



# Streamlines



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## Green oasis grows in Stroudsburg

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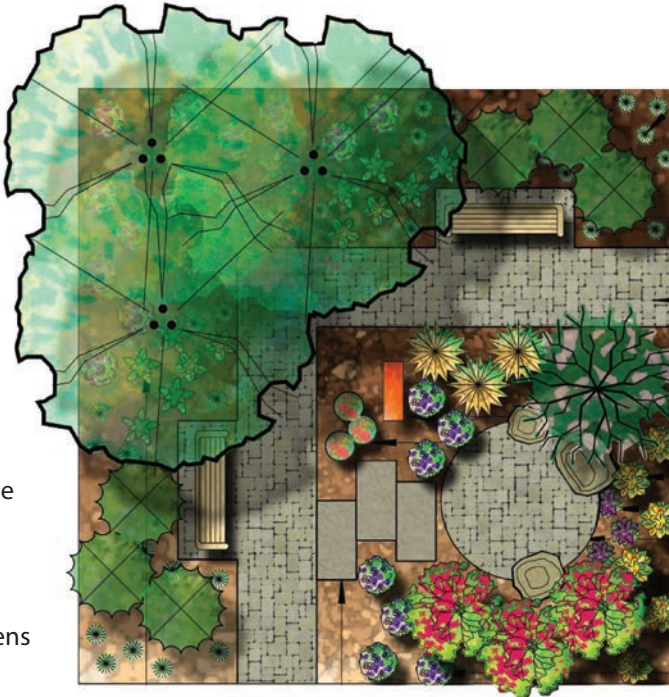
Maybe you've seen the long-empty lot at the corner of Sixth Street and Quaker Alley, right in the heart of Stroudsburg.

It may not look like much right now. But in late spring, a pocket park will take root here, according to Robin Anglemyer, landscape designer for Strauser Nature's Helpers.

Robin designed the demonstration gardens for the 35- by 35-foot corner park. The space also functions as "green infrastructure" — permeable paving stones allow rainwater to infiltrate the soil naturally, native plants are adapted to our climate, and rain gardens along the curving path also clean and purify rainwater.

Just as important, according to Robin, is that green spaces in towns bring people together.

"This is a place to have lunch from one of our great local eateries. Share a coffee with a



*This pocket park planned for the corner of Sixth Street and Quaker Alley, Stroudsburg, was designed by Robin Anglemyer of Strauser Nature's Helpers.*

■ For information about and to donate, see [brodheadwatershed.org/StroudsburgPark.html](http://brodheadwatershed.org/StroudsburgPark.html)

friend. Get outdoors, right down the block, with your children. Or just sit quietly in the middle of a busy day and breathe. That's what I see blooming here," she said.

Educational signs and benches will welcome employees of nearby businesses, residents and visitors. Boulders encourage children's

creative play — one day seeing the rocks as ships under sail, another the backs of dinosaurs, another mountains to climb.

Robin gives credit to the Monroe County commissioners and Stroudsburg

### Create a pocket park in your own backyard

Pocono backyards and gardens are prime space for outdoor parties, playing games with the kids, and enjoying our most beautiful part of the world. Our backyards are prime wildlife areas, too — everything from black bears, white-tailed deer, and wild turkeys to field mice, bees, salamanders, and frogs.

With the help of tools at [www.habitat.network](http://www.habitat.network), people all over the country are mapping their spaces, identifying important features from bird baths to brush piles, and documenting the wild creatures that use them. Users get lots of tips on improving their site for wildlife, and researchers get important information on how private land affects wildlife.

More than 25,000 sites, totaling half a million acres, have already been mapped. The mapping tool is fun to use. And it might be a real eye-opener about just how valuable your place is in the natural world.

### SAVE THE DATE

## Native Plant Sale

BWA's popular annual sale of native plants will be held Friday and Saturday, June 1-2, at Pocono Township Volunteer Fire Co.'s carnival building, Route 611, Tannersville. Shop for rare, beautiful and environmentally responsible plants that you won't find at big-box stores. Friday's sale is for members only. Watch for details at [brodheadwatershed.org](http://brodheadwatershed.org) as the date draws closer.



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