

GRAY Birdhouse Project



A community art and bird habitat installation to celebrate our community.

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40 birdhouses will adorn a new park at Gray Corner.

Residents and business are welcome to decorate the birdhouses for display in the park in Spring 2021. Purchase the houses through the Community and Economic Development Committee.



The Birdhouse Project is a community building program meant to stimulate a feeling of community wellbeing in the time of pandemic-scary and social distancing. The project will culminate in a participatory art installation that will engage the community in celebrating community life by building a local bird habitat, in a new urban garden.



The park is designed for sustainability with permaculture. It uses regenerative agriculture and ecological system restoration technology such as permeable parking, intensive soil building and carbon farming to grow a resilient garden and bird habitat for the community to visit, or stumble upon. Eventually, trees, shrubs and other botanicals will define the space, but in the near term the public space will gain its sense of place from the birdhouse installation.

The birdhouses are well-built, appropriate for birds. Some will have whimsical embellishment on them, some will have establishment dates and logos, and some will have messages of love for community. The Birdhouse Project is being initiated by the Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC) to adorn the new garden with artfully designed, locally made, functional bird birdhouses symbolic of our community spirit and connection in Covid-times. The project engages the public at large in the decoration of the birdhouses. The birdhouses will be produced both by Gray-New Gloucester High School STEM Students and by a local craftsman.

The community can order one plain house to be delivered for them to decorate or order a custom house. All the houses will be collected and the installation will be completed in May 2021. Contact cedc@graymaine.org for more information.