

Caldwell Environmental Commission March 2026



Open Space in Caldwell

- The Commission got a referendum on the ballot to develop an Open Space Trust Fund. It Passed . The Land Conservancy of NJ was hired to help develop an Open Space Plan. The commission also serves as the Caldwell Open Space Committee.

The first property that the town purchased was the Faloni Property.

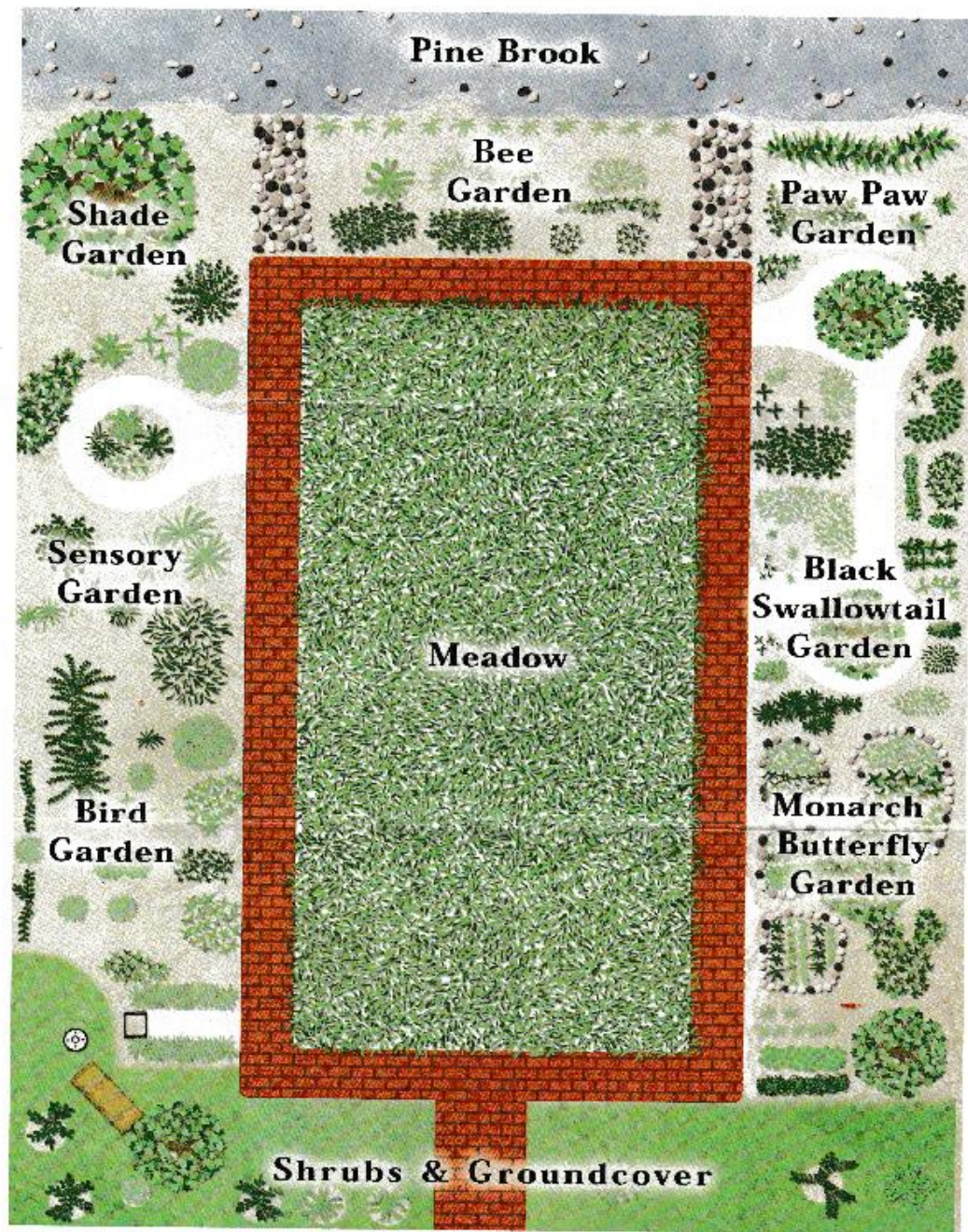


Dougherty Preserve – was purchased by the town.



Caldwell Pollinator Garden – our third Open Space Property
The Commission has been in charge of the property for the last 10 years. It is a Backyard National Park as well as a Pollinator Pathway. Both those organizations promote chemical, free native plant habitats for the pollinators.





The Meadow and its visitor.



The Commission received 2 Open Space grants.

One was for the native trees and the other was for the sign.



Master Gardeners help to maintain the garden.



Backyard National Parks

- Dr . Tallamy has come to Caldwell 3 times – once in person and twice by Zoom. We have distributed native plants and trees to encourage our residents and neighbors to have their own “backyard national park.” This is a backyard national park in a neighbor’s yard.



More examples of backyard national parks

- Chattanooga, TN



- Ocean View, DE



Partnerships with community organizations

A CALDWELL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION INITIATIVE

EARTH DAY
Our Earth. Our Future

250
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**Celebrate Earth Day
and Our Country's
Semiquincentennial
with two events:**

1 
SHREDDING DAY
NO CARDBOARD OR PAPER CLIPS PLEASE

**Saturday, April 25, 2026
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Kiwanis Oval**

Donations will be accepted for the
JCHS Scholarship Fund Committee

2 
PLANTS PRESENTATION

from the Bowman's Hill Nature
Preserve:
**Native Plants that Have
Shaped Our History**
**Wednesday, April 29, 2026
7:00 PM, by Zoom**

*Presented by Santino Lauricella,
Education Manager*

Plants as a group are generally
overlooked by our society. Except for
food, garden beauty, or possibly building
material, many don't realize the deep
connection we have with plants each and
every day.

In this program, we will examine the rich
history of some of our native species and
explore how each has shaped the world.



AFTER REGISTERING, you will receive
a confirmation email with information
on how to join the webinar.

Participants will be entered into a
raffle to win a tree or shrub!

The Caldwell Environmental Commission has a policy of not charging for events.

We are currently working with the Caldwell Public Library, Caldwell Historical Commission and the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy. In addition, we work with green teams from religious institutions.



Community Outreach

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BACKYARD BIRDS

Presented by The Raptor Trust

Learn how to identify the birds in your own backyard, how they interact with each other, and how you can create an environment for them to thrive!



Plus a special appearance from Penny the owl!

DATE/TIMES:
Saturday, January 31st
1:00 pm or 2:30 pm

LOCATION:
Caldwell University
Alumni Theater
(next to the library)
Live presentation with Q&A to follow

REGISTRATION:
Seating is limited, register with your preferred time by January 24th!
To register, scan code or go to:
bit.ly/back_birds_Caldwell




ADMISSION IS FREE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

We will be accepting monetary donations for The Caldwell Food Pantry at the event

Supported by the Caldwell Public Library, The Raptor Trust, the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy, and the Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission.



CALDWELL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION FEATURE FILM



American River

"A fantastic voyage through America's past and present, from its breathtaking, unspoiled beginnings to its growth as a global industrial power – all along a frequently overlooked river"
– Bill Westhoven, Reporter
USA Today

DATE/TIME:
Wednesday September 24th
7:00 pm

LOCATION:
St Aloysius Gym

Moderated by The Great Swamp Watershed Association

Giveaways for attendees include a rain barrel, a tree, and a canoe trip on the Passaic River!

ADMISSION IS FREE!



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