About the Friends and the Commemorative Brick Campaign

Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the Refuge and to the enhancement of its educational programs, visitor services, and habitat and wildlife initiatives.

Among the many projects supported by the Friends fundraising efforts are:
- Visitor Center interactive nature exhibits
- New trails and observation areas
- Head-start turtle research
- Partnerships with urban communities and opportunities for young people to be outdoors.

A lot has happened since 2009 when the Friends first launched a brick fundraising campaign. The Visitor Center is now open seven days a week welcoming thousands of visitors each year. School groups come to explore nature and learn about the natural world. The trails and observation areas at the Wildlife Observation Center are wheelchair accessible, with a new viewing platform offering awesome birding opportunities. The Refuge is a vibrant, educational, and exciting place to visit.

You can help the Friends enrich and expand visitor experiences at the Refuge by purchasing a commemorative brick to be placed in the patio at the Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center.

Bricks on the patio memorialize loved ones, honor friends and family, or express donors’ commitments to nature and the Refuge. All proceeds from brick purchases fund initiatives at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for your generous donation. Your support for Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge will leave a lasting impression for present and future generations.