

Current Grants/Projects in Progress

-Buckingham Green Project:

Foresite's Powerpoint of the Buckingham Green Runoff project that they presented at Arden's June 2016 town meeting is available for us to download. We are considering where to best store this large document and if we can make it available on the town website. Carol will send links to the powerpoint to each of the committee members and to Stephanie Polkas for the Arden Website.

We need to check with ForeSite to review their progress on the plan and looking forward to putting in a grant proposal (for community water quality through the state) in the late fall to implement the plan.

Boundaries/Encroachment

- 2409 Woodland. As per a meeting with representatives of Arden Trustees, Civic, Advisory, and Community Planning on July 11th, concerning parking for 2409 Woodland, the forest committee proposed a possible compromise would be a well-landscaped and engineered parking pad, including a handicapped parking spot, for all forest use near the property. This would add value to the property. Drainage consideration would need to be included in any engineering plan. Forest path would remain in the same spot, but cross over the parking area—as opposed to moving the path to the nearby worn deer path which was another possibility. The Nordheimers, in the adjacent property, were vocal against moving the path closer to their leasehold. Because the parking pad idea involves drainage issues and improved handicapped access, we could search out grants to cover the parking pad. Jen expressed concern that even if the forest had its own parking, it wouldn't be for the use of the residents of 2409 Woodland. Another proposed option was simply to allow a few more feet of parking outside the garage of that property. This solution brings up the question of what the Forests of

Arden would get in return for turning over additional feet of forest property. This is an ongoing conversation.

- Proposed four “No Dumping, No Yard Waste” signs on areas where dumping has occurred in forest along the newly surveyed southwest border with Sunset Farms, Buckingham Green, Sherwood Green and the Weiler Property.

Drainage/Erosion

-1901 Millers is finished with their engineered drainage plan. We need to return to the area and replant because some of the forest plantings were destroyed in the process. John Scheflen, owner of 1901 Miller, has offered to help pay for the new plantings. We need to visit the site and monitor the new system to see how the drainage is working, especially with the pipe in the forest.

-Consideration for two incised channels leading to Naaman’s Creek: one at the end of St. Martin’s Lane and one at the end of Woodland Lane. One thought is to move the trunks of trees (that we have to cut down anyway) into those channels to slow water flow and hopefully get the channels to fill in.

Invasive Control

-We are working on pulling Japanese Stilt Grass. (See Community communications)

-There was hope for a biological solution for Emerald Ash Borer, but Frank Jost has been researching this topic, and the option is not viable for widespread control. We are back to researching chemical solutions to combat the invasive insect, which as of the present, has not affected our area trees.

Paths/Maintenance

-Bridge replacements in Sherwood: Legacy Project was completed on July 13th and 20th with older youth (ages 11-14 years old) during the ACRA Summer Program. Carol Larson and Jen Borders facilitated program. Thirteen youth participated. This was the first year of the Legacy Project Program, and from our standpoint, a huge success. We welcome future years and future projects. The bridge is located in Sherwood Forest across Perkins Run from The Highway entrance point.

Removals/Monitoring of Trees

-Oak tree killed by construction that needs to be removed at 2409 Woodland.

-A damaged beech needs to be trimmed back. It is threatening a property on Buckingham Green.

Community Involvement/Communications

-September *Arden Page* submission: Jill Althouse-Wood will write and send the submission. Subject matters: ACRA Legacy project and Arden Fair Forest Committee booth. We will have tattoos, buttons, shopping bags, and native plant pamphlets to give away.

-Jen will post a photo of Japanese Stilt Grass on Forests of the Arden Facebook page.

Next meeting date: August 17, 5 pm, at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Althouse-Wood