## Program Area: Outreach



"Forest Bathing" for Visitors



**Best Practice Stewardship for Nature** 

## **Key Benefits**

- Showcases beautiful Sashabaw Creek
- Establishes a haven for wildlife
- Provides respite in stressful times
- Connects to Independence Township safety path



## **Project Goals**

Converting a 40-acre parcel from an abandoned golf course to a high-quality natural area has been a success. Now we want to showcase it to the public and allow trail access. It is a multiyear project that will involve coordinated permissions, targeted donations and grant approvals. Donors can help create a safe, enjoyable nature preserve where people can relax and immerse themselves in nature only a short, but quiet distance from busy I-75.

## **Project Phases**

Phase	Description	Cost
1	Make minor infrastructure improvements	\$1,000
2	Design trail, access points and entrance	\$2,500
3	Negotiate stewardship on adjoining 18 acres	\$400
4	Fundraise and grant write	\$1,600
5	Design pathway amenities – signage, benches, bike rack	\$1,500
6	Install access and parking improvements as funds materialize	\$15,000
7	Celebrate public opening	\$150
	Total Project Cost	\$22,150
	Perpetual Stewardship Cost	\$5,000

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