



## PROGRESS AT THE RACE TRACK NATURE PRESERVE (RTNP)

2018 was a great leap forward for the RTNP. In March, the DPW mowed the entire flat basin to control the residual invasive shrubs and to encourage native plant growth. In June and October, the northern and southern sections (where the highly invasive Miscanthus grass had been eradicated) were seeded with native grasses and flowers. The new North Entrance was officially opened in July with a community ceremony and reception (thanks to hosts Claudia Hanlin and Alvin Rodolfo) also honoring the Meadow Stewards, who joined the Founding Stewards in providing generous funding to the transformation of the old Race Track into a Nature Preserve. Visit [www.tptreeboard.org](http://www.tptreeboard.org) for the list of Stewards. We also made significant improvements to the infrastructure of the Preserve, including installing native riprap at drainage sites and cutting new trails to provide varied viewing points. Seeding, planting and ongoing invasive control will continue in 2019.

**To improve the environment, aesthetics and real property value of our community and to provide educational opportunities for our children, please include the RTNP in your year-end giving.**

----- *Please return the reply form below with your donation* -----

**YES!** We/I will support the ongoing ecological restoration of the **RACE TRACK NATURE PRESERVE** by:

- Becoming a Tree Steward (donor's or honoree's name will be listed on a bronze plaque at the Preserve): **\$5,000 (to create a tangible family legacy)**
- Purchasing "Native Meadow", an original framed woodblock print created by local artist, Mae Shore **\$500 (a perfect holiday gift)**
- Planting a tree (donor's or honoree's name will be included in a framed artwork displayed at the Village office): **\$300 (to replenish our aging forest in honor of a person)**
- Purchasing an original herbarium artwork created by Christopher Gow **\$150 (another perfect holiday gift)**
- Enclosing a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**All donations are tax-deductible.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please write the check to "Village of Tuxedo Park," memo it "Gift to Race Track Preserve" and mail in the enclosed envelope to Village of Tuxedo Park, P.O. Box 31, Tuxedo Park, New York 10987. **THANK YOU!***