

The Lancaster Conservancy is excited to announce a partnership with the National Wildlife Federation to form a Community Wildlife Habitat initiative.

The initiative's goal is to work with local property owners, schools and communities to encourage the planting of native plants and trees as well as gardens that reduce stormwater runoff while providing habitat that will benefit wildlife and attract pollinators.

Once installed these gardens can be certified by the National Wildlife Federation. With a critical mass of certified gardens the goal is to create corridors for wildlife to thrive and have the entire county of Lancaster certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

To learn more about the program or to have someone visit your property please email Linda Ferich at lferich@lancasterconservancy.org

## **Habitat Stewards**

Habitat Stewards mentor others to create habitat for homes, businesses, community spaces, places of worship, and schools for certification.

Pa Master Naturalists & Habitat Stewards, Allison Zechman, Margie Hall, and Linda Ferich conduct a course to train volunteers to become certified Habitat Stewards.

A 24-hour training course begins in the spring and covers topics such as the relationship between wildlife and plants, exceptional habitat features, site analysis, sustainable practices and invasive plants. Each steward receives resource information related to gardening for wildlife.

If you have interest in gardening for wildlife, desire to help others and want to be a member of the conservancy's Habitat Steward team, please contact us at lferich@lancasterconservancy.org









