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Conservation is a vital component of our work at Closter Nature Center. **Reforestation** and mitigation of invasive flora and fauna are **critical** to maintain a healthy habitat in which both animal and plant life can thrive.

When you become a member or make a tax-deductible donation, your financial support has a direct and immediate impact.

From maintaining our hiking trails to keeping the lights on, your donation makes a difference to our operating budget. Your generous support also allows us to provide **nature education** programs, lectures, events and more all year round!

Membership Benefits Include:

- Discounted rates for:
After-school classes
Summer program
Special events & lecture
CNC merchandise
- Priority registration for select programs
- Access to member only programs
- And...our sincere appreciation for your support!



Member supported and publicly funded,
Closter Nature Center relies on the **generosity** of people like **YOU**.

Thank you!

See you on the trails!



Conservation • Education • Recreation



**YES! I WANT TO
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**

Select Membership Level	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual.....	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (65)....	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family.....	\$65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Falcon.....	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Eagle.....	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Steward.....	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Individual.....	\$1000.00

I want to make a tax-deductible donation!
Amount: _____

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- Scan the QR Code below using your smartphone's camera
- Visit us online at closternaturecenter.org/donate-now
- Complete and return this form with your check payable to:
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3 WAYS TO JOIN OR DONATE



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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I am interested in volunteering! Please contact me.

