Mendham Township
Historic Park
at Pitney Farm

Report from the Pitney Seven Acres Task Force

Presented to the
Mendham Township Committee
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Our Thanks to the Seven Acres Task Force Members:

- Mayor Rich Diegnan, Task Force Chair
- Diana Orban Brown, Task Force Deputy Chair
- Ed Clark
- Juan Peruyero
- Arjan Roghanchi
- Karen Romweber
- John Wicklow
- Patricia Zimmerman
Task Force Charge

• Assess condition of the property and extent of restoration required

• Evaluate availability of outside grants and funding for restoration

• Consult with Morris County and New Jersey officials re: uses, alterations

• Gather recommendations and feedback from residents

• Utilize expertise of Administrator, DPW Superintendent and other Township professionals

• Evaluate other conditions and requirements, as needed
Task Force Process

- Task force appointed in August
- Pitney property visits by members, experts and professionals
- 22-point work plan developed
  - Document review
  - Meetings with state and county officials, current and former FoPF
  - Assessment of grounds and structures
  - Consultation with Environment, Recreation, Tree, Historic Preservation committees
  - Exploration of funding opportunities
  - Input from Pitney neighbors
- Concepts proposed, developed, reviewed, revised
- Communication and final presentation – 11/27/18
Seven Guiding Principles for the Seven Acres

• Low impact use
• Sustainable and low maintenance
• Attractive and an asset for the community
• Different from other facilities and uses available on Mendham Township open space properties
• Flexible – adaptable as new generations of residents move in
• Respectful of the history of Pitney Farm and the Pitney family
• Affordable for taxpayers
Proposed Pedestrian Entry At Shelton Road Enlarged (NTS) (pg.18)
Existing Pedestrian Entry At Shelton Road
Proposed Raised Lawn Enlarged (NTS) (pg.24)