

Project: Identify and map location of blue bird boxes in Little Bennett & other upcounty parks

Summary

This project would systematically identify and record the GPS coordinates of dozens of blue bird boxes located in Little Bennett and other upcounty parks. This project would require coordination with the County’s Natural Resource Manager to identify general locations of blue bird boxes in upcounty parks. GPS coordinates of blue bird boxes would be recorded and downloaded to create a GIS or Google Earth map.

Background

Bluebirds are territorial, prefer open grassland with scattered trees and are cavity nesters. By the 1970s, bluebird numbers had declined by up to 70% due to habitat decline and competition with non-native house sparrows and starlings for nesting cavities. The North American Bluebird society was established in 1978 to promote bluebird conservation and since that time number have begun to increase. This upsurge can largely be attributed to volunteers establishing and maintaining bluebird trails. Little Bennett and other Montgomery County parks have a strong bluebird box volunteer program but the Parks Dept. does not have a record of all the boxes and this project would fill that gap.

Project Sponsor

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

For Further Information

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Bluebird box



Bluebird