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“Making Sump-Thing Happen!”

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Dear Friends of the Garden City Bird Sanctuary,

As the holidays approach, we are thankful for those of you who have supported the Garden City Bird Sanctuary (GCBS) over the years by volunteering your talents or providing financial support. We look forward to opening our gates again this spring to families, scouts, and students who enjoy hiking our trails and observing our wildlife.

I am reaching out to you for your help! As you may know, the GCBS serves a dual purpose as a nature preserve and as a stormwater recharge basin controlling stormwater and recharging our underground drinking-water supply. Over the years, we've seen significant quantities of plastics, glass bottles, and litter accumulate in the basins. This trash, carried into the basins from the street during storms, is an eyesore and creates a hazard to the environment and local wildlife.

Our immediate challenge is to remove the buildup of trash from the bottom of the basins and trap new trash as it flows into the Sanctuary, making collection easier in the future. We are grateful to a team of volunteers who have stepped forward to do this work, but there are expenses with purchasing materials as well as renting equipment and machinery needed for the project. Will you join in this effort by making a year-end donation to the GCBS to cover some of these costs?

The Garden City Bird Sanctuary is a fully volunteer and self-funded not-for-profit organization. We depend on your generosity to maintain the Sanctuary and its programs. Thank you for your help in keeping the GCBS a valuable resource in our neighborhood.

We wish you and your family a happy holiday season!

Best regards,

Brook Brown
President of the Board

The mission of the Garden City Bird Sanctuary, Inc. is to manage protected greenspace for environmental stewardship, research, education, and community services programs. The Garden City Bird Sanctuary, Inc. is a certified not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.