

# Connecting to Nature in Northampton County

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Sherry Acevedo is an experienced photographer who often takes photographs of the open space she works to preserve at her job as Northampton County's Conservation Coordinator. Some of her photos will to be featured in an exhibit at the Nurture Nature Center—Delaware Gallery at 518 Northampton Street, Easton, PA from September 10th through November 4, 2022: Connecting to Nature in Northampton County, Featuring Nature in Northampton County Parks and Open Spaces.

An opening reception will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 1-4 pm with Special Remarks scheduled at 2:00 pm.

This exhibit is a project in collaboration with Northampton County Parks and Recreation, the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc., PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape, Friends of Minsi Lake, and the Nurture Nature Center.

"The Nurture Nature Center is excited to host this exhibit, which so beautifully portrays some of our community's most valuable assets and the work that is being done to protect and preserve them. Not only is Acevedo a gifted photographer, but her 28 years of experience in conservation work make this a particularly rich show from both an artistic and environmental focus." – Keri Maxfield, Art Director, Nurture Nature Center.

"Northampton County has a strong commitment to both expand and protect our parks, trails and open spaces," says County Executive Lamont McClure. "Sherry Acevedo's work shows why it is so important to safeguard these areas so future generations will be able to enjoy them the way we do now."

Sherry captures land

She has been a Recreation and Leisure Services Park Professional for the past 28 years dedicated to park, trail, and greenway planning and stewardship, grant administration, open space advocacy and preservation, and environmental education. Currently, Sherry is the Conservation Coordinator with the Northampton County Division of Parks and Recreation administering the Livable Landscapes Grant Program, regional trail network planning and implementation, conservation, and open space acquisition and easements.

She was raised around photography from the beautiful photos her late mother took, learned from a former boss at Wildlands Conservancy who was a professional photographer, and continued with photography as a hobby from inspiration in her professional career and personal life. Her photos tell a story of our environment's beauty, human connection to nature, and overall quality of life. Sherry is honored to share her photographs and educate on the value of native habitat, wildlife, open space, and need to conserve natural resources for future generations.

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