**Green Acres Farm Memorial Park**

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Green Acres is a Flower Mound town park, about 13 A, located at 4400 Hide-A-Way Lane, off of Simmons Road near to Grapevine Lake.  The land was donated to the town by the Davis family, who operated a horse farm there. Originally there was a barn, horse arena, pasture area, and their home and pool.   Green Acres is an amazing place—a bit of country in the city.

**Our projects so far:**

* We maintain and monitor 7 bluebird boxes. In 2019 we added baffles . to the poles.
* We maintain a registered Monarch Station to attract pollinators, and support butterflies and caterpillars.
* We are restoring a wildflower prairie in the area that used to be the house, pool, and yard.  We have planted in places, and we weed out “bad grasses”.  We use the Flower Mound (at 2499 and 3040, next to the Tom Thumb grocery store) as a model for what to plant.
* We are cataloging plants, insects, animals on the property., and post photos on iNaturalist: https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/green-acres-farm-memorial-park.
* We held a star party with Ray Roberts Lake State Park Ranger Rick.
* We surveyed the trees in the park and have supported two Flower Mound Arbor Day celebrations at Green Acres.
* We designed and planted an edible natives garden in spring, 2019.
* We observe wildlife--in 2019 we collected a perfect western coachwhip snake skin.
* We put up bug and solitary bee boxes in 2019.

**Future Ideas:**

* Give nature hikes on the trees, monarch station, wildflower prairie plants, bluebirds, etc
* Design interpretive signs and brochures for the park
* Develop the wetland area
* Research and apply for grants
* Safely display the old farm equipment

This project has had support from the town of Flower Mound, Keep Flower Mound Beautiful, LLELA, EFC Master Naturalists, Trinity Forks NPSOT, and other groups and individuals.

We welcome new volunteers!