



Friends of Salt Springs Park December 2019

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Whew!

Although we entered the year still reeling from the devastating flood of August 2018, 2019 was a grand success, filled with both tangible and intangible good works.

Tenants again occupy our rental house and apartment, generating needed income and fostering a comfortable, lived-in atmosphere. The annual Celebration was our best ever, with record attendance and income. Membership numbers are record high, and we were the recipients of several grants and many donations.

Because maintaining the park's infrastructure so that the public can safely enjoy varied types of outdoor experiences is a huge part of our mission, here is a (not exhaustive) list of tangible repairs and improvements FSSP board members, staff, and volunteers completed in just one short, fast-paced year. *Kudos to all.*

- ◆ New wall-mounted propane furnace installed in the Calvin (rental) House (with DCNR paying 80%; balance, donor funded)
- ◆ Flooded campgrounds and day use areas cleared of trash, debris, and downed trees (volunteers)
- ◆ Cabins 2 and 3 cleaned and repaired (volunteers, Rock Solid Landscaping, donor funded)
- ◆ Washout along the Overlook Trail repaired (donor funded; see photo bottom right)
- ◆ The salt spring restored (retrenched, stone work rebuilt, cleared of silt and debris; volunteers, including the Barnard family and Southwestern Energy employees; see below)
- ◆ Septic system (for Wheaton and Calvin houses) replaced (DCNR and donor funded)
- ◆ Organic garden cleared of debris, re-fenced (volunteers)
- ◆ Trails completely re-marked, with painted symbols replacing faded plastic arrows (Trails Committee)
- ◆ New routed signs (roughly 30% of what is needed) placed along several trails (George Thompson, Eagle Scout project)
- ◆ New park signs installed at the entrance (DCNR)
- ◆ A section of Buckley Road (west of Salt Springs Road) repaired (FSSP, Scott family)
- ◆ Park directional signs repainted (volunteers)
- ◆ Six bat boxes built and installed (Jack Martin, Eagle Scout project)
- ◆ Boardwalk repairs completed (rotted wood replaced, railing raised for better drainage; Southwestern Energy volunteers, donor funded)
- ◆ Memorial bench installed in the new Memorial Garden (funded and placed by the Susquehanna County Land Owners Association in memory of Robert Wagner)
- ◆ 60 trees and shrubs planted (donated by the Penn State Master Gardeners, planted by the Environmental Ed Committee and volunteers)

Our Namesake Restored



The namesake salt spring, the most well-known spring in the park, hasn't looked this good in years! Thank you to the Barnard family and Southwestern Energy volunteers for cleaning and repairing and to Mike Merritt for building the sign a new frame.

Final Program of 2019

Winter Snow Fun
Saturday, December 21, 1 p.m.



We expect near-perfect conditions for getting outdoors and exploring this weekend. We'll provide snowshoes or ice cleats and poles—just wear your winter boots—and some basic instruction as needed. **Free-will donation.**

After & After



After the flood, culvert pipes were exposed where a section of the Overlook Trail was washed away.



After Dave Rebello and Rock Solid Landscaping repaired the partially washed out culvert, we rejoiced!