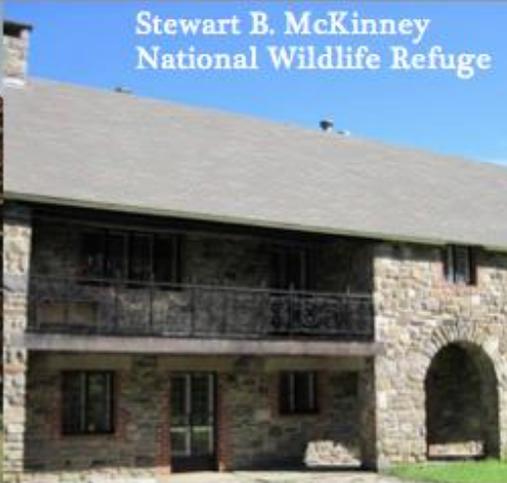


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The Cherry Ann Project – Improvements to Beaver Ponds Park

Designing Displays

With the progress being made on Beaver Ponds Park at Cherry Ann Street, designs for the wayside exhibits to accompany the newly-established nature trail are now in the works. The idea behind the displays is to highlight the importance of wildlife and why people must help protect habitat for the benefit of future generations. The exhibits will inform visitors of the wildlife that might be observed along the walk and will showcase animal artwork created by seven students from the Yale Peabody Museum's *Art of Nature* summer camp. Exhibit topics involve important pollinators and beautiful birds.

During the week of camp, the participants were exposed to an interactive environmental education program highlighting the animals that may be found in New Haven. They were encouraged to partake in an optional art contest to draw animals that have been sighted in the urban area around Cherry Ann Street for the chance to have their artwork incorporated into the exhibits that will be installed later this month. There were fifteen entries, and seven winners were selected to have their pieces put on display. The winners include Jazlyn Rivera, Kendyll Flamini, Nicholas Colombo, Sabrina Jenny, Sophia Ayoub, Thalia Salmon and Wyatt Salmon.

These new displays are a product of the cooperation between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Haven Department of Parks, Recreation, and Trees, and the Yale Peabody Museum. Please keep an eye out for these student-created art displays at the Cherry Ann Street section of the park as you walk the new nature trail.

