

The Sacony Creek Marsh benefits both man and nature. It provides a sanctuary for terrestrial and aquatic life, and performs substantial water purification, flood protection, and drought control functions.

A platform was constructed from which people may view the marsh without walking into it, thus preventing damage to the fragile ecosystem.

This project was the foresight of "The Friends of the Saucony Marsh" in 1993. The goals of the project were and remain to monitor and maintain the marsh for its continued viability. Engagement in educational activities will promote awareness and appreciation of the Marsh.

Enjoy the natural beauty and function of this important ecosystem. Please adhere to guidelines on responsible usage of this thriving treasure. Its high quality water sustains species of plants and animals that consume impurities, and thus maintain the water quality. As it is located only yards from the Borough of Kutztown wells, this marvelous natural purifier provides significant protection for our public water supply.



Other partners on the Sacony Creek Trail project are:
Boy Scout Troop 101
Kutztown Area School District
Kutztown EAC
Kutztown University

References:
"Saucony Creek Marsh" Spring edition 1994
Berks County Conservancy
"Saucony Marsh Preservation Project:
Friends of the Saucony Marsh
Berks County Conservancy

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Sacony Creek Trail and Marsh



2008 Joint project by:
Borough of Kutztown,
Berks County Conservancy
and Maiden Creek
Watershed Association.



The Nature Conservancy has rated the Sacony Creek Marsh as the second most significant natural site in Berks County.

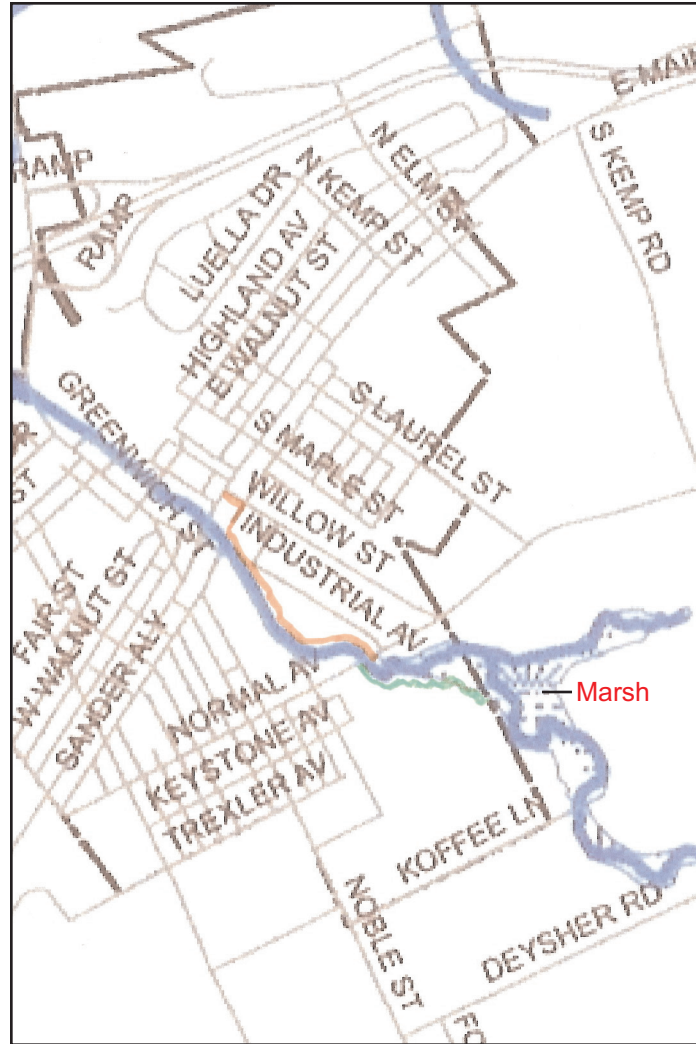
This splendid wetland is ranked as an S2S3 environment by the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program, meaning that its status is wavering between vulnerable and imperiled.

Spectacular blue herons are found here along with ducks, geese, turtles, frogs and other interesting wildlife.



Lists of birds, plants, amphibians and other inhabitants of the marsh will be posted in the future on the Borough of Kutztown website at www.kutztownboro.org.

Sacony Creek Trail and Marsh



Orange -Sacony Creek Trail - Phase I
Main St. to Normal Ave.
Green -Sacony Creek Trail & Marsh - Phase II
Normal Ave. to High School

The Sacony Creek Marsh is a wetland consisting of 1.25 stream miles and 20.5 acres of land and water, located in Maxatawny Township and the Borough of Kutztown.



A wetland, characterized by saturated soils, hydric vegetation, or land that is flooded for short periods of time throughout the year, is a unique community of plants, birds, trees, fish and insects that coexist and thrive without interference from man.