Closter Nature Center

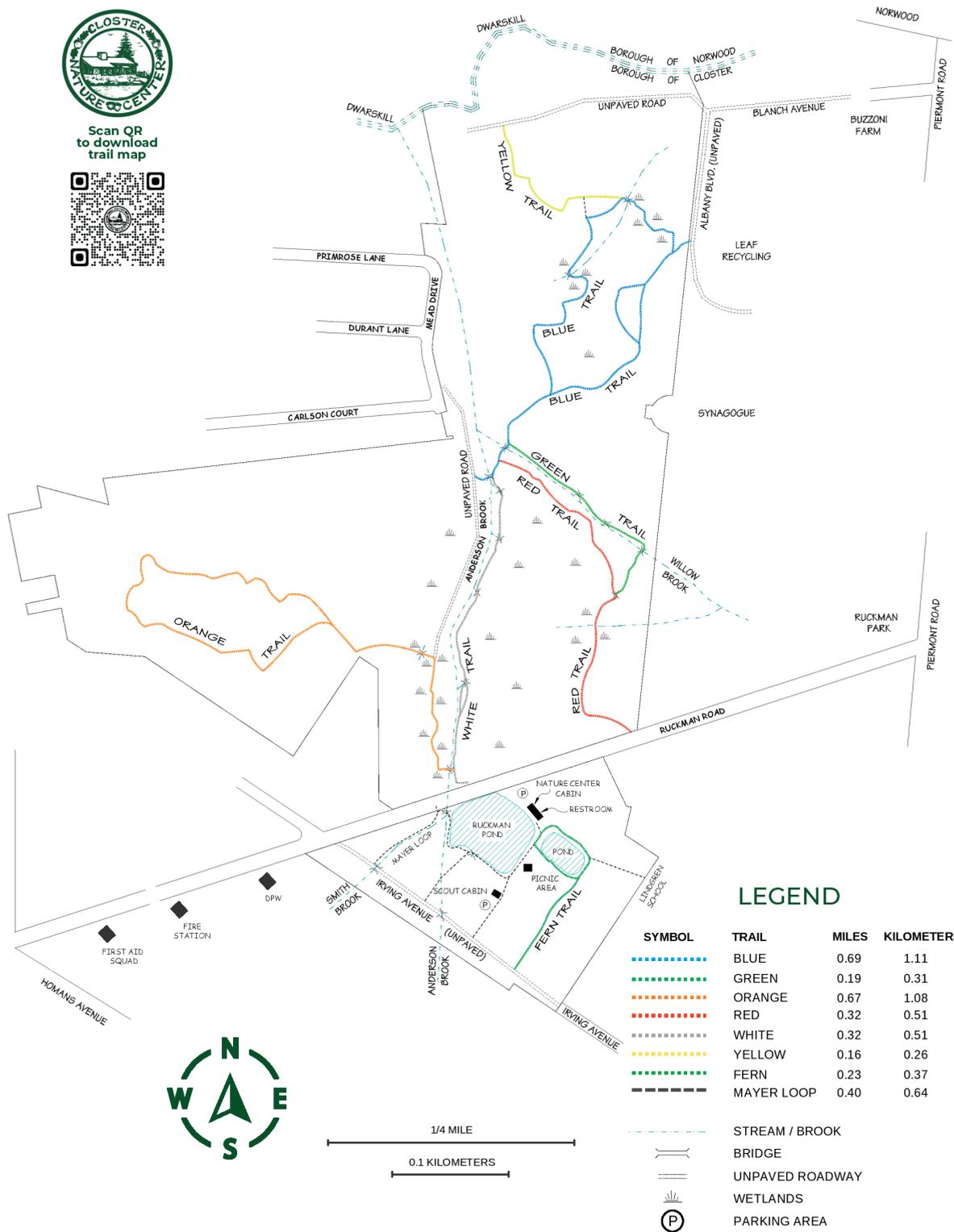
Our History

- 1961 Closter Mayor and Council, concerned that unwise development might erode future quality of life in the borough, established a committee to study prospects for a **nature center**.
- 1962 **Closter Nature Center Association (CNC)** is formed as an independent organization with stated mission **Conservation-Education-Recreation**. In support of CNC's' mission, borough provided 80-acres of forested wetlands, leased for \$1/yr. Pond dredged from the marsh along Ruckman Road.
- 1963 CNC is designated a **501(c)(3)** non-profit organization.
- 1967 Envisioned as a community meeting place and shelter for ice skaters, **cabin** built by the pond with the generosity of Mrs. S.A. Speake Maples and Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Mandle.
- 1972 **Summer Programs** for children begin, guided by our science-trained first trustees.
- 1983 Children's **After-School Program** makes its debut. CNC Nature Programs, adapted to the Northern Valley Science Curriculum and accepted into Closter Public Schools.
- 1985 The wetlands serve as vital flood control for Closter. Borough designates addition acreage to Closter Nature Center, bringing protected acreage under management to **136-acres**. Borough lease of land to CNC extended for 50 years.
- 1991 The inaugural **Soup Supper** fundraiser takes place. This annual event brings Closter together, inviting members and local restaurants to contribute soups and bread. All proceeds benefit CNC educational programs.
- 1996 Closter resident Elsie W. Downey **donates** 1.3 adjacent acres to CNC growing its footprint to its current size of **136-acres** of forested wetlands including 3-miles of maintained trails.
- 2001 Board of Trustees votes to hire a **Naturalist** and expand its educational programming. Over the next 20-years, CNC nature programs extend into neighboring towns.
- 2013 Ruckman pond dredged to improve habitat and water quality for wildlife. After which, the first annual **Pond Celebration** takes place! CNC-managed acres included in the Borough's list of Green Acres- encumbered lots which cannot be developed.
- 2020 **A welcome outlet** throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Closter Nature Center provides a **sanctuary** for the community to experience and enjoy **nature**. Newly installed **fishing pads** are popular with local catch-and-release anglers. A growing **Volunteer Program** helps with **trail maintenance** and other pressing needs.
- 2024 CNC launches the **Reforestation Program**, a three-year initiative to restore the wetland forest ecosystem around the pond. **Your donation plants trees!**

To donate and learn more about the **Reforestation Program** please visit closternaturecenter.org/rp or scan the QR code.



Scan QR to download trail map



LEGEND

SYMBOL	TRAIL	MILES	KILOMETERS
	BLUE	0.69	1.11
	GREEN	0.19	0.31
	ORANGE	0.67	1.08
	RED	0.32	0.51
	WHITE	0.32	0.51
	YELLOW	0.16	0.26
	FERN	0.23	0.37
	MAYER LOOP	0.40	0.64
	STREAM / BROOK		
	BRIDGE		
	UNPAVED ROADWAY		
	WETLANDS		
	PARKING AREA		

