



Endowment Campaign

To date, we have raised over \$4.6 million of our \$5 million goal. Please consider a gift to help reach our goal.

We Need Your Support

The Whitemarsh Foundation is a non-profit land preservation organization that is 100% donor-supported. Our work preserves open space, promotes agricultural use of land, and provides the public with recreational trails for enjoyment and education. Please consider making a donation of cash or stock today.

To donate:

www.WhitemarshFoundation.org

or

P.O. Box 538

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444



All hands on deck! Dedicated volunteers from The Hill at Whitemarsh, including staff, residents, and board members showed up in force to help clean up the grounds at the Dixon Meadow Preserve entrance before its opening to the public.



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Whitemarsh Foundation Executive Director Kim Sheppard presents a plaque commemorating the public opening of the Dixon Meadow Preserve to Edith Robb Dixon. The plaque thanks the Dixon family for their decades of devotion to keeping Erdenheim Farm in agricultural use.

**Dixon
Meadow
Preserve
Formally
Opens
to the
Public**

2nd Annual Open Space•Local Kitchens Event Honors Edith Robb Dixon

On October 21, twelve of the area's most accomplished chefs gave Whitmarsh Foundation supporters an unforgettable evening of food, drink and fun. With a sell-out crowd of 250, our 2nd Annual Open Space•Local Kitchens event was a huge success. The Foundation and community used the occasion to honor Edie Dixon for her commitment to the preservation of Erdenheim Farm. If you attended, your program listed all participating restaurants and purveyors. Please patronize these establishments to thank them for their support — and to enjoy a wonderful meal!



Honoree Edith R. Dixon at Open Space•Local Kitchens



Honorary Co-Chairs, Chef Chip Roman and Chef Al Paris

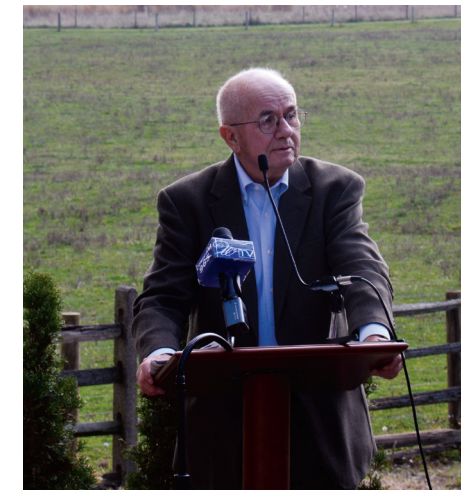
Dixon Meadow Preserve Parking Area Gets a Clean Up

On a beautiful fall day in October, The Hill at Whitmarsh staff, residents and board members came out in force to clean up the grounds around the farmhouse at 548 Flourtown Road, site of the parking area for the Dixon Meadow Preserve. With a combined total of 76 hours of labor, these dedicated volunteers mulched gardens and cleared overgrowth, ensuring visitors an enjoyable experience at the Preserve.



Dixon Meadow Preserve Now Officially Open

The Whitmarsh Foundation was joined on October 29th by Montgomery County Commissioners Josh Shapiro, Leslie Richards and Bruce Castor, Whitmarsh Township Supervisors Cathy Peduzzi and Bob Hart, Township Manager Rick Mellor, and representatives of the Colonial School District and The Hill at Whitmarsh to celebrate the official opening of the Dixon Meadow Preserve on the Angus Tract of Erdenheim Farm.



Whitmarsh Foundation Chairman & President Hugh G. Moulton.

The Preserve has been named to honor the Dixon family which owned the Farm from 1973 to 2009. Edith R. Dixon represented the family at the dedication.

At its unofficial opening in 2012, the Preserve was accessible only by foot. The recent completion of a parking area and connecting trail now makes the Preserve handicapped

accessible and allows access by the wider community. If you haven't discovered it already, come and enjoy the native wildlife, trails and boardwalk. Parking is available at the farmhouse at 548 Flourtown Road.



Montgomery County Commissioners (from left) Bruce Castor, Josh Shapiro, and Leslie Richards at the opening.

Future of Farmhouse Uncertain

In consideration of the Colonial School District's support of the Whitmarsh Foundation's 2009 purchase of the Angus Tract at Erdenheim Farm, exclusive use of the farmhouse and land at 548 Flourtown Road was given to the School District for an environmental education facility. The District has been unable to utilize the property and the District released its interest this summer.

We are now making every effort to find an appropriate use for the farmhouse. Unused for many years, the farmhouse will require extensive refurbishment prior to occupation.

The Foundation is looking for an organization, company or individual to repair and restore the building in exchange for long-term occupancy for an appropriate use compatible with the farm. If you know someone who may be interested, please have them contact Kim Sheppard at 610-828-5351 or KimSheppard@whitmarshfoundation.org

Regrettably, if a future use and a commitment to restore the farmhouse are not found, the Whitmarsh Foundation may find it necessary to demolish this historic structure.