholic HS and is looking for a stewardship project to complete her Nature Journaling Educator Certification through the Wild Wonder Foundation. She has been writing journal entries based on experiences in the Wyomissing Park and creating illustrations of

the native plant species she finds there. She has offered both for our use. Chris has a daughter who is in her first year at Wilson HS who shares her interest in nature and is also interested in helping care for our nest box trail.

- Community engagement and education opportunities could include a series of posts to be placed in park kiosks, pieces and photos for the borough newsletter and social media, bird walks in the park, presentations to community groups, and offering an article to the Wyomissing Neighbors magazine.
- Lucy has emailed Lauren Neithamer, who (we hope) is still the staff advisor for the environmental club at Wyomissing Jr/Sr High, to offer students the opportunity to help with box monitoring this year.

Nest box monitoring schedule for 2025

- Spring checking and cleaning of the boxes (where needed) should take place in late Feb. or the first week or two of March. Breeding season for bluebirds in PA begins during the 3rd week of March.
- Lucy will contact Duane in late Feb or early March at a time when the ground is bare so that together we can mark the locations for nest box relocations and the installation of new nest boxes.
- By some time in February, we should have a firm list of monitors and train those new to the project. Monitors will be assigned specific boxes to check weekly and a system for arranging coverage when a monitor is absent will be created.
- Monitoring data will be conveyed each week to a compiler.

Materials request from Park & Shade Tree Commission subcommittee on the Bluebird Trail. 01/10/2025

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Price per item</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
Portal protector	7	\$4.99	Wild Birds Unlimited
Van Ert Universal Sparrow Trap	2	\$11	vanerttraps.com
Van Ert mesh bag	1	\$7	vanerttraps.com
Numbered medallions 1 pack		\$18.99	Amazon
“50pcs Plastic 35mm Round Shape Session ID Plates Number Card Tags Hanger Identification Slip Each One with Key Split Ring”			

Brand: Melleco

(These are round plastic medallions, white numbers on black background, that should match the current ones, per info rec'd from Stephen Buynovski. They come as a set numbered 1-30, or 1-50. Since we have 32 boxes, the smaller set would not be sufficient.)

Materials to make 8+ Noel guards:

Hardware cloth – 18” X 5.5” piece needed per box

1 roll (3’X5’) Everbilt 1.5” mesh 19-gauge galvanized steel hardware cloth at Home Depot: \$19.98 per roll. (this is enough for 20 guards)

Tin snips – likely we could borrow these

Wooden ‘jig’ offered on Etsy, to aid in bending the hardware cloth: \$25 from vendor ‘JackQuest’ at:

https://www.etsy.com/listing/655149176/noel-guard-jig-to-make-your-own-9-x-13-x?ga_order=most_relevant&ga_search_type=all&ga_view_type=gallery&ga_search_query=noel+predator+guard&ref=sr_gallery-1-4&frs=1&sts=1&content_source=fd5a216642420274b81c723caba09cada82e7e9e%253A655149176&organic_search_click=1

Total cost approx. \$110 (plus cost of medallions)

8 Leister boxes x \$20/box = \$160

5 Art Z boxes x \$20/box = \$100

Grand total approx. \$370

Submitted by Lucy Cairns